

## **Teen to Open First Post-COVID Show for Legendary NYC Music Venue**

*Singer JudyAnne Jackson will kick off April 9 show at the West Village's The Bitter End*

**NEW YORK – Mar. 23, 2021** – Switch on the stage lights, crank up the amps and dust off the bar – live music is back in New York City's Greenwich Village. And at The Bitter End, the city's oldest rock 'n' roll club and one of its most storied, the opening act is as hopeful and heartfelt as music fans' enthusiasm for the return of the concert experience.

Established in 1961, the legendary club has hosted artists including Stevie Wonder, Bob Dylan, Lady Gaga, John Prine, Taylor Swift, Gavin DeGraw, John Denver, Norah Jones, and thousands more. Before the pandemic, the 230-person-capacity venue was open daily to showcase a variety of live music.

On April 9, 13-year-old Tampa Bay singer-songwriter JudyAnne Jackson will be the first performer as the club opens its doors for the first time in more than a year. Like most music clubs and venues throughout the country, The Bitter End went dark as a result of COVID-19 health and safety concerns.

“After being closed for a year, a first since we opened in 1961, DirectCurrentMedia ( DCM) via Jody Prusan has placed in the lovely & talented JudyAnne to kick off our return to live shows,” said Paul Rizzo, owner of The Bitter End. “We’ve renovated and will have new safety protocols in place and a layout that takes these concerns into account while ensuring the musicians sound as great as ever. We missed The Bitter End so much and this DCM (Direct Current Media) kickoff is a proud moment for us.”

Through perseverance and dedication to her craft, JudyAnne has been featured as halftime entertainment at Madison Square Garden, won Producers' Choice for PBS Celebration of Music; and was selected by NBC's Today Show as a finalist in its aspiring singer/songwriter contest.

Despite her age, JudyAnne captivates audiences with her powerful voice, guitar skill and songwriting talent. She's been described as an old soul, a dedicated artist, and a prodigy. JudyAnne has been singing all her life, even before she could speak.

At eight, she began playing guitar and a year later, wrote her first song, “Stuck in the Clouds,” about her dreams of becoming a musician.

“I love music because it makes me happy and brings smiles and joy to people who listen,” said JudyAnne. “I’m excited to have the chance to perform at The Bitter End in New York City, a stage where so many of my musical heroes have performed.”

The show kicks off at 6:30 p.m. on April 9 to a limited audience. To reserve a ticket, visit

<https://www.judyannejackson.com/schedule>

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