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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.

The core of the band are the 21 year old actual twins Mona and Lisa. Originally from Austria and now based in Liverpool/UK, 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”.

Since its release in 2012 they’ve played lots of live-shows all over Europe and the UK and are rocking the world-famous Cavern Club in Liverpool as a residency band every Saturday night.

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 YouTube views, 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.

In November 2015 Steve Harley (& Cockney Rebel) invited the twins to play in his touring band for his 40 year Anniversary of “Best Years Of Our Lives” UK tour. Alongside accomplished musicians Stuart Elliot, Jim Cregan and Duncan Mackay they were his all-round backing musicians (vocals, second lead and rhythm guitars, ukulele, blues harp, percussion). During his show Steve Harley also prominently featured Mona and Lisa playing some of their originals, which together with their outstanding musicianship impressed fans and media people alike.