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PARIS... TOKYO and beyond

Past, present, future...

Penny Ikinge has a rich musical history - she is a woman with a past, some might say. She is also a woman with a future...

This year Penny Ikinge will complete her second full length album - a vibrant mix of pop, garage music with a delectable splash of groove. Penny will be touring Europe and Tokyo September/October 2008, playing songs from her new album due for release 2009. Joining her in Europe will be Parisienne musicians **Dimi Dero** (drums) and **Vinz Guilluy** (bass). The three piece toured Europe in 2006 and Australia 2007 and they are back in September 2008 as: **penelope inc. Dimi Dero** and **Vinz Guilluy** appear on Penny's second album along with **Deniz Tek, Charlie Owen, Dave Graney & Clare Moore** et al... For her gigs in Tokyo she will be performing solo.

"All woman and all business – the Australian singer-guitarist, a graduate of the Radio Birdman school of axe warfare – unveils a fetching line of balladry here: black-hearted folk song draped in fuzz, topped with a dark baby-doll whisper...imagine Nico channelling Sandy Denny in front of blue Oyster Cult - and you're close." David Fricke, Senior Editor, Rolling Stone (USA)

Penny will also be touring Australia and beyond in 2008-09 to promote her new album and has been hand picked for an upcoming tour with US guitar legend Adrian Belew, who she supported in Australia in 2006.

"Toe-nail polish and noise guitar. Sexy silvery sandals and breathy, twisitng and turning vocals. I bet they stare at her guitar and worship at her feet back in her native Australia..." Sally Green, Mohair Sweets (USA)

Penny's unique history and music was recently the subject of a documentary called **Electra: The Music of Penny Ikinge** in which Penny is interviewed by **Chrissy Amphlett (Divinyls)**. Musicians from Penny's past including **Kim Salmon, Charlie Owen, Deniz Tek, Clare Moore** and **Louis Tillet** also appeared in the film. **Electra: The Music of Penny Ikinge** was directed by **Rachael Lucas (Bondi Tsunami)** and featured in the 2007 St Kilda Film Festival.

"...combining a dangerously seductive voice with a guitar she makes sound so alive it breathes..." Fred E Gostein, City Search, Australia

Ikinge's debut 2003 release **Electra** was all breathy vocals and sonic guitar, but her next album takes a twisted turn to investigate playful and melodic vocal and guitar possibilities - wherein Ikinge strays off the beaten track to tell her stories of life, love and redemption. Now in its final stages, her second album gets seriously groovy - 3 minute 'girl group' inspired pop songs colliding with Penny's textured 'noise' guitar and black hearted balladry.

"Stunning...Dense with thick, distorted chords and swampy moans, but with graceful, delicate moments as well, the disc is primal, raw and gut-wrenching..." Shawn Conner, Georgia Straight (Canada)

Electra was released on CD on the American label Career Records (by legendary **Radio Birdman** guitarist **Deniz Tek** and Montana based music guru **Ron Sanchez**), **Electra** surpassed all expectations, appearing in Top Ten lists (at #2 in prestigious New York magazines **The Village Voice** and **The Big Takeover**) and numerous music publications in America, Canada and Australia.

"...with Ikinge's aggressive white-noise cacophonies of guitar counterpointed by the compelling coo of her voice, each song comes on like a siren's call from the depths..." Sophie Best, The Age (Australia)

Penny is well known for her career as a guitarist with Australian acts **Wet Taxis** and **Louis Tillet** and has also performed and recorded with artists such as **Tex Perkins, Deniz Tek, Kim Salmon** and **Sacred Cowboys**. In 2003 she stepped up to the microphone on her own as a singer/songwriter and electrified audiences around Australia, New Zealand, France, Spain, Germany, Switzerland, Canada and the US with songs from her critically acclaimed debut album **Electra**.

"Incredibly cool femme fatale laid-back noise rock by Australian guitar beauty...Ikinge's voice and amazing guitar work makes this one hulluva solid piece of female rock..." Lowcut, USA

Welcome to the future - you can find news about Penny Ikinge's next release, tour dates and get a complete history/discography info at www.pennyikinger.com.

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