

ERIN McCALLUM & TEDDY LEONARD

- Alone Together

The Gibson Centre For Community Arts & Culture is pleased to announce a very special intimate evening of acoustic Blues, and all the music that fits, with Erin McCallum and Teddy Leonard on Thursday October 14th at 7:30 PM.

McCallum and Leonard, two well established forces in Canadian Blues, (and current band mates in The Erin McCallum Band), will be trading their traditional high powered amplified approach for a more subtle, nuanced show that's sure to display their respective talents to the fullest.

Erin McCallum came to prominence in the mid 2000's. In addition to her initial effort – an EP – Erin has released five critically acclaimed CD's over the course of her career. The Erin McCallum Band long time byline is "big voice. big sound." and while certainly indicative of McCallum's powerhouse voice – a captivating alto tenor – taking centre stage, it doesn't tell the whole story. That story, in full, includes impressive songwriting, arrangement, and production skills that drove the band to Maple Blues Award nominations - "Female Vocalist of the Year", "New Artist / Group of the Year" as well as two Ontario Independent Music Award nominations - "Best Blues Band".

Complicated Woman, (produced by Jack de Keyzer), is arguably Erin's high water mark.

Of note, check out the rock'em sock'em Soul of "Roll With The Punches" and the Country Soul of the title track "Complicated Woman". And plans are in the works for a new release with the promise that the best is yet to come!

Teddy Leonard has been in the music business since 1977. To put matters into perspective, Teddy Leonard is the consummate ensemble player. Although he has received recognition with a Maple Blues Award for "Guitarist Of The Year", Teddy tends to stay in the background, content to bring his high level of musicianship to the table, and contribute to making whatever product he's associated with an overall success. Leonard has been able to do just that consistently over the course of his career. Namely, as a member of Fathead, Leonard has shared a Juno Award, 2 Maple Blues Awards, 2 Jazz Report Awards; and has played a prominent role on 7 studio albums. Teddy was also a member of Colin Linden's band, and has shared the stage with Robbie Robertson, Rick Danko, and Garth Hudson of The Band. In addition, Teddy has added his expertise to the recorded works of The Maple Blues Revue, David Vest, Kendall Wall, Michael Pickett, and The Kat Kings among others.

Putting these two fine musicians together is a natural fit, and one that's guaranteed to make the musical evening one to remember!
