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# Just Announced! "The Soraya at the Luckman" Indigo Girls in Their Only LA Appearance; Sat, Jun 24

# Tickets Starting at \$48 are Available Now at www.TheSoraya.org.

(Los Angeles, CA) March 28, 2023 — One of the most successful folk-rock duos in history, Indigo Girls, comes to Los Angeles for one night only on Saturday, June 24 at <a href="https://doi.org/10.1001/jhes.24">The Luckman Fine</a> Arts Complex in unique presenting partnership with <a href="https://doi.org/10.1001/jhes.24">The Soraya at Cal State Northridge</a>.

Currently on an international tour, the multi-Grammy Award-winning Indigo Girls—Emily Saliers and Amy Ray—have a career spanning more than three decades and have recorded 16 studio albums, sold more than 15 million records, and built a dedicated, enduring following across the globe. Accomplishments that have earned the phrase "ideal duet partners" from Rolling Stone.

Together Saliers and Ray write, arrange, record, and perform music that has become a vital part of life for the devoted fans they've made over the years. Released in 2020, *Look Long* was the band's first new album in five years, and is described as a testament to the band's acclaimed career.

"With 11 songs covering themes from romance and parenting to family memories, gun culture and gay identity, Ray and Saliers do their best to rinse the salt out of a few wounds, gently dress others and also attempt some preventive care," the <u>Associated Press</u> wrote. "...a passionate and tuneful collection on which the combined voices of Amy Ray and Emily Saliers sound as instinctive and magical as ever."

**Look Long** was recorded in England at Peter Gabriel's Real World Studios, it's where they made 1999's "Come On Now Social," one of their most memorable albums. Though **Look Long** received high praise from critics, a tour for the album was halted during the pandemic in 2020. The Soraya is proud to partner with Cal State LA's Luckman Fine Arts Complex to present Indigo Girls with their full band on Saturday, June 24, 2023 in Los Angeles.

# Tickets are \$48-\$83 and subject to dynamic pricing.

For more information visit <u>www.TheSoraya.org</u> or call the Luckman's Box Office at (323) 343-6600. For media tickets and interview requests, please contact The Soraya Communications Associate <u>Marie Estrada</u>, or PR Consultant <u>Gary Murphy</u>.

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#### **ABOUT INDIGO GIRLS**

On their 16th studio album, Indigo Girls tell their origin story. They have reunited with their strongest backing band to date to create *Look Long*—a stirring and eclectic collection of songs that finds the duo of Amy Ray and Emily Saliers chronicling their personal upbringings with more specificity and focus than they have on any previous song-cycle. The eleven songs have a tender, revealing motion to them. Saliers and Ray are tackling the mechanisms of perspective.

"We're fallible creatures shaped by the physics of life," says Saliers. "We're shaped by our past; what makes us who we are? And why?"

In this moment of delirious upheaval, *Look Long* considers the tremendous potential of ordinary life and suggests the possibility that an honest survey of one's past and present, unburdened by judgement, can give shape to something new—the promise of a way forward. With the energy of an expanding, loyal audience beneath their feet, a weather eye toward refinement, and an openness to redefinition, Indigo Girls exemplify that promise.

Plans for *Look Long* materialized over morning tea with producer John Reynolds (Sinéad O'Connor, Damien Dempsey) on a stop during the duo's recent, sold-out tour of the United Kingdom.

"We were talking about life and music and by the end of breakfast we'd reached the conclusion that it was time to make another record together," says Ray.

The duo's relationship with Reynolds dates back to the summer of 1998 during the second Lilith Fair Tour when a shared main stage headlining slot with Sinéad O'Connor and her formidable backing band featuring Reynolds on drums, bassist Clare Kenny, keyboardist Carol Isaacs, cellist Caroline Dale, and lead guitar player Justin Adams blossomed into deep, mutual admiration, friendships, and eventually, collaboration.

