

Lua Hadar and her global jazz band Twist, Live in Concert, introducing 14-year old singer-songwriter phenom Josh Reinier

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Fresh from the acclaimed release of their new CD and DVD, Like A Bridge, world jazz ensemble LUA HADAR with TWIST presents a family-friendly concert of cosmopolitan jazz.

The concert will feature songs from around the world as well as American jazz standards performed with the band's signature 'twist,' in styles, from samba to swing. Special Guest on the program is 14-year old singer-songwriter phenom, Josh Reinier.

Celebrating Women Musicians Concert Series presents this fun and eclectic world jazz concert by Vocalist Lua Hadar and her band of top international musicians: Music Director Jason Martineau on piano, Dan Feiszli on bass, Kent Bryson on drums, Ian Dogole on Global Percussion, Larry De La Cruz on reeds.

Saturday, February 16 at 8pm. Musically Minded Academy in the Rockridge section of Oakland at 5776 Broadway. Easy, free street parking and BART accessible. Tickets: \$15/adult (\$20 at the door) \$8/student, senior, child (\$12 at the door).

Discounted Tickets Online at <http://luahadaratmma-eorg.eventbrite.com/>

Hi res photo downloads: <http://www.luahadar.com/downloads.html>

Websites: <http://luahadar.com>; <http://likeabridge.net>

Press Kit: <http://bit.ly/LikeABridgeCDPressKit>

ABOUT LUA HADAR with TWIST

Lua Hadar with Twist performs international standards with a different 'twist' on style; presenting also original and rarely performed songs, in several languages. English, French, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Japanese and Malagasy (the language of Madagascar) are represented in their new CD and DVD, Like A Bridge. The Like A Bridge DVD was just released in November at San Francisco's historic Balboa Theater. The CD, recorded in the same sessions with the DVD, is receiving critical acclaim and airplay on over 100 radio stations, across the USA and in Canada, The Netherlands, Germany, England and Brazil.www.likeabridge.net

Hadar says "We're honored to perform in this series, which was created to inspire musical excellence through positive role models. As a teaching artist, I know that what we directly teach our youth is just as potent as what models we show them. I felt this would be a perfect opportunity to present young Josh Reinier, with whom I had the pleasure of working at the San Francisco Opera. As an independent artist-producer, I also want to show youth that they can create their own opportunities, rather than wait for someone else to create them. That is what I have done with Twist since its inception in 2007."

BIOS

LUA HADAR, Vocals

A unique and original vocalist with a soaring range, Lua interprets an eclectic song list with a charming, swinging delivery, as well as passionate commitment and humor. She has been molded by cultural exchange experiences in places as diverse as Bali, Russia, Switzerland, Japan, Thailand, France and Italy. Since its inception in 2007, Hadar's band TWIST has developed a reputation for twisting the style of international standards, performing original numbers and expressing our common humanity through songs in 7 different languages. Lua has charmed audiences at such noted jazz clubs as Yoshi's and The Iridium to Bangkok's Thailand Cultural Center and the Swan Bar in Paris.www.luahadar.com

JOSH REINIER, Guest Artist – Singer-Songwriter

Even at the young age of 14, singer-songwriter Joshua Reinier is no stranger to the professional stage. He has performed principal roles at the San Francisco Opera and, during his eight years with the San Francisco Boys Chorus, sang at the inauguration of President Barack Obama and on tour in Copenhagen, Denmark. Joshua performs both covers and original pop songs with his band, Flown, and jazz standards

with the quintet The Pentatonics, led by Doug Goodkin. Josh also plays piano, trumpet, vibes and ukulele, and has studied composition at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. Joshua is a vocal student of Candace Forest and Sandy Cressman. He's currently an 8th grader at The Nueva School, where he has just been cast as the lead in Miss Saigon. In his first performance as a guest of Lua Hadar with Twist, Josh will perform both his original songs and his own twist on a few standards.

