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**MonaLisa Twins Biography**
The MonaLisa Twins are one of the very few modern bands who write original songs in the 60s Beat music tradition, reviving the genre with a fresh twist without sounding pop-ish or trivial.

On their debut album "When We're Together" they present finest Rock 'n' Roll and Beat music, skillfully venturing out in Psychedelic, Folk and even Latin genres, inspired by the likes of The Beatles, Bob Dylan and Simon & Garfunkel. Their new single "That's Life" shows their musical versatility once again with a funky guitar-solo and classical string arrangements.

Their signature features are polyphonic harmonies and a wiry, bright guitar sound. The even mix of fun and depth in their music and lyrics brings back the spirit of the Sixties in a timeless style that speaks to a wide range of international audiences.

While listening to and playing all different kinds of music genres in their youth, the girls stayed with the 60s songwriting style, something they think is way too much neglected these days: ***"We aim to write songs which we ourselves would like to listen to and we always loved the spiritual, humorous and true-to-life mindset of the 60's. However we aren't nostalgic about it or trying to be "retro". We simply believe that something great had been started in this era that is worthy of being continued."***

The core of the band are the 21 year old actual twins named Mona and Lisa. Originally from Austria, they are now based in Liverpool/UK. But even before that they have travelled extensively, performing in the USA, Australia and the UK in their teens. They started out with cover songs on YouTube and released two CDs with covers in 2007 and 2008. At 16 they decided to go for a professional music career and began to record their debut album **"**[When We're Together](http://www.monalisa-twins.com/when-were-together-album-cd-monalisa-twins.html)**"** which got released in 2012.

Since then they‘ve played numerous live shows in Europe and the UK. Shortly after their move to the UK in August 2014 they got offered the main Saturday night residency spot at the world-famous Cavern Club in Liverpool, where hundreds of music lovers get to hear them every week.

Worldwide the twins are getting regular radio airplay as well as remarkable album and music video reviews. In 2014 their single “The Wide, Wide Land“ reached UK #1 of the “European Country Music Charts“ and their song “This Boy Is Mine“ got voted “Record of the Year 2014“ by Radio 6 International.

The twins also produced a decent number of high quality music videos, which have garnered well over 6.5 million views so far, with excellent rankings for their genre and thousands of subscribers on YouTube and Facebook.

Both, their debut album "When We're Together" and their fan-requested compilation of live and studio cover recordings, "MonaLisa Twins play Beatles & more" (2014), got many influential 60s era people to write glowingly about the twins and their music.

May 2015 has seen the MonaLisa Twins playing support for legendary guitarist Albert Lee. In November 2015 they’ve played a highly successful UK tour with "Steve Harley & Cockney Rebel". As part of his touring band, alongside accomplished drummer Stuart Elliot, lead guitarist Jim Cregan, keyboarder Duncan Mackay, bassist Marty Prior and violinist Barry Wickens, they were singing backing vocals and playing second lead and rhythm guitars, ukulele, blues harp and percussion. During his show Steve Harley also prominently featured Mona and Lisa playing some of their originals, which together with their outstanding musicianship impressed both fans and media people alike.