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**NORMALTOWN RECORDS SIGNS GEORGIA FOLK DUO CICADA RHYTHM;  
TWO WINGS 7-INCH OUT JUNE 23 WITH DEBUT LP TO FOLLOW THIS FALL**

LOS ANGELES, CA, June 22, 2015 – **Normaltown Records**, the Georgia-based imprint of **New West Records**, is excited to announce it has netted acclaimed Athens-based folk duo **Cicada Rhythm** and will release its debut full-length album this fall. As an introduction to the hauntingly beautiful sounds of Julliard-trained singer/stand-up bassist **Andrea DeMarcus** and singer/guitarist **Dave Kirslis**, the label will release a two-song 7-inch entitled **Two Wings** this **Tuesday, June 23**. The two tracks “**Do Not Destroy**” and “**Wait Till Morning**” were recorded live this past spring by **Drew Vandenberg** (Drive-By Tuckers, of Montreal, Kishi Bashi) at **Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church**, a historic 200-year church outside of Sparta, GA. The A-side “Do Not Destroy” premiered with **American Songwriter** who called the gentle, rolling song “hypnotic.”

“The church has a spirit of its own,” says Kirslis. “Every little musical nuance was amplified, it was a magical atmosphere.” Adds DeMarcus: “Zion really lent itself to our sound, made it humm with its vintage resonance.”

Cicada Rhythm has been buzzing around Georgia for the past couple years and the duo’s understated and elegant music resulted in **Creative Loafing Atlanta** awarding them “**Best Local Folk Act**” in 2013. The pair have charmed the Southern press with **Flagpole** writing, “The thing that most impresses about Cicada Rhythm's sound is how big it is, even though it's not. Cloaked in sleepy sweetness—all ringing acoustic guitar and sliding upright bass, cooed vocals with snug, Welch/Rawlings-style harmonies—the Atlanta-based duo's music lands with an impact you didn't quite see coming.” **Creative Loafing Charlotte** exclaimed, “Regardless of how the influences of folk, jazz and blues intermingled, Cicada Rhythm craft an open-hearted, inventive blend of American musics in deceptively simple songs that are both haunting and playfully jaunty... Rarely has a band’s name fit their music so well. Cicada Rhythm conjure up the Southern twilight when the buzz of insects washes in waves through the trees, and that eerie but comforting moment of stasis before the world transforms.”

Born and raised in Georgia, this talented pair imitates and modernizes folk music to a rejuvenating degree. The sound of DeMarcus and Kirslis exhibits skilled and articulate guitar picking honed in dive bars over rolling bass lines. The duo, which delivers chilling harmonies, unbridled enthusiasm and sincere performances, will play **City Winery** in **Nashville** tonight and make their way back to their new hometown Athens for two shows at **AthFest 2015** this weekend.

**CICADA RHYTHM ON TOUR**

June 22 – Nashville, TN @ City Winery  
June 24 – Louisville, KY @ The Bard’s Town Theatre  
June 26 – Athens, GA @ AthFest 2015 – Hendershot’s  
June 27 – Athens, GA @ AthFest 2015 – Normaltown Hall  
July 25-26 – Macon, GA @ Bram Jam 2015  
August 29 – Cloverleaf Farm, GA @ Wildwood Revival  
September 10-13 – Pipestem, WV @ CultureFest 2015

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