



More Than Just A Tribute: Twisted Gypsy, Fleetwood Mac with a Twist

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“We aren’t just a tribute band – we’re a family. There’s never a dull moment when we’re together.” That’s what it means to be “more than just a tribute”, according to Melia Scaletty, one of the members of the band Twisted Gypsy. They’re more than just a group of musicians getting together to pay homage to Fleetwood Mac’s greatest hits; they’re a testament to the power that lies in uniting people through music. Twisted Gypsy is comprised of several members: Melia Scaletty as Christine McVie, Niki Bente as Stevie Nicks, Erik Szabo as John McVie, Tim Gilmer as Lindsey Buckingham, Milo Todesco as Mick Fleetwood, and Aaron Kusterer on lead guitar, who also leads the band as tour manager and musical director. Each band member comes from their own unique background – some hail from out of state, while others are locals born and raised right here in Santa Clarita. There’s a story behind each and every member of Twisted Gypsy, and that’s part of what sets them apart from other tribute bands. “A lot of other tribute bands seek to seamlessly imitate the bands they’re portraying, but this band merges our individual personalities into Fleetwood Mac by injecting tons of adrenaline into the songs,” says Erik. “When you come to a Twisted Gypsy show, you’re gonna have fun – no two ways about it.” Twisted Gypsy is also unique in that they are 100% live – and that means no tracks during their performances. Being part of a tribute band means giving the audience a great show while also maintaining the integrity of their original songs. Throughout their journey as a band, the Twisted Gypsy members have proven time and time again that this is something they’re more than capable of. Since its inception about six years ago, the band has accomplished some major milestones. Though the current lineup of performers differs from the original group from those few years ago, the passion and love for Fleetwood Mac has only increased. “I feel like we have a pretty finely tuned machine of a band that tours quite well,” shares Aaron. “we’ve headlined quite a few big stages including the OC Fair, Pala Casino, and of course Concerts in the Park series in Santa Clarita.” The future is bright for Twisted Gypsy, and there’s much more to come for this group of rockstars. “With us, everything is rocked out a little harder,” says Niki. “We just want to make people feel good and give them an escape – that’s what music is all about.” You can read more about the members of Twisted Gypsy online on their website, <http://twistedgypsyband.com>, as well as find more information about upcoming events and management and tour details. Find them on Instagram, TikTok, and Facebook as well for continued updates and details regarding future shows.



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