



mr. sister

mel robinson - vocals, cello **steve richter**- keys, percussion, vocals

mr. sister release their debut album - **empty places**

'Fresh, engaging, down-to-earth and bubbling with creative brilliance' (The West Australian) begins to describe **Mr. Sister**; a duo featuring the sublime vocal, cello and songwriting of **Mel Robinson** and the diverse musical skills of pianist/percussionist **Steve Richter**.

Their debut album - **Empty Places** – encapsulates 5 years spent in collaboration.

Musically, the album is captivating, heartfelt and layered richly with strings, with tracks like **The Edge** and the title track **'Empty Places'** using live looping techniques to create intimate tapestries of cello, vocals and percussion. Songs such as the re-invention of the beautiful **'Rain'**, (which saw high rotation on **Triple J** in 2005) and **'Part Gold'** change the predominantly reflective mood slightly, introducing an easy yet sophisticated groove and movement to the album. Across the recording, Mel's honest lyricism provides the springboard from which the music breathes into life.

"I come from a family of classical musicians and peace activists. Does that influence me? Absolutely. So do the amazing people with whom I perform. But fundamentally, I write in order to process my own experiences. I'm always looking for simplicity within complex surrounds. The musical result, I hope, is a record that reveals itself one bit at a time", Mel says of their sound.

With over 20 years of performing experience and with numerous international tours behind him (most recently with the award winning percussion ensemble **Tetrafile**) Steve is as comfortable behind a keyboard as he is on drumkit or any of a number of percussion instruments.

An accomplished cellist, Mel also possesses an exquisite voice, recorded with such intimacy that it feels like she is singing for you and you alone. She has been very active in the Australian music scene recently, collaborating and touring with **Tim Rogers**, **You Am I** and **Jimmy Barnes**.

PERFORMANCES:

1 Oct 2008	8pm	BamBOO at Luxe	Perth, WA
3 Oct 2008	2pm	Sounds Outback: Magnet Hall	Mt Magnet, WA
4 Oct 2008	7.30pm	Sounds Outback: Wogarno Station	Mt Magnet, WA
5 Oct 2008	5pm	Sounds Outback: Wogarno Station	Mt Magnet, WA
7 Oct 2008	7pm	Port Headland Civic Centre	Port Hedland, WA
8 Oct 2008	7.30pm	Pearl Luggers	Broome, WA
10 Oct 2008	7.30pm	Ivanhoe Gardens	Kununurra, WA
12 Oct 2008	7pm	Ski Club	Darwin, NT
19 Oct 2008	7pm	KULCHA: Mr. Sister and Khin Myint	Fremantle, WA
14 Nov 2008	7pm	Karriview	Denmark, WA
22 Nov 2008	9pm	Transit Lounge with Freya Hanly	Fremantle, WA

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