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For the attention of:

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at Chequer Mead, East Grinstead

ahab

plus support: **Will Kevans**

ahab (with a small 'a') are a UK-based singer songwriter collective who formed in July 2009 after being invited to play the annual 'Fanfare' festival in Nashville, Tennessee.

Following a successful week long residency tearing the roof off at Tootsies Orchid Lounge, they came back to North London and decided to make the collaboration permanent. After a year spent writing new material and layering the songs thick with harmonies, ahab decided to hit the streets of London's markets to put their name around. Two months of busking later, the band were asked by the police not to play at markets anymore as the crowds that had began to gather whenever they played were blocking the streets.



Since then, the quartet (augmented by a drummer) has toured central England, played a showcase at the prestigious BBC Club West and caused a sensation with an unscheduled appearance at Fairport's Cropredy Convention in August 2010. Bob Harris was in the crowd and was so impressed with the band's instrumental virtuosity and richly layered four-part harmonies that he immediately booked them for a live session on his BBC 2 radio show (to be broadcast on 5 February 2011). They've also been feted by Simon Mayo, played at the Association Of Festival Organisers Conference in November and released a five-track CD.



Their debut single, 'Rosebud' was released as a download on 5 December and is available from all major online stores including HMV, iTunes, Spotify, Nokia, Amazon, Play and Napster.

You can find ahab online at www.ahabofficial.com or any of the following:
www.facebook.com/ahabofficial
www.myspace.com/ahabmyspace
www.twitter.com/ahabofficial

Support for the show is **Will Kevans**, an award-winning singer-songwriter (and cartoonist - he was chosen to be the Labour Party's caricaturist for their conference in 1997). After releasing his catchy single, 'Dialling Tone' in 2009, Kevans debut some big names including slide guitarist Al Perkins, Beautiful South songstress Alison Wheeler, James Blunt's pianist Paul Beard and by ex-Steely Dan and Doobie Brothers guitarist Elliot Randall. The album's relaxed and polished pop-sound received much critical acclaim.

Tickets are £10 (all seats) Box Office 01342 302000. More information: www.acousticsussex.org.uk.

Quotes - what others say:

*"ahab is the real deal - top-notch UK Americana featuring tight four-piece harmonies." **Simon Mayo***

*"I loved ahab's terrific performance at Cropredy festival. They are blistering live - alt-country edge and sheer class." **Bob Harris, BBC Radio 2***

What is Acoustic Sussex?

Acoustic Sussex is a non-profit making organisation that puts on live 'folk, roots and acoustic' events in the mid-Sussex area. Any profit we make over the year is used for charitable purposes.