JASON MARTINEAU, Musical Direction, Arrangements, Piano

Dr. J is the cornerstone of TWIST, as music director, principal arranger, pianist and bandleader. He's also an award-winning composer, instructor and author, holding graduate degrees from the San Francisco Conservatory and Manhattan School of Music. Jason works in many different idioms and styles, and since 2005 has recorded three albums with Lua Hadar, performing with her in the San Francisco Bay Area, Los Angeles, New York, and at the 10th International Festival of Dance and Music in Bangkok, Thailand. www.jasonmartineau.com

DAN FEISZLI, Bass

Experienced on both upright and electric basses, in styles of music ranging from jazz and Latin to pop and rock, Dan Feiszli anchors TWIST with versatility and panache. As a recording engineer, he has mixed albums reaching as high as #4 on the U.S. Top 40 Jazz Radio Charts. Dan did the mixing for Like A Bridge at his studio in El Cerrito, California, employing both his fine musicianship and his excellent technical skills. www.studiorhythm.com

KENT BRYSON, Drums

Drummer Kent Bryson is a Bay Area native. He has performed at numerous Jazz and Blues festivals throughout the US, Canada, Italy, Germany and Japan. A busy sideman, he works frequently with Jazz, Blues, R & B, and show artists. Kent has taught music in both classroom and private settings. In addition to his private students, he has been affiliated with the Young Musicians Program at the University of California, Berkeley and the Mountain View Community School Of Music And Arts. www.kentbryson.com

IAN DOGOLE, Global Percussion

As a major in Ethnomusicology at Brown University, Ian delved deeply into the indigenous music cultures of the planet, while maintaining his fascination with the evolution of Jazz and began to crystallize his vision of Global Fusion Music, blending the forms and instruments of Jazz

with those of the non-Western world. Ian has released six audio recordings as a leader/producer and has recorded and performed widely with artists from Peru to the Sudan with his band Hemispheres. He brings an authentic world beat to TWIST with percussion including udu, cajon, shakers and dumbek. www.iandogole.com

LARRY DE LA CRUZ, Reeds

Recording artist, composer, teacher and reed man extraordinaire, Larry's energetic style and musical sensitivity provide TWIST with color and variety whether he solos on tenor, alto, soprano or flute. His dynamic soloing can range from Coltrane-esque runs on up-tempo tunes to soulful wails on slower ballads. www.larrydelacruz.com

ABOUT MUSICALLY MINDED ACADEMY

Musically Minded Academy is a non-profit music school, a professional performance venue and community arts center. The Academy's core mission is to provide high quality music education, to host concerts and arts-related education programs, and to act as a haven for musicians and music lovers in the greater East Bay Area. Musically Minded offers a unique music education program designed to help students develop a passion not only for individual instruments, but also for excellent musicianship, taking students beyond basic skills to levels of accomplishment that include the discipline, motivation, and inspiration that characterize the complete musician. As a concert venue, Musically Minded Academy hosts both professional and student events every month. The Celebrating Women Musicians Concert Series, produced by Founder and Director Anna Orias, was conceived to entertain and also to inspire through positive role models. Musically Minded Press Kit download at <http://bit.ly/MusicallyMindedPressKit>

WHAT THE CRITICS ARE SAYING:

'An effervescent swing, a dynamite range with passionate phrasing, Hadar is nothing if not the consummate entertainer...incredibly intriguing hybrid ... delightful world flavor ... first call band of international talent with an ability to reinvent tunes without disrespecting the originals ... A breath of fresh air at a time the world in general and music specifically are in dire need. A true winner!' -- Brent Black, Critical Jazz

'...feels like one is drifting around the world' - John M. Peters, The Borderland, UK

'... a wave of sonic bliss...' - Jeffrey Siegel, Straight No Chaser Jazz Show

'Singing in seven different languages, Lua Hadar's rich voice and strong, commanding presence and overall musicality transcend language barriers... pure pleasure in listening to her magnetic power... compelling confident vocals... intriguing instrumental work... great variety and power... certainly beautiful and often hypnotic.' - Rob Lester, Talkin' Broadway – Sound Advice

FOR CALENDAR EDITORS

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