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MORELLO IGNITES KICKSTARTER CAMPAIGN TO BRING FELLOW MUSICIAN AND PARTNER BACK FROM JAPAN TO LOS ANGELES

New Album Morello vs Masaru Mitsu *The Duellists* Available April 14

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Los Angeles, CA, Friday, April 3, 2015 – A friendship blossomed when **Morello**—aka British songwriter/producer **Malcolm “Sir Mal” Cross**, drummer for Pete Yorn, The Olms, Minibar, and Spiritualized — linked up with Japanese multi-instrumentalist **Masaru “Masa” Mitsu** — of Chocolat, Northern Light, and Cymbals — to craft what would become *The Duellists*, available digitally, on CD and vinyl on **April 14**.

“Fate brought Masa from Tokyo to L.A. for the recording sessions - now we need your help to help bring him back to Los Angeles to celebrate the album's release!” said **Sir Mal**. “Your pledge money will help cover Masa's plane ticket to L.A. Any additional funds raised will go towards a second ticket for me to go to Japan later this year and play a release show with Masa in Tokyo - my dream!” Though the Kickstarter campaign funded in less than a week, there is still time to help Mal make his dream a reality, by pre-ordering *The Duellists* via his Kickstarter campaign. Click [here](#) to help!

East and West unite like never before on **Morello vs Masaru Mitsu**'s forthcoming new album, *The Duellists*. What began as a long-distance online friendship cemented by a mutual love of "obscure guitar bands and '80s synth-pop" blossomed into a creative partnership, as early demos bounced back and forth between their respective cities of Los Angeles and Tokyo. When the Fukushima disaster happened in 2011, “Masa San” took an extended vacation to California, and plans were formed to finally meet in person and record in Los Angeles' Echo Park neighborhood with Grammy-nominated engineer John Would (Fiona Apple) behind the board. Together, they uncovered a unique chemistry that incorporates a myriad of cultures, styles, and textures. The resulting sessions yielded this celebratory record - chiming guitars, old-school synths, R&B horns and songs about “modern life and modern love.”

Below is a list of in-store and show dates Morello will be performing in and around Los Angeles to promote the album. Get ready for music that defies borders and boundaries with *The Duellists*.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>VENUE</u>
Fri, 4/23	Long Beach, CA	Fingerprints*
Sat, 5/2	Echo Park, LA	Stanley Recordings
Thu, 5/17	Venice Beach, CA	Venice Art Walk @ Google (on Hampton Drive)

*In-store performance w/Masa

*Album release party

About Morello

Formed in 1996 in London, UK, in the midst of the flourishing Acid Jazz scene, leader Malcolm "Sir Mal" Cross named the band after his childhood hero, jazz drummer Joe Morello. Ultra-rare UK debut album *Jackpot* ('98) enjoyed a cult following, but a relocation to Los Angeles with British group Minibar in '99 meant starting from scratch. The resulting self-produced album, *minimal* (2003), was a musical tribute to his new home; a wildly eclectic scrapbook of new friends and experiences. (Pete Yorn calls it "*a hit in every genre!*") The follow-up, *Handheld* (2007), distilled a love of '80s synthpop, soft rock and vintage

videogames. Touring commitments with Pete Yorn and others prevented adequate promotion of the album, despite radio play on KCRW, and it remains a "lost gem." The new album, *The Duellists*, featuring Tokyo scenester Masaru Mitsu, is the first truly "hi-fi" Morello project. And production credits from John Would (Fiona Apple) and R Walt Vincent (Pete Yorn, Tortoise).

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