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Thursday 25 May ELIZA GILKYSON *accompanied by:* **Robert McEntee**
Chequer Mead Arts Centre, De La Warr Road, East Grinstead



Daughter of singer and songwriter Terry Gilkyson (who hit with 'Marianne' in 1957), American roots artist Eliza Gilkyson is on her 4th UK tour in 3 years and has seen her popularity rocket following performances and appearances on Bob Harris and Johnny Walker's BBC radio shows. Her album *Land of Milk and Honey* was nominated for a Grammy in 2005 and her latest release, 'Paradise Hotel', has received outstanding reviews. She has toured and recorded with Slaid Cleaves, Bonnie Raitt, Mary Chapin Carpenter and her family are steeped in musical heritage.

Eliza is a third generation musician who grew up in Los Angeles knowing that her life would revolve around music. *"I got into it for all the wrong reasons, more as a survival tool than anything else, but it proved to serve me more than I dared to imagine."* As a teenager, she recorded demos for her dad, who also had hits such 'The Bare Necessities' from the Disney classic *Jungle Book* and 'Memories Are

Made of This', a big smash for Dean Martin. *"He would use me in the studio because I had a mature voice at an early age and would work for free,"* laughs Eliza. Soon after, she was writing and recording her own material as well.

In 2000, Eliza released her album 'Hard Times in Babylon', a huge critical success, followed quickly by more acclaim for her next album, 'Lost and Found'. She has also been on several compilations, including the Bob Dylan tribute album, 'A Nod to Bob'. In 2003 she was inducted into the Austin Music Hall of Fame, alongside such luminaries as Willie Nelson and Nancy Griffith. Eliza recorded *Land of Milk and Honey* in 2004, a recording decidedly more socio-political in theme.

Tickets £12.50 Concessions £11 Box Office 01342 302000 or email info@chequermead.org.uk. More information can be found on the Acoustic Sussex website (www.acousticsussex.org.uk).

Quotes - what others say:.

"Her songwriting has a Dylanesque quality as her tunes burst with edgy lyrics and poetic imagination. With a knowing eye on the past, Eliza Gilkyson is making folk music for the 21st Century, and it's a delightful thing to hear" **Austin Chronicle**

"[Milk and Honey] is a must-have album for anyone turned on by intimate, seductive vocals, killer melodies and lyrics that hit the heart and refuse to leave. Cue the repeat button" **BBC Radio (Folk and Acoustic)**

"Gilkyson doesn't pull any punches. She graces the music with her lush and passionate voice; a dark and lonely sound, hope and satisfaction, and edgy lyrics with piercing imagery round out the whole." **NY Times**

*"There can be something almost holy in Eliza Gilkyson's words, arrangements, and delivery. Her best music aches with passion and compassion which she delivers on the socially and politically conscious *Land of Milk and Honey*."* - **Buddy Music**

What is Acoustic Sussex?

Acoustic Sussex is a non-profit making organisation that promotes quality singer/ songwriters and other acoustic musicians in the mid-Sussex area, using different venues. We encourage new and local talent by providing support slots for the main act and other opportunities such as 'open mic' evenings. Any profit we make from events is used for charitable purposes.