

Riothorse Royale's collaboration creates hauntingly layered melodies

LA-based indie group to headline Daytrotter show Saturday

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Madi Diaz and Emily Greene pooled their collaborative songwriting talents and the result is Riothorse Royale's slow-and-steady tempo and hauntingly layered vocal melodies.

The band's success is due in large to their individual talents, but also their ability to work to-

gether and traveling thousands of miles from tour stop to tour stop to perform live.

"Everyone is kind of tired from touring, but we are all together," said Greene, half of the often considered duo, Riothorse Royale, on the phone during the 300-plus mile drive from Nashville to St. Louis.

Sharing the van with Greene is Diaz; the group's sound engineer, Kevin Winrich, and their friend/drummer, Hamir Atwal.

The Los Angeles-based band will play Saturday at Daytrotter, 324 Brady St., Davenport.

"In this band, we're definitely collaborators and working together," Greene said. "It's been really fulfilling and an amazing artistic relationship, and we're really kind of coming together

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■ **On the web:** Read a Q&A with Riothorse Royale's Emily Greene, listen to an excerpt from the interview with her, or listen to the band's three-song EP at qctimes.com/riothorseroyale.



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Emily Greene and Madi Diaz pooled their collaborative songwriting efforts into the slow and hauntingly melodious sound of Riothorse Royale, which plays Saturday at Daytrotter, 324 Brady St., Davenport.

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Revamping the concert poster
The poster features a vibrant, abstract design with a central figure and various text elements. The man in the photo is discussing the creative process behind the poster's design.

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The article discusses the collaborative songwriting process between Madi Diaz and Emily Greene, highlighting their unique sound and the challenges of touring together.

Daytrotter
A promotional banner for the Daytrotter show, featuring the names of the performing bands and the date and location of the event.

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in a moment of time where everything is blissful and amazing."

Greene and Diaz attended Berklee College of Music, Boston, and reconnected in the Silver Lake neighborhood of Los Angeles.

"As far as both of us in our careers, every show you learn something new. As a band we've become highly connected on stage, as far as knowing what someone else is going to do," she said. "When someone does something that surprises and excites you... I think all the things ricocheting off each other is what makes

If you go

WHO: Riothorse Royale, with DREAMERS and The Young Wild

WHAT: Haunting guitar chords, layered vocal harmonies, and deliberate slow-steady tempos

WHEN: 8 p.m. Saturday

the live shows so fun for us and also what makes us learn from each experience."

Riothorse Royale draws comparison to the sister-indie-power-pop band Haim and also Lana Del Rey, but deliver a slightly darker spin.

"We're on the same page creatively: When someone has an idea, the other one is

WHERE: Daytrotter, 324 Brady St., Davenport

HOW MUCH: \$8 in advance, \$12 at the door

ON THE WEB: riothorseroyale.com; daytrotter.com,

quick to say 'Oh yeah, I've got this one too,'" Greene said. "So we bounce back and forth off each other. We're both really grateful for it"

Riothorse Royale released "The Guest House," a five-song EP last year, and is working on their studio album, but aren't giving away too many secrets on the title

or even what songs will be included.

"I'm not sure. I'm not sure we'd let you know either," Greene said, chuckling. "We're still working it out, you know."

"We're really enjoying it," she added. "It's actually been ... very natural. Kismet, for sure."