

Second Album for Christchurch Artist

Having only just caught her breath after a record breaking run of GREASE at The Court Theatre, singer Ali Harper will soon begin recording her second CD ***“Naughty and Nice.”***

A hand-picked group of New Zealand’s finest musicians and arrangers, most of whom are based in Christchurch, will work with Ali, including Fiona Pears, Richard Marrett, Michael Bell, Luke Di Somma, Gwyn Reynolds, Alex van den Broek, Cameron Pearce, John Bevin, Tim Sellars, Mike Ferrar, Richie Pickard, Scott Taitoko, Sonja Bidwell and Matthew Pike.

Joining the team is acclaimed New York based producer and arranger Alex Rybeck, who has worked with some of the biggest names in the business including **Eartha Kitt**, and was mentored by legends such as **Stephen Sondheim** and **Leonard Bernstein**.

“Naughty and Nice” will feature 18 songs that highlight the sensual, feminine and complex aspects of being a woman and will be launched in the lead up to Mother’s Day.

“Mothers are women too,” says Ali who has three children herself. “We are complex beings and I hope to highlight some of those complexities through the songs on ***“Naughty and Nice”***.”

Harper and her team of musicians and arrangers will record songs including ***“I’m a Woman”***, ***“He Ain’t Mr Right”*** and ***“My Handyman”*** on the naughty side and ***“Ne Me Quitte Pas”***, ***“If you Leave Me Now”*** and ***“In My Daughter’s Eyes”*** on the nice side.

“I pride myself on being a little bit nice and whole lotta naughty especially as I get older. In my theatrical life I have done my fair share of pure, innocent leading lady roles and then when I perform my concerts I like to turn the heat up a bit and pop in some deliciously naughty songs I have picked up on my travels,” says Harper.

Recording gets underway in March with the album launch in late April.

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Note: Ali Harper has set up a Pledge Me page at www.pledgeme.co.nz/711 with rewards for pledges including concert tickets, copies of ***“Naughty and Nice”*** and a personal show package including a 45 minute concert. The Pledge Me page will stay live until 8pm on 28 February 2013.