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Jackson Gillies releases debut album

SANTA BARBARA, CA—Singer/songwriter Jackson Gillies will release his debut album, "High & Low," on Friday, April 26. He will appear on the "Gary and Catherine Show" on K-LITE 101.7 at 8:15 a.m. on Wednesday, April 24, to talk about the new release and upcoming shows.

Release celebration: Friday, April 26, at The Alcazar Theatre, 4916 Carpinteria Ave., Carpinteria, 8 p.m. The album will be played in its entirety along with other original songs, followed by a set by Jax Plays Dead, celebrating the music of The Grateful Dead. Jackson will be accompanied by Jules Sherman on bass, Sasha Cohen on drums, Ben Congdon on guitar and vocals, David McInness on drums, Jaden Lehman on guitar and vocals, Duncan Wood on pedal steel, and special guest Brian Mann on keys.

On the album, Jackson wrote all the songs, sang all the parts, played all the instruments except for a few cameos, recorded and produced it himself in his little apartment in the foothills.

SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION OPPORTUNITY: Jump on the Schoolbus is generously supplying a FREE bus for the first 40 fans to and from the Alcazar Theatre in Carpinteria from the Garden Street Visitors Center, 1 Garden St., Santa Barbara. Boarding is at 6:45 p.m. and return after the show.

Jackson burst onto the scene at age 16 by winning the 2016 Teen Star USA competition in Santa Barbara. Since then he appeared on "American Idol," reaching the final 68, and has performed with the likes of Kenny Loggins, Michael McDonald, and Jim Messina, while raising funds for important causes. Recently he was honored with the 2023 Youth Philanthropist award by the Association of Fundraising Professionals of Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties. Some upcoming shows:

Friday, April 12, at 8 p.m., Alcazar Theatre, 4916 Carpinteria Ave., Carpinteria. "Songwriters of the Cali-Coast." "An intimate musical experience featuring the soulful creations of Evan Blix, Jackson Gillies, Pete Muller, and Daring Greatly."

Sunday, April 14, 5 p.m. Granada Theatre Centennial Celebration, 1214 State St., Santa Barbara. Jackson Gillies Trio

Friday, April 26, 8 p.m. Debut album release and concert celebration. Alcazar Theatre, 4916 Carpinteria Ave., Carpinteria.

Friday, May 3, 3 p.m. Sponsored by Taylor Guitars, Jackson will be performing at Nick Rail Guitars, 2801 De la Vina Street, Santa Barbara. 3 p.m.

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