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EMITH

Consisting of a little bit of Cowboy Junkies atmosphere with the pop sensibilities of Fleetwood Mac and Aimee Mann, the up-and-coming duo Emith have created a winning sound and style that is equally thought-provoking and catchy. Building from a folk, pop and blues foundation, the versatile twosome wander easily from melodic, rootsy, organic creations to more ethereal, darkly cast ballads that dig into deeper emotional terrain.

Featuring singer/songwriter/guitarists Carol Ann Ives and Stevie Gurr, Emith work both as an acoustic duo and full-sounding electric band (when supplemented by a variety of LA pros on bass, keyboards and drums). The group's forthcoming full-length debut, *13 Seasons*, offers a mixture of electric and acoustic soundscapes, with Gurr's tasteful guitar and harmonica work never overpowering the subtler vocal dynamics of Ives. Standout tracks include the haunting "Stone Fences" and "Stuck in Stark Relief," a lovely cover of the Beatles'

sublime "I'll Follow the Sun," as well as the dryly humorous and quite snappy "San Bernardino."

Gurr, who has toured with Elvin Bishop and Dr. John, plays guitar with the understated grace of Leo Kottke, infusing each selection with his own individuality while still working in service of the song. It's not hard to see why Gurr and Ives have built a strong word-of-mouth buzz, particularly here in Southern California. Opening for British singer/songwriter Pete Morton this weekend in Anaheim offers Emith an opportunity to engage a folk-oriented audience with perhaps a bit more of an edge than they're used to. And I have no doubt Carol and Stevie will win them over.

Emith and Pete Morton at the Anaheim Downtown Community Center, 750 E. Center St., Anaheim, (949) 646-1964; www.thelivingtradition.org. Sat., 7:30 p.m. \$11-\$14; children under 18, free with paying adult. All ages.

—John Roos

tacos on the patio! 9 p.m.
 Sat., June 16: **Spazmatiks**. The best '80s cover band around, 10 p.m. \$10.

Mon., June 18: **Salsa Mondays**. Salsa dancing. 8 p.m.
SCRIBBLES, 245 GENTLE SPRINGS LANE, DIAMOND BAR, (909) 396-4244; WWW.SCRIBBLESGRILL.COM

Thurs., June 14: **Club Kiss**. DJs spin hip-hop/Top 40/club mix in room one; reggae/Top 40/Latin rhythms in room two, 9 p.m. 18+.

THE SHARK CLUB, 841 BAKER ST., COSTA MESA, (714) 751-6428.

Thurs., June 14: **Friccion**. Pop, Top 40 Mashups in the main room; '80s, House, Trance in room 2, 8:30 p.m.

Fri., June 15: **Limelight**. DJs Johnny O, Chuey, Alpha spin Hip-Hop, Trance on 2 dancefloors, 8 p.m.

Wed., June 20: **West Coast Swing**. Kick up your heels and give it a whirl, 7 p.m. \$5 after 8 p.m.

SUTRA LOUNGE, TRIANGLE SQUARE, 1870 HARBOR BLVD., STE. 200, COSTA MESA, (949) 722-7103.

Thurs., June 14: **Redefined Thursdays**. Get the weekend started early in an upscale setting with an upscale crowd, 9 p.m.
 Fri.-Sat., June 15-16: **Sutra Lounge**. Resident DJs spin House & Hip Hop, 9 p.m. call for cover.

TAPAS, 4253 MARTINGALE WAY, NEWPORT BEACH, (949) 756-8194.

Tues., June 19: **Focus Tuesdays**. DJ Mes; Wobs, 9 p.m.; **Focus Tuesdays**. DJ Mes; Wobs, 9 p.m.; **Focus Tuesdays**. DJ Mes; Wobs, 18+; Go to www.focus-oc.com for presale tickets, 9:30 p.m.

TIA JUANA'S, 14988 SAND CANYON RD., IRVINE, (949) 551-2988.

Thurs., June 14: **KIS FM College Night**. DJs; Go-Go dance 9:30 p.m. Cover varies.

Sat., June 16: **Super Estrella**. DJs spinning Hip Hop. Reggaeton, Rock En Espanol, 9 p.m. Cover varies.

Mon., June 18: **Country Night**. Line dancing; Free dance lessons, \$10 cover if you're under 21, 6:30 p.m. \$5.

Tues., June 19: **Salsa Night**. Live bands; DJ RICOBAR, Salsa lessons 8:30-9:30, 8 p.m. \$12.

Wed., June 20: **Swing Night**. Over 4 years strong! Free lessons at 8:30, 8 p.m. \$7.

TIME OUT TAVERN & NIGHT CLUB, 27822 ALISO CREEK RD., ALISO VIEJO, (949) 362-5919; WWW.TIMEOUTSPRINGNIGHTCLUB.COM.

Fri., June 15: **Time Out Fridays**. DJs spin Top 40, 9 p.m. \$5.
 Sat., June 16: **Time Out Saturdays**. DJs spin Disco, Top 40, 9 p.m. \$5.

VEGAS, 1901 NEWPORT BLVD., COSTA MESA, (949) 546-5464.
 Sat., June 16: **Raw**. Superstar Performers; DJ Deckard; DJ Beej; St. Nick, 9 p.m. \$20.

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