

MAY'S CD RELEASE SHOW
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Taken at Higher Grounds, Traverse City, Michigan

Music concerts that involve the release of a new album (CD-release shows) and always fun for me, especially if it involves my daughter May, who is touring doing concerts most of the time. Unfortunately, I usually miss them because they are too far to drive, too late at night, or some such reason. May and her partner Seth Bernard have both been doing CD-release shows this week.

I made a point to make it to Traverse City Michigan where she was doing a benefit and a CD-release show at "Higher Grounds," the fair-trade coffee wholesaler, the benefit was for raising money for building schools in Ethiopia. The show was great!

Many people were turned away, because the place was packed. In the first set, May did all of the tunes on her new album. The audience loved it. For the second set, she did older tunes, but also did some covers, including the Bill Withers tune "Ain't No Sunshine When You're Gone," and a great Stevie Wonder tune.

But the cover that brought the house down came when she took the microphone off the stand, put on a huge pair of sunglasses, and sang the Michael Jackson song "Human Nature." It was killer. The audience, who were already cranked, just went over the top. Apparently the band had worked on this song for months, and Michael Jackson tunes, as some of you must know, are very, very carefully designed and almost impossible to play properly. They got it spot on.

And May sang it not with tongue-in-cheek, but she really sang the heck of it. It was a jaw dropper and took me completely by surprise. I had no idea she was working on it or even could do something that precise. Anyway, you get the idea. It was one of those nights that you are blown so out that you don't know what to do with yourself for awhile. I had fun.



















May's partner in music and life, the great Seth Bernard.





May doing Michael Jackson's tune "Human Nature" blew everyone away.



The end of a great musical night.