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**Global Arts Live presents** 

Billy Wylder with special guest Alisa Amador opening

October 15, 8pm Crystal Ballroom at the Somerville Theatre

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**Boston, MA** — **Global Arts Live** presents <u>Billy Wylder</u> on Friday October 15 at 8pm at the <u>Crystal Ballroom at the Somerville Theatre</u>, 55 Davis Square, Somerville. Alisa Amador opens the show with her trio. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 day of show, general admission, standing room only. For tickets and information call Global Arts Live at 617.876.4275 or buy online at <u>globalartslive.org</u>.

Boston's own Billy Wylder weaves together American folk and rock with sensibilities from the Sahara Desert. From the front-lines at Standing Rock to the archaic streets of Jerusalem, the Sahel Desert to Carnegie Hall, music has been the source of strength for Billy Wylder. The band features Avi Salloway (Bombino/Hey Mama/Avi & Celia) joined by an inspired cast of singular artists who have performed across five continents including concerts at Coachella, Newport Folk Festival, New Orleans Jazz Fest, Montreal Jazz Fest, Carnegie Hall, and Lincoln Center.

Billy Wylder forge ahead with their new EP, *Whatcha Looking For* (released April 9, 2021 on Sand & Gold Records). On the recording, Billy Wylder grapples with some of the most critical questions of our time, while offering a sense of hope and possibility. What is freedom? Has the American dream died? What is truth and what is truly important to us? Are we closer to the source of our problems than we realize? What are we looking for? The tracks evoke musical evolutions built on grooves informed by ancient African rhythms, art-rock textures, expansive guitars, violins, synths, and drum machines. Salloway's lyrics flow with inspiration from mythical songwriting hero Leonard Cohen, while threading together more abstract imagery reminiscent of Thom Yorke. *Whatcha Looking For* was recorded at Great North Sound Society and produced by Salloway and celebrated producer, Sam Kassirer (Lake Street Dive, Josh Ritter).



Alisa Amador opens the show with her trio. Her music is a synthesis of the many styles she's voraciously absorbed: rock, jazz, funk, and alternative folk, all wrapped in the spirit of the Latin music she grew up with.

**For more information:** Billy Wylder: <u>billywylder.com</u> Alisa Amador: <u>alisaamador.com</u> High resolution images <u>here</u>.

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