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MARY GAUTHIER

Special support: **Ben Glover**

Mary Gauthier has an incredible life story. Born in New Orleans, Louisiana, given up at birth by a mother she never knew, Gauthier was adopted by an Italian Catholic couple in Louisiana. At age 15, she ran away from home, and spent the next several years in drug rehabilitation, halfway houses, and living with friends.

She spent her 18th birthday in a jail cell. Struggling to deal with being adopted and her sexuality, she used drugs and alcohol. Spurred on by friends, she enrolled at Louisiana State University as a philosophy major, dropping out during her senior year.

After attending the Cambridge School of Culinary Arts, she opened a Cajun restaurant in Boston, which she ran for eleven years.

After achieving sobriety, she was driven to dedicate herself full-time to songwriting, and embarked upon a career in music. She wrote her first song at age 35, and has since released seven albums. The latest, the highly autobiographical *The Foundling*, has received rave reviews.



Support for the show is **Ben Glover**, an Irish singer-songwriter based mainly in Nashville, whose debut 2009 album was our 'best of the year' (and his latest in heading for a similar accolade in 2010). We've been trying to book a gig with Ben for 3 years, so finally we get to see him play, alongside an artist who he has worked with in the last year, including co-writing songs..

Tickets are £17.50 (Concessions £15) - Box Office 01342 302000 or email info@chequermead.org.uk. More information can be found on the Acoustic Sussex website (www.acousticsussex.org.uk).

Quotes - what others say:

"With 'The Foundling', Mary Gauthier has created her first masterpiece. Not for the easily frightened, it is the most raw, brave and ultimately satisfying album I've heard in a very long time. Brilliant. Absolutely brilliant." No Depression Magazine

"Not since Lennon howled "Mother" have there been songs as naked and fraught as "Mama Here, Mama Gone" and "March 11, 9162". 5 stars UNCUT Magazine

"Without question, The Foundling is one of the most brilliant and heartbreaking pieces of music you will hear this year or any year." 5 Stars The Sun

"With a voice like a grazed hawk, she sings bluesy Southern Gothic tales...Whatever you are doing I guarantee you'll stop and listen to every word." 4 Stars MOJO Magazine

What is Acoustic Sussex?

Acoustic Sussex is a non-profit making organisation that promotes quality singer/ songwriters and other acoustic musicians in the mid-Sussex area, using different venues. We encourage new and local talent by providing support slots for the main act and other opportunities such as 'open mic' evenings. Any profit we make from events is used for charitable purposes.