

SUDBURY PERFORMANCE GROUP'S SECOND ANNUAL

# Northern Arts Festival

## CONCERT SERIES

MARCH 11 - AUGUST 28, 2021

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# *A Note from Sudbury Performance Group*



Welcome, everyone, to our 2nd edition of our live...well, live-streamed, Northern Arts Festival.

We are so pleased to be able to welcome to the stage so many talented musicians, all from within the Sudbury area. The current global situation has made it difficult for us to operate our Festival the way we wanted to; however, we are thankful for the staff and management at The Coulson Nightclub for partnering with us, and allowing us to call the Coulson 'home' for the Festival. This is a testament to what The Coulson stands for—producing LIVE music under the belief that music IS essential. The team at Northern Remote Video Productions have been a Godsend when it comes to working out the live-stream aspects of the Festival. We are honored to have them as a community partner on this venture.

Sudbury Performance Group was founded on the principle of allowing professional artists to get paid fairly for their work. We are SO pleased to be continuing this for the second year straight.

We look forward to listening to the music of our city over the duration of our Festival, and preparing for bigger things in 2022.

*Mark Mannisto*

President, Sudbury Performance Group



## *Bianca Ferland* (Video Broadcasting)

Bianca is a strong, passionate woman, who is multi-talented. Spending many years in front of the camera as a signed model and on set for films, and being a part of many events across Ontario as a promotional model, have lead her to where she is today—behind the scenes as a creator and visionary in fan experience.

Her love for music and live entertainment allows her to understand what it takes to create a successful event for everyone involved. From planning to creating content for an event. Behind the camera, she showcases a passion for photography and videography. Bianca is ambitious in finding solutions to any problems that arise. This innovator is known for creating an iconic, outdoor bar, and rebranding two local nightclubs. Bianca has had the great opportunity to work with many artists and organizations for the years, and will continue to show her love and support to the industry she loves so very much.

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## *Steve McArthur* (Audio Recording)

Steve has a long history in the Sudbury music community. Starting at an early age, he toured Canada and North America as a member of various bands. He taught guitar to local children for many years. He acted as Master of Ceremonies of countless charity events until 2010, when he shifted his focus from on the stage to behind the board. He was production manager at Theatre Cambrian for a few years, and has mixed and worked with Canadian artists such as Colter Wall, Taw Connors, The Trews, Anvil, and Big Wreck. He has been the sound technician and booking agent for one of Sudbury's largest music venues, The Coulson, for several years. His love and passion for live music is what has been keeping him positive during the current world pandemic.





**March 11**

*Johnny  
Williams*

For thirty-two years now, Johnny Williams has been able to see the world as a musician, and he absolutely loves it.

He's had the pleasure of working with the band Terra Cain, which toured the USA for years, back and forth to Canada, and opened up for many bands, including Def Leppard, The Tea Party, Aldo Nova, Big Sugar, Big Wreck, 54\*40, and many more. Even to this day, Terra Cain still gets together to jam, a bond that will keep going.

Now, Williams plays acoustic solo gigs in local restaurants and at house parties, with an outlaw-country sound and a hint of rocking-blues vocals.

He is working on an album this year, and can't wait to see how the journey will unfold.

Like he's always said, "Our life is the best movie we'll ever get to watch."

When not at his full-time job as a children's mental-health therapist, Rod Bazinet is a thirty-five-year veteran in the professional music scene. Known for his past role as lead singer for the Blues Brothers, and current role as lead vocalist for Saturday Night Special, a tribute to Lynyrd Skynyrd, Rod has also been the resident performer on the North Channel cruise lines, as well as at most local performance establishments with his daughter, Kassie Taylor.



**March 18**

*Rod  
Bazinet*

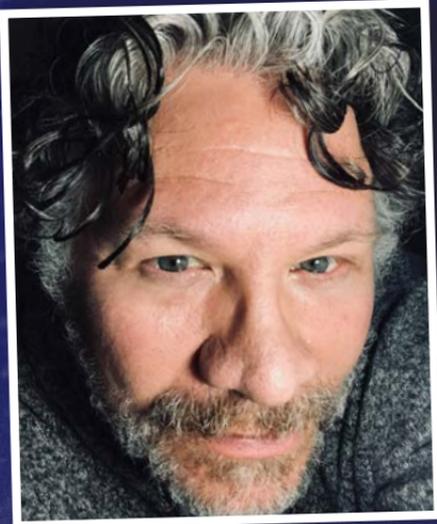
Naked Soul is a husband & wife duo from Sudbury, Ontario, that plays classic and modern rock/pop music. They formed the duo in 2009, primarily as a passion for their love of making music, with having fun being the main focus. Their repertoire ranges from Janis Joplin to Lady Gaga, and everything in between, and their appeal seems to attract quite a wide range of audiences. With powerhouse vocals at the helm, and solid, acoustic background present, these two are a delight to watch and listen to.



