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# Sydney Artists Start with Perth

Two Sydney artists from indie label 'WildCat Records' will both kick off their new album promo tours in Perth with acoustic sets at The Swan Bar and The Vic Park in mid February.

Simon Morel and Amanda Easton will do their first ever Perth gigs to start tours that will eventually take them all over Australia. Both artists' LPs will also first become available when they both play sets at The Vic Park on February 16 and then at The Swan Hotel on February 18.

Simon Morel's second album has been intelligently dubbed 'Record #2'. It is a guitar led Brit-rock inspired record - think everything from Teenage Fanclub to UK Squeeze - where he has channelled 60s PowerPop and combined it with story based songwriting. Amanda Easton describes her new album 'Chanteuse', also her second, as theatrical pop with chilled out electronic loops and tinges of jazz and blues. Both albums were produced by Michael Carpenter from Love Hz Studios in Sydney, with producer Matt Fell contributing to Easton's as well.

Easton has been invited to Western Australia to perform at the opening of the amphitheatre in Nannup on February 24 and so both artists decided this would be a great opportunity to make WA the launching point for their tours.

Both artists are regulars on the Sydney live scene and are excited about playing in Perth for the first time. 'Because the cities are so far apart, Sydney artists can't always afford to travel to Perth, but the live scene is renown for being a really strong one,' said Easton.

'The music scene really seems to be supported by the industry and it'll be great to be able to see it for ourselves at last. And there are always great bands coming from Perth,' said Morel.

Before moving to Australia four years ago, Jersey-born (Jersey in the Channel Islands, UK) Morel played throughout the UK university circuit in a variety of bands from a mid 90's pop combo to a 12 piece funk orchestra. He also toured throughout Japan, Germany, France, UK and Spain to promote his first record, along with Easton.

Easton is well known in Sydney as the promoter of 'PopTarts' which is a collective of hundreds of fully independent self-financed original female pop artists who perform at a successful event with the same name at Sydney's Empire Hotel in Annandale every Monday. She has also toured with Australian music legends Wendy Matthews and Richard Clapton and performed with Powderfinger and then Candice Alley at the ARIA Awards.

The Morel/Easton Perth shows begin with The Vic Park Hotel, Victoria Park, on Friday February 16 starting at 7pm with the pair performing next on Sunday February 18 at the Swan Acoustic Lounge, Swan Hotel, North Fremantle from 8pm with a \$5 cover charge.

Both Morel's 'Record #2' and Easton's 'Chanteuse' will be available from their websites [www.simonmorel.com](http://www.simonmorel.com) and [www.amandaeaston.com](http://www.amandaeaston.com) for secure download from February 16, the date of their first gigs in Perth. The CDs will also be available for the first time, from the artists at the gigs. The albums, distributed by MGM, will be available nationally in stores from March 3.

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