

SO & SO

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Los Angeles based indie pop/folk/soul band, SO & SO, is anything but ordinary.

When singer/songwriter, Amie Miriello, acoustic guitarist, Jay Dmuchowski, and Canadian producer, Rob Wells meant to put a songwriting team together, something else happened that grew far beyond their intentions. In December of 2009, Miriello and Dmuchowski traveled to Canada to write and record with Wells. Once they completed a set of ten songs, they realized they had a collection of material that transcended traditional pop.

Amie decided she wanted to put a band together to showcase their work. As a long time Miriello collaborator, Raisin (Dmuchowski's nickname) agreed and they began the search for members to create a new kind of indie pop super-group. While playing the local LA music circuit, Amie and Raisin met drummer, Adam Hanson. They asked him to play some shows and felt an immediate connection. Hansons infectious, soulful style provided the backbone and strength that further helped define the band's sound. In February of 2010, Hanson officially joined as the first new member of the group.

Shortly thereafter, Miriello had a chance encounter with Brandon Rogers (Vocalist/Keyboards), a Top 12 finalist on Season 6 of American Idol with an impressive singing/songwriting resume as well. Brandon opened for Amie at Molly Malone's in LA when they decided to perform a couple songs together. Like Miriello, Rogers was wholly focused on his solo career, but realizing their vocal chemistry was something special, he accepted her offer to join SO & SO without hesitancy.

Rounding out the SO & SO family, bassist Bana Haffar followed. Joining the band in September of 2010, Bana's eclectic, cross-cultural style of playing embodies all that is the SO & SO sound – new, fresh, forward and innovative.

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So & So is an Anna Hazzis, Brandon Rogers, Sara Haffar, Adam Hansen, and Jay Ouchterlony who prefer to be called Eason Higgins. The band came together when Anna, an established singer in the Los Angeles area, and childhood friend Jay teamed up with producer Herb Wells to form the ultimate songwriting team. It wasn't long after that the duo struck out the perfect partners in crime and the project materialized into a full-blown band. With the addition of American Idol season six contestant and soulful singer Brandon, Adam on drums, and bassist Brock, So & So came to fruition in September 2010. The band's

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So & So help Ovation Kick things into Gear of the Greek
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The Greek life back from the busy hustle and bustle of Hollywood. Look up on a good night and the infamous LA strip is a distant memory as stars show. On a Tuesday near the end of October, The Greek hosted an event for Ovation. Ovation's taking the concert experience up a notch, after the show fans can download the performances onto their device at special kiosks. Technology has come so far since records. One MTV, it fresh was on hand and from the show they just took.

Vanessa Hazzis said it was a great thing that fans could "have that special moment" from the show they just took.

The Ovation seemed more or less a festival than anything else. Her formal cake, bathes, corn and face painting, amongst the carnival-like and the gorgeous formal cake maker, was LA based band So & So, with the energetic Anna Hazzis (lead vocals, guitar) leading the way, So & So along with American Idol alumni Brandon Rogers (vocals, keyboards), Adam Hansen (drums, bass) and Sara Haffar (guitar) and Jay "Hazzis" Ouchterlony (acoustic guitar), are on the verge of great things.

Opening their set with an impressive dual disc, "Sal Avia" set the tone for the rest of the set. High energy. The one thing higher was Anna and Brandon's chemistry. 1996 novelty, 98 Degree's Nick Lachey roared the pair "complimented one another well," her's wipers and worked with Anna but that night was the first time her gotten to see So & So onstage and among the roar of positive comments he reads, "Fantastic!" Still sums up the feeling towards the night.

I always feel the need to see the song I feel about the show and the one it was "Sara" the need for it, along, it was rule and broke it into one. In my head I could see

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Amie and Brandon of So & So Dish about an Irish Pub, Their New Album and The Future
November 20, 2010
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Amie along with American Idol alumni Brandon Rogers, Sara Haffar, Adam Hansen and Jay Ouchterlony are So & So, a LA band with a new album on the horizon, tour plans and a headache from a hangover. Follow Amie and Brandon discuss all of the above and more.

Kendra Bels: Amie you've done the band thing with Orlita Blonde and you've been with What Have You Taken from both experiences when talking So & So?

Amie Hazzis: I figured what I wanted in a band and what I knew for sure I did not want. It is a hard balance to find with a group of people (artists especially), but when you do find it, it can be more gratifying than anything else.

KB: Brandon more or less the same. How has your time on Idol and singing with names like Aquilera and Timberlake shape your vibe as So & So?

Brandon Rogers: I started out my career singing with Christina and it was a great situation. I was with her for the [Stripped] but I got then did the Grammys with Justin. I got to travel around the world and perform in front of a lot of people but it left me wanting. For me, Idol was so hectic and ending, it was an experience and it was. There's nothing like it. I had my run, and a great time doing it, but now I'm looking forward to doing even bigger things with Amie and hands in So & So.

KB: Speaking of, really quick, how do you think Idol's going to do the season?

BR: Well, you've said it, it could become refreshed with the new judges or it could be a new season. We know?

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