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Jackson Gillies and JAX PLAYS DEAD ‘Return to the Alcazar’

Film and music event is set for Friday, Oct. 24, at 7 p.m.

CARPINTERIA, CA—Jax loves the Alcazar Theatre!

And who wouldn’t love the renovated, rejuvenated, historic theatre at the center of quaint, charming Carpinteria? At 26 years young, singer/songwriter, producer, TEDx speaker **Jackson Gillies** has performed on every stage in Santa Barbara, and most recently branched out to Las Vegas, San Diego, and Oregon. But returning to the Alcazar after his sold-out show last year will be a special evening.

Mark Sylvester of **TEDx Santa Barbara** will introduce a 10-minute short film, “**The Darkness Makes the Light Lighter**,” directed by **Olga Lvoff** and **Victor Ilyukhin**, featuring Jackson, created by **Positive Exposure**. Founded by award-winning photographer **Rick Guidotti** in NYC, “Positive Exposure for 25 years has grown into a global movement, a nonprofit celebrating the beauty and richness of human diversity. Their hope is to build a more equitable, compassionate world for individuals and communities at risk of stigma and exclusion.”

After the short documentary, which was partially filmed at the Alcazar during last year’s show, Jackson and his band, **Jackson Gillies and Friends**, will present Jackson’s new original music. After intermission, the second set will launch, featuring **JAX PLAYS DEAD**, a Jackson Gillies project celebrating the music of the Grateful Dead.

Jackson's new ***JAX PLAYS DEAD*** merchandise will debut that evening, created by internationally known chalk artist **Rod Tryon**, who's been featured at Santa Barbara's I Madonnari Festival for decades. To celebrate the return of ***JAX PLAYS DEAD*** to the Alcazar, Rod will create a ***JAX PLAYS DEAD*** drawing right out front on the theatre's sidewalk beginning around noon. The drawing should take about five hours to complete, so please stop by Friday, Oct. 24, and say hi to Rod.

The Grateful Dead has a longstanding tradition of collaborating with artists to create concert posters and such. Available at the show will also be ***JAX PLAYS DEAD*** merchandise created by **Kenny Schneidman** and **Karen Payton**, all facilitated by **Val Selvaggio** (aka Little Val).

JAX PLAYS DEAD and Jackson Gillies and Friends players include Jackson, Sasha Cohen, Ben Congdon, Jaden Lehman, David McInnes, Jules Sherman, Toby Still, and Sky Ulep.

Tickets: \$15 presale, \$20 at the door, \$30 VIP front rows. Visit thealcazar.org to pre-purchase.

For more on Jackson Gillies, bookings, events, music, and more go to ***JacksonSings.com*** and follow on Instagram at ***@Jackson.gillies*** and his new page ***@jaxplaysdead***. Or email tolendalmusic@gmail.com.

* NOTE: On Sunday, Sept. 7 Jackson will be playing music at the first-ever **Carpinteria Film Festival** at 6:30 p.m., kicking off the closing film, **"David Crosby: Remember My Name."**

