BEHIND THE SCENES

Mattiel makes a concert stop in Baker City

Georgia band recently appeared on 'The Late Show with Stephen Colbert'

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BAKER CITY — Mattiel, an Atlanta-based duo touring their new album "Georgia Gothic," arrives in town for a concert Wednesday, April 13, at Churchill School, 3451 Broadway St.

Doors open at 6 p.m. (enter off the 16th Street parking lot). The music starts at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance at www.churchillbaker.com, or \$15 at the door. Proof of a COVID vaccination or negative test is required. Attendance is free for fully vaccinated youth age 15 and younger who come with a ticket-holding adult.

Mattiel is the duo of Mattiel Brown and Jonah Swilley.

"We met in 2014 in Atlanta and started working on music from the get go," Swilley said. As for their musical back-



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Mattiel Brown and Jonah Swilley are Mattiel, a Georgia-based band coming to play at Churchill School in Baker City on April 13, 2022.

grounds, he grew up playing in bands, and left college to pursue a career in music. She started singing at a young age.

Their newest album, "Georgia Gothic," released on March 18 through ATO Records. Featured songs include "Jeff Goldblum," which they performed on "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert." "Performing for television is always a bit nerve wracking, but we've done it before in England for the Jools Holland show in 2018, which was great," Mattiel said. "I think the main thing is making sure it sounds right... making sure that what's coming through is sounding the way it should. But performing for Colbert was really amazing! I was so happy with our performance."

In addition to their Baker City show, Mattiel is touring the West Coast, then heading to Europe for more than a month "to promote the album and play some longawaited shows," Swilley said.

Mattiel, like so many musicians around the world, cancelled shows during the two-year pandemic. But they stayed busy. "We took advantage of that time to make a new record, and I'm really glad we had the time to do that," Mattiel said. "It wouldn't have happened the way it did if we had been on the road. We're very fortunate that the pandemic didn't hit us too hard."

Mattiel released their first album "Mattiel" in 2017, followed by "Satis Factory" in 2019. "Georgia Gothic" is their third release.

"We're on most streaming platforms, but we really want you to buy a record!" Swilley said.

To learn more about the duo, visit https://mattiel.com/.

FULL SCHEDULE

Churchill School has more live concerts on the horizon. For details and tickets, visit www. churchillbaker.com. Here's a look at the schedule:

- April 23: EOCenes
- April 30: Hillstomp
- May 24: Bad Bad Hats with special guest The Ophelias
- June 10: Hillfolk Noir
- July 12: Marbin



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