**March 25**

*Naked  
Soul*





April 1

Phil  
Morris

Phil is an accomplished musician in Greater Sudbury. After majoring in Music at the University of Toronto, he is now a full-time music teacher and therapist. He is the owner and operator of Phil Morris Music, where he teaches 13 instruments and voice. Half of his students are children with special needs and the other half are people that just want to learn and have fun. Phil has been surrounded by music his entire life. He has been writing songs ever since he was a small boy delivering newspapers, making up songs wherever he went.

Phil represented Canada in Chicago at the Canadian Embassy, and The Tall Ships Festival.

Now, performing professionally, most of his work is improvised. He often creates music on the spot in front of live audiences. His main sound would be described as adult contemporary, due to his being a total singer-songwriter, like Billy Joel, Don Henley, or Peter Gabriel. "People that like fine wine, good art, good stories, or a really cold beer will enjoy my work," states Morris. In his shows, he often adapts his arrangements to fit that night's audience. Phil's shows will sometimes also make room for audience participation, allowing them to get a little crazy & fun.



**April 15**

*Scott Mitchell*

Scott Mitchell has been entertaining audiences throughout Ontario for twenty years, and continues to put on a high-energy show that entertains audiences of all ages. This solo acoustic-loop artist boasts a catalogue that includes all styles of popular music from the past fifty years, and he adds his own unique style to these classic and modern songs. The fun and enthusiasm exuded by My Band guarantees an electric atmosphere that is sure to draw you in. Be sure to see Scott Mitchell!

Celebrate the best of Elton John's memorable songs, performed by Sudbury's own Rod Bazinet. John's work has been part of the very fabric of our culture, and a language we all understand, for what seems like forever. Bazinet's performances feature Elton's most memorable tracks, such as 'Your Song', 'Can You Feel the Love Tonight?', 'Benny and the Jets?', and more...

Elton John has a career spanning over 40 years, resulting in fifty-seven top-40 hits in the United States, second only to Elvis Presley in total, with twenty-seven of these hitting the top ten, and nine reaching number one.

Rod Bazinet will not only pay tribute to the Rocket Man himself, but when you mix the energy of Elton's music with Bazinet's dynamic vocals, you will be delighted with stories and be engaged with all the hits you have come to love.



**April 22**

*The Hits of  
Elton John*

Marc Serré is a father, a husband, and a singer-songwriter from Hanmer, ON. For over 20 years, Marc has been writing and performing in French and English in Ontario and Quebec, as well as in select locations across the US and the UK. Whether performing his own compositions or interpreting another artist, Marc respectfully conveys the songs' melodies and messages with a strong, rhythmic guitar style and clear, expressive vocals. In 2018, Marc was honoured with an induction into the Northern Ontario Country Music Association.



*Marc  
Serré*

**April 29**



**May 1**

# *Dave McNab*

Dave McNab is a singer-songwriter from Onaping Falls, Ontario. He is known for his thunderous vocals, and his ability to make his audience feel the emotion in a song. He's known for playing outlaw country, both new and old. He's also the frontman for North America's only Chris Stapleton tribute act, Outlaw State of Mind. He's been performing for over twenty years, and is also quite active at charitable events in the community.



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**May 8**

# Bazinet & Infanti

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If there is a will... "There is a Way", and Scott Infanti has found his!

After a University education in Music, with a concentration in piano and vocal performance, Scott became involved in musical theatre, not only as a performer, but as a producer, and as a vocal director. During this time Scott, who originally hails from Sault Ste. Marie, formed a local band where he played keyboards, guitar, harmonica, and mandolin, and spent several years touring Northern Ontario.

In 2001, Scott was honored by being the youngest entertainer to be inducted into the Northern Ontario Country Music Association, where he continues to perform as the association's recurring keyboard player, and back-up vocalist.

Scott is an accomplished, multi-instrumentalist who continuously strives to develop, educate, and expand his musical horizons. Whether it is performing at a wedding, a church service, a country jamboree, or with a local theatre group, his desire to deliver that "great performance" continues to drive his need to evolve and perfect his craft.

Scott has shared the stage with such artists as Tanya Tucker, Vince Gill, Jason McCoy, Tracy Bird, Asleep at the Wheel, Diamond Rio, The Bellamy Brothers, Trooper, Nazareth, and Johnny Cash.

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May 15

# Fortunate Losers

This radical band may be in their early- to late-twenties collectