

## BLUGURU - RAGAS 2 BLU RICHES CD LAUNCH

Free from the plethora of bands from whence they hail, they have come back to their home town to tell it all: A twisted tale of Indian Blues Celtic Swing Jazz Bluegrass and adventure. Fringe Award nominee Josh Bennett (Best Music) joins the genre-hopping antics of Andrew Clermont and the extraordinary vocals and dance of Parvyn Singh, (daughter of the renowned singer Dya Singh) to release their debut album "Ragas 2 Blu Riches" at the 2011 Adelaide Fringe.

Soaring vocal harmonies combine with blistering guitar and fiddle, sitar, dilruba (bowed sitar) and tabla from India, plus mandola and mandolin, tenor banjo, didgeridoo, and Indian beat-boxing.

Hailed as a triumph for acoustic music, BluGuru's album covers everything from Jazz and Bluegrass to Brazillian samba and meditative Indian pieces. It includes four live tracks recorded on the road in NSW in 2010.

Internationally acclaimed as a music prodigy, Josh Bennett is master of strings, skins and hollow things, and launched his solo CD at last year's Fringe Festival to sold-out audiences:

"It was like Womadelaide stretched into a fifth day when South Australian musical maestro Josh Bennett took us around the world in almost two hours of global tunes. ... a magical mix of music. ☆☆☆☆" Ben Hyde - The Advertiser

Parvyn combines her rich heritage from ancestral Punjab with elements of jazz, blues, folk and country to perform in her own unique style. On stage since she was five, singing with her father Dya Singh in his World Music Group, Parvyn's stunning, pure and soulful voice has captured the hearts of audiences around the world. She performs traditional, contemporary and original songs sung in Punjabi, Arabic, Hindi, Malay, English and Portuguese, and also performs many styles of Indian dance, including Kathak, Bhangra and Bollywood. Visually a swirl of colour & lines with sublime vocals.

Andrew Clermont is a force of nature in Australian music: 'pumpkin powered' in Totally Gourdeous (Voted Best Live Folk Band '08); spirited with Australia's multi-awarded/cultural Dya Singh World Music Group; 3-time Bluegrass National Guitar Champ; at the 'cutting hedge of Bluegrass' with The Lawnmowers, and soaring widely with 13 years of Supper Club gatherings. Andrew also initiated the NoHoldsBarred Fiddle Contest and is a Director to the Golden Fiddle Awards.

Described as "Jeff Beck meets Ravi Shankar on the set of 'O Brother, Where Art Thou?' while dancing in Rio", BluGuru is an evening of song and story not to be missed.

BluGuru are performing five concerts at the Fringe. Refer to the Fringe guide for dates and times. Tickets \$20/\$15 + bf from FringeTIX

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