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### **Catch the Eric McFadden Trio live at Alyeska Resort on Memorial Day Weekend; Unique Rock Band with a Range from Flamenco to Metal and All Stops In-Between**

May 20, 2010 (Girdwood, Alaska) – To close out the end of a bountiful winter ski season, the Sitzmark presents the Eric McFadden Trio over Memorial Day Weekend with two shows, Saturday, May 29 and Sunday, May 30. Making advances as a favorite place to catch music in Southcentral Alaska, the Sitzmark has become a top live concert venue. The "Sitz", as locals fondly call the venue, is conveniently located at the base of the ski area, next door to the iconic Girdwood diner, The Bake Shop.

The featured band, the Eric McFadden Trio, is on tour this summer in support of their new album, *Joy of Suffering*. At the center of this elegant musical equation is McFadden himself. A guitar hero in an anti-heroic time, the guitarist combines rapid-fire rock improvisations with luxuriant gypsy jazz runs, quicksilver bluegrass fills, romantic neo-classical chords, and hardcore R&B rhythms.

The trio also features James Whiton on the acoustic bass along side drummer Jeff Cohen a long-time friend and musical compatriot. This dynamic line-up produces an electro-acoustic sound, impressionistic songs and virtuoso antics that suggest an obscenely voluptuous hybrid of the Clash, the Jimi Hendrix Experience, Black Sabbath, Tom Waits, and Django Reinhardt.

Given the band's all-things-considered approach, it is not surprising that McFadden finds it difficult to describe the Trio's sound. "It has elements of other things I've done," McFadden says. "It's got the rock energy of past projects like Liar and Angry Babies. It's got the carnivalesque gypsy Latin thing of Eric McFadden Experience and Alien Lovestock. There's a little of the dark Americana vibe. But I think for the most part, it's a rock band."

The Eric McFadden Trio arrives on the jaded contemporary music scene preceded by anxious rumors and curious anticipation. A veteran of celebrated underground bands including Liar, the Eric McFadden Experience, Alien Lovestock and IZM, Eric McFadden's sinister songs, vampiric vocals and flamenco-rock guitar improvisations have made him an icon along America's western seaboard. Lest you dismiss the preceding as absurd hyperbole, consider the fact that McFadden has performed and recorded with the lordly likes of Bo Diddley, the late Joe



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Strummer, Widespread Panic, psychobilly rockers The Reverend Horton Heat, blues troubadour Keb Mo', Rolling Stone Ron Wood, Primus kahuna Les Claypool and others. He was voted "Best Guitarist" by the New Mexico Weekly and "Guitarist of the Year" by San Francisco's Zero magazine. And in 2000, McFadden was recruited as a touring member of George Clinton's P-Funk All Stars, a distinction that thrusts McFadden into the pantheon of funk-rock guitar idols.

Tickets for either the May 29 or 30 shows are \$10. Tickets for concerts at the Sitzmark can be purchased in advance online at [AlyeskaResort.com](http://AlyeskaResort.com), by phone at 907-754-2275 or by visiting the Alyeska Resort Tram Ticket Office. All shows are 21 and over and start at 10:00 PM.

Alyeska Resort will also be open for skiing from May 28 to 31, 2010 on the higher part of the mountain. Due to the abundant snowfall late in the season, the Resort has maintained a top snowpack base of 198 inches of snow. May skiing and special event packages are available at The Hotel Alyeska, find reservation information online at [AlyeskaResort.com](http://AlyeskaResort.com).

**About Alyeska Resort ([www.alyeskaresort.com](http://www.alyeskaresort.com))**

Alyeska Resort is Alaska's premier year-round destination featuring The Hotel Alyeska, an award-winning 304 room full-service property. Located just 40 miles from Anchorage, Alyeska Resort is your base camp for summer and winter excursions. Alyeska Resort stands out during ski season with 650" of average snowfall annually and the longest-continuous double black diamond ski run in North America. Learn more about the resort at [www.alyeskaresort.com](http://www.alyeskaresort.com) or 800.880.3880.

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