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By Anthony Charron

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Sillan and Young began when the talents of vocalist Johanna Sillanpaa and guitarist Aaron Young came together to perform and write original music

in 2002 and later expanded to become a full group. The current lineup includes: Sillanpaa, who has released two previous solo albums; Young, who toured the world for five years as a member of Barrage; drummer Tyler Hornby, a member of Terrain — a jazz fusion group — and an instructor in Mount Royal College's jazz program; as well as bassist Kodi Hutchinson and pianist Chris Andrew, who form two-thirds of the Hutchinson Andrew Trio.

The group recently released its second album, which was produced by long-time Jann Arden guitarist and collaborator, Russell Broom. Blending the jazz chops of all the members with the R and B influences of Sillanpaa and the country/roots leanings of Young created a unique sound, which Sillanpaa describes as acoustic pop.

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