



**MEDIA RELEASE** Event: EP Launch, Sat 31 July 2010 7.30pm at Barbican Theatre

**A young Plymouth musician is set to attract the attention of top music industry professionals when she launches her debut EP to a packed audience at a local venue.**

18 year old Josie Newton is the first solo artist to release an EP on South West Music School's growing record label. The eagerly awaited 4 track "Colour Me In" EP features expertly crafted self penned songs that set out to express something meaningful, challenging the world around her. The young singer songwriter and guitarist especially created her own band in order to record the EP and has been writing her own material since she was 13 years old.

Josie is hugely excited about the launch:

**"I'm so incredibly grateful for all the amazing support I've had in bringing this all together. Colour Me In is about universal themes like how we all need to find our own place in the world within yourself and through love. It feels quite weird and surreal to know that songs that I used to play acoustically on stage are now being listened to on stereos across the South West and beyond."**

Josie's musical career started off at Plymouth Music Zone when she was 14, she then auditioned the following year for South West Music School and has never looked back. She played over 50 gigs around the region last year at the tender age of 17 and has had a number of top mentors supporting her development all the way.

Lisa Tregale, director of South West Music School was a woman of few words in her praise of Josie, she simply says: **"These 4 tracks are quite simply stunning"**.

A man of more words is her mentor of 2 years, local musician and program manager for Plymouth Music Zone, Karl Meyer:

**"I feel that Josie's music is something that everyone should get the chance to hear because it's just so beautifully unique and refreshing. I've always been blown away by her maturity and ability to command an audience on stage purely by the messages in her songs."**

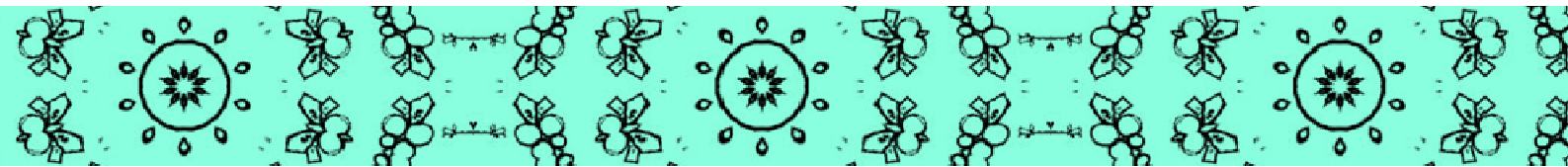
At the "Colour Me In" Launch, her band will consist of fellow South West Music School students 16 year old pianist and backing vocalist Benjamin Larham and 18 year old drummer Nathan Bawden. The 3 other band members are mentors who have helped Josie grow as a musician. Josie will also be supported on the night by other up and coming artists Jenny Keegan and James Aldridge.

Josie's "Colour Me In" EP Launch is at 7.30pm on 31 July at the Barbican Theatre in Plymouth. It's free entry but due to limited seating booking is advised through [colourmeinep@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:colourmeinep@hotmail.co.uk)

For further details of the launch event please email Josie on [colourmeinep@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:colourmeinep@hotmail.co.uk) or for an interview please call Josie on 07811 389265

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