

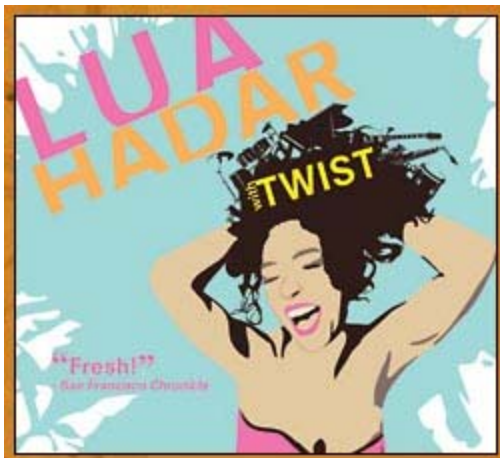
# Local Girl Comes Home: Vocalist LUA HADAR adds a TWIST to jazz with new CD debuting May 10th at New York's Iridium Jazz Club



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**Press Release Summary:** "World jazz" vocalist LUA HADAR with her band, TWIST, debut their new self-titled CD - a cosmopolitan mix of original, international and standard jazz tunes "twisted" in a surprising fusion by Hadar and her musical director, jazz pianist and arranger, Jason Martineau. TWIST, a sophisticated high-energy band, is comprised of piano, bass, drums, congas and reeds, headlined by the passionate Lua Hadar on vocals.

**Presented in association with Scott Barbarino**

**Press Release Body:** Vocalist **LUA HADAR** with her band, **TWIST**, will debut their new self-titled CD, in a historic jazz neighborhood at **New York's Iridium Jazz Club**, which was named "**New York's Best**

**Jazz Club” by New York Magazine and “one of New York's major jazz clubs” by The New York Times. Presented in association with Scott Barbarino: One show only, Saturday, May 10 at 7:00 PM. 1650 Broadway at 51s,, New York City. Cover: \$20, \$15 for MAC members. ph: 212-582-2121. [www.iridiumjazzclub.com](http://www.iridiumjazzclub.com)**

**Lua Hadar**, intriguing **"world jazz"** vocalist is a refreshing revelation in passionate musical creativity. Her latest CD, Lua Hadar with **TWIST** (her sophisticated high-energy band), makes it clear that, as the name implies, their music keeps moving forward in unexpected ways.

Lua's success as a singer is not surprising considering that her father was a musician/bandleader, and the soundtrack of her New York childhood was taken right out of the Great American Songbook. Her unique musical skill set has classical and jazz roots, combined with a remarkable facility and love for the Romance languages, including French, Italian and Spanish. Lua's lust for travel and cultural exchange has produced a cosmopolitan mix of original, international and standard jazz tunes **"twisted"** in a surprising fusion by Hadar and her musical director, pianist and arranger, **Jason Martineau**.



Extensive training and experience in theatre and cabaret have given Lua an ability to connect intimately with audiences and emotionally embrace her music. Completely at home on stage, she has a warm and generous way with both her band and her audiences. This is part of the reason why Lua and **TWIST** make regular return engagements to many venues.

When not touring, **Lua Hadar and TWIST** are based in San Francisco, frequently appearing on the vibrant entertainment scene there and in Los Angeles, at venues such as **Jazz at Pearl's, The Plush Room, and Hollywood's Gardenia and M-Bar Supper Clubs**.

Lua is very active in the San Francisco Bay Area as a performing arts consultant and mentor. She maintains a private Vocal Studio where she trains professional singers and actors.

**Musical Director Jason Martineau** is an award-winning pianist, composer, arranger, and instructor, and has been active in the San Francisco Bay Area since 1995. As jazz pianist, arranger and bandleader, "Dr. J" directs the 6-piece **TWIST**, comprised of piano, bass, drums, percussion, reeds, and headlined by Hadar on vocals. A native New Yorker as well, his association with Lua began in 2005 in San Francisco, with the production of her first solo CD, *It's about Time* (**Bellalua Records**, [www.luahadar.com](http://www.luahadar.com)).

**Dr. Martineau holds a Masters Degree from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music and a Doctorate in Composition from The Manhattan School of Music.** His numerous compositions include works for orchestra, chamber ensembles, solo piano and chorus. He has also composed a full-length musical, multiple film scores, and over 200 songs, both instrumental and vocal. Dr. Martineau has recorded more than ten CDs, working in a wide range of idioms including world fusion, jazz, avant-garde, rock, pop, and classical. Martineau's original song, *Floating Where I Have Never Been*, a French and English jazz funk tune, has its world premiere recording on the new **Lua Hadar with TWIST CD**. ([www.jasonmartineau.com](http://www.jasonmartineau.com))

*FRESH!* – San Francisco Chronicle

*Twist is a first-rate 6-piece ensemble that knows how to rock the casbah.* – Nancy Tierney, CabaretExchange.com

*... rich voice ... luscious tone... sensitive and poetic... emotional... elegant ... great rhythmic ideas* - Rob Lester, TalkinBroadway.com, New York

*A unique and original vocalist with a soaring range and a charming, swingin' delivery. You will love Lua's "Twist!"* - Terese Genecco, award-winning vocalist and bandleader

*...heart wrenchingly beautiful...* - Kurt Reichenbach, Universal label recording artist

*... able to make the familiar sound fresh...she can easily get to the emotional heart of a ballad...exuberant ...* - Les Traub, Cabaret Scenes, Los Angeles

*...gloriously exotic... Tremendous!* - Tom Kelly, San Francisco Bay Times

**WEBSITE:** [www.luahadar.com](http://www.luahadar.com)

**MYSPACE:** [www.myspace.com/luahadarwithtwist](http://www.myspace.com/luahadarwithtwist)

**ELECTRONIC PRESS KIT:** [www.sonicbids.com/luahadar](http://www.sonicbids.com/luahadar)

**CD SALES:** [www.cdbaby.com/luahadar](http://www.cdbaby.com/luahadar), iTunes and at many online digital venues (after the release)

**FOR CALENDAR EDITORS:**

**WHO:** Lua Hadar with TWIST

**WHAT:** 6-piece world jazz ensemble headlined by vocalist Lua Hadar

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 10, one show only at 7:00 PM

**WHERE:** Iridium Jazz Club, 1650 Broadway at 51st, New York City, NY, 10019.

**TICKETS:** \$20, \$15 for MAC members. ph: 212-582-2121.

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