The group recorded Indigo Girls' next album, 1999's *Come On Now Social*, with Reynolds acting as both producer and drummer, before embarking on a worldwide tour together. Twenty years

later, with the addition of longtime touring violinist Lyris Hung, *Look Long* marks the complete return of the lineup Saliers calls, "our musical compass."

A similar magic unfolded in 1989 when their eponymous major label debut shifted over two million units under the power of "Closer to Fine" and "Kid Fears" and turned Indigo Girls into one of the most successful folk duos in history. Over a decades-long career that began in clubs around their native Atlanta, Georgia.

Collaborations with a new generation of devoted peers like Brandi Carlile, Justin Vernon (Bon Iver), Sierra Hull, and Matt Nathanson continue to bring newcomers to Indigo Girls' audience.

#### Activism

Committed and uncompromising activists, Ray and Saliers work on issues like immigration reform (El Refugio), LGBTQ advocacy, education (Imagination Library), death penalty reform, and Native American rights. They are co-founders of Honor the Earth, a non-profit dedicated to the survival of sustainable Native communities, Indigenous environmental justice, and green energy solutions.

## **Documentary**

As Indigo Girls close in on nearly 40 years of "pulling heartstrings musically" (Chicago Daily Herald), fans will be excited to know that "It's Only Life After All," a documentary offering an inside look at what the last four decades have been like for Ray and Saliers—premiered this year at Sundance Film Festival.

Directed by award-winning cinematographer Alexandria Bombach, the project took nearly three years to complete, and weaves Ray's personal audiotape and camcorder footage with interviews and archival footage.

"It's Only Life After All" is "intimate, fun, and filled with great music," and "allows Ray and Saliers to look back on their musical partnership, personal demons, and careers spanning three decades with self-criticism, humor, and honesty," according to the film's synopsis. To watch a first look of the film, click here.

"It's weird to watch it on the screen, I may have watched one too many times, because you start watching and then you're like, I could have said this or I could have done this with my life," Saliers joked in an interview with the <a href="Chicago Daily Herald">Chicago Daily Herald</a>. "But it was really well received. And it was exciting to be at Sundance. It was quite an honor."

For Listings:

Sat, June 24 at 8pm | The Luckman

**Indigo Girls** 

With Full Band

Co-Presented by The Soraya and The Luckman at The Luckman Fine Arts Complex

American folk-rock duo Indigo Girls come to Los Angeles for one night only – presented by The Soraya at Cal State Northridge and performed at The Luckman Fine Arts Center at Cal State LA. Over a thirty-five-year career, the multi-Grammy-winning folk rock duo Emily Saliers and Amy Ray have recorded 16 studio albums, sold more than 15 million records, and built a dedicated, enduring following across the globe. Rolling Stone calls them the "ideal duet partners."\_In our often-terrifying present, we are all in search of a daily refuge, a stolen hour or two, to engage with something that brings us joy, perspective, or maybe just calm.\_As Amy and Emily put it in their song Closer to Fine, "We go to the doctor, we go to the mountains...We go to the Bible, we go through the workout." For millions, they go to Indigo Girls.

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visit www.TheSoraya.org or call the Luckman's Box Office at 323-343-6600

Where: Luckman Fine Arts Complex

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### **About The Soraya**

Located on the vibrant and diverse campus of California State University in the heart of Los Angeles' San Fernando Valley, The Soraya continues its vigorous commitment to innovating, exceling, and amplifying access by offering a wide variety of performances that reflect LA's many distinctive communities and featuring new and original work from the Los Angeles region as well as artists from around the world.

# **About the Luckman Fine Arts Complex**

The Luckman Fine Arts Complex at Cal State LA presents cutting-edge professional music, dance, theatre, and visual arts from around the world. Located 5 miles east of downtown Los Angeles, the Luckman is home to three unique spaces: the Luckman Theatre, the Intimate Theatre, and the Luckman Gallery. The Luckman was designed by The Luckman Partnership, Inc., the Los Angeles architectural firm responsible for such landmark structures as the Los Angeles Forum, Madison Square Garden, and Los Angeles International Airport.