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**THE RENAISSANCE HOLLYWOOD HOTEL & SPA  
ROCKS OCTOBER WITH INDIE THURSDAYS**

*Independent Artists Showcase Their Stuff  
in the hotel's street side Lobby Bar*

**Hollywood, California** – The Renaissance Hollywood Hotel & Spa rocks October with exciting *In T u s a s* musical showcases. These events have become a big hit since debuting last February featuring up-and-coming talents and music legends. The Renaissance Hollywood Hotel & Spa's *In T u s a s* draws a bigger and bigger crowd each week. Steve Ferrone from Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers and Adam Gaynor formerly with Matchbox 20 are among the industry talent that has been present.

“We are so excited about the response from both the artists and guests surrounding our *In T u s a s*,” says Dan Shaughnessy, Director of Sales and Marketing at the Renaissance Hollywood Hotel & Spa. “The indie music scene is one of the greatest reasons to live in LA, and we are extremely happy to be giving these independent artists a chance to show their talent and shine in front of a crowd.”

Scheduled for October:

**October 1 - Monthly Showcase**

The first Thursday of every month is the *In T u s a s* showcase where 5-6 independent artists or bands compete to earn a spot as the Artist of the Month for the remaining Indie Thursdays throughout the month. Featured artists: Emanuela Bellezza, Jeremy Weinglass, Cikae, Zsa Zsa, John Ketchum, Paul Nagi

**October 4th - Sunday Standards with John Vinestreet - Hits from the Rat Pack Era**

As a classically trained singer, John has graced the stages with legendary artists including Rick James, The Whispers, Cameo, Kool and the Gang, Roger Troutman, Bruce Willis, Shirley Murdock, Stevie Wonder, John Legend, and John Mayer to name a few. Audiences of all ages are brought back in time to the sounds of Big Band as John sings the most popular tunes of Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis, Jr, Bobby Darin and more.

### **October 8th - Vinyl Soul**

Vinyl Soul draws its many inspirations from musical flavors for the past and fuses them together to create their own unique blend that will serve you an experience of both nostalgia and freshness. Dowsed with soulful vocals and spiced with Latin rhythms, Vinyl Soul is sure to leave you with a new yet familiar taste you can savor and enjoy for years to come

### **October 15th - Karen Hart**

Winner of the 2008 *Song of the Year* sponsored by West Coast Songwriters, 2009 Best of Los Angeles Women in Music, 2007 Best Song for Los Angeles Songwriters Coop, Karen has also been honored with 3 world premiers of her music at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. In a wide ranging career, Karen's voice has been in numerous motion pictures, as well as dozens of TV and radio spots. Most recently, she was featured in the motion picture remake of *Snow White*, where she can be heard as the singing voice of *Sigourney Weaver*. Her vocal range is as wide as her composing style, including a three-year stint with the *Los Angeles Master Chorale*.

### **October 22nd - Lisa Donnelly**

Lisa Donnelly is a superlative singer/songwriter who embraces existence and inspiration with equal fervor. Electronic and organic textures illuminate her irrepressible artistry with prevailing grooves and vibrant instrumentation.

### **October 29th - Luis Oliart**

Named one of Music Connection Magazine's "Top 100 Artists" in 2005 and 2006, Southern California native Luis Oliart's talent as a guitarist, singer, and songwriter has been described as "simply magical... totally captivating... compelling." His "Alternative Soul" style blends the influences of funk, rock, blues, reggae and Latin, producing music that is fresh and full of energy.

The shows run from 7:30pm to 9:30pm every Thursday, with the monthly showcases running until about 11pm. While enjoying the music, guests are encouraged to try the delicious appetizers, delightful entrees, desserts, and handcrafted signature cocktails available from the Lobby Bar. All ages are welcome and, unlike a lot of venues in Hollywood, there's no cover. Parking is only \$2.00 for the first 4-hours (with a validation).

The Renaissance Hollywood Hotel & Spa, located at Hollywood & Highland Center, a shopping and entertainment mecca and home to the Academy Awards® ceremonies, offers 632 distinctive guest rooms, 33 suites, and the unforgettable 3,500 square foot Panorama Suite. Awarded the ENERGY STAR® Label from the EPA in 2008, the property is well known as being a favorite of major production companies and business travelers alike, the Renaissance Hollywood Hotel & Spa embodies modern luxury accented by classic Hollywood charm, featuring the distinctive restaurant *Twist*, an outdoor pool overlooking the Hollywood Sign, world-class fitness center, catering by Wolfgang Puck, the new *Spa Luce*, and outstanding service savvy travelers have come to expect from the Renaissance brand name. Renaissance Hollywood Hotel & Spa, 1755 N.

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