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Gypsy Guitarist and singer-songwriter Ryan Flaherty releases his debut solo CD HUNGRY MOON

to be released November 4th at Blue in Portland, ME -

**November 4th, 2011** - Gypsy-percussion-guitarist and singer-songwriter Ryan Flaherty will be releasing his debut CD, Hungry Moon, on November 4th, 2011 at Blue in Portland, ME. The live performance will begin at 8pm. Flaherty will be performing his own original compositions from his debut album Hungry Moon. Joined by a full band, Flaherty will feature the many artists that appear on his new album. The line-up includes Flaherty on acoustic guitar and lead vocals, Portland jazz guitarist Mike Arciero on lead guitar, Portland bassist Duane Edwards on upright-bass and also joined by Worcester musicians Dan Hunt on banjo, Ed Melikian on oud and Joe Zupan on percussion. All of the above musicians perform on several tracks throughout the new CD.

Flaherty, originally from Rock Island, IL and now residing in Portsmouth, NH, has released a

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celebration of original music, blending gypsy, arabic, flamenco, americana and jazz. Though not true to any one tradition, the artist pays homage to each genre throughout Hungry Moon and celebrates each sound as one. The music is fiery and intoxicating, fine-tuned with percussive guitar, howling vocals and seductive lyrics. Also featured on the album is cello and violin prodigy Daisy Castro and her mother Ann Castro on vocals. The official release date for the album is Friday, November 4th, 2011, but you can download the album now via Facebook ([www.facebook.com/ryanflahertyband](http://www.facebook.com/ryanflahertyband)) or BandCamp ([www.ryanflaherty.bandcamp.com](http://www.ryanflaherty.bandcamp.com))

"Look out world, this guys got your number. Tons of styles smelted, combined and poured into guitar strings. Do not douse yourself with gasoline before coming to this show, his fingers will light you on fire." - NH Songwriter B.A. Canning

Between 2005-2011 Flaherty played rhythm guitar for the award winning Gypsy Jazz trio Ameranouche. Flaherty has shared the stage with many talented musicians including John Jorgenson, Stephane Wrembel and Robin Nolan. As a member of Ameranouche, Flaherty has opened for many renowned artists including Esperanza Spalding, Herbie Hancock and the Carolina Chocolate Drops. Flaherty also opened for the Avett Brothers in Knoxville, TN. A highlight for Flaherty was performing at the 2008 Newport Jazz Festival.

Aside from Ryan Flaherty's solo project, he also plays with several Gypsy Jazz groups, and is known for his rock solid rhythm technique in the Gypsy Jazz community. Included in his other projects are Gypsy Guitars from Boston and Hot Club Du Monde from Portland, ME. Flaherty occasionally accompany's several solo artists, including violinist Jason Anick from the John Jorgenson Quintet.

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### **Hungry Moon - Ryan Flaherty - Debut Album - Official Release Date: Nov. 4, 2011 at Blue in Portland, ME**

Featuring the sultry vocals and percussive guitar stylings of singer-songwriter Ryan Flaherty. All original compositions - a mix of Flamenco, Arabic, Americana, Jazz and Gypsy idioms - a non-traditional blend of elements from each style. Featuring several guest artists from all around New England.

**Who:** Ryan Flaherty - Gypsy-percussion guitarist and singer-songwriter

**What:** Ryan Flaherty - Hungry Moon - CD Release Show at Blue in Portland, ME

**When:** Friday, November 4th, 2011

**Time:** 8pm - 9:30pm

**Address:** 650 A Congress Street, Portland, ME 04101

**Phone:** [\(207\) 774-4111](tel:(207)774-4111)

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**Tickets:** donations accepted for artist

**Venue website:** <http://portcityblue.com/>

**Artist website:** [www.ryanflahertymusic.com](http://www.ryanflahertymusic.com)

**Artist Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/ryanflahertyband](http://www.facebook.com/ryanflahertyband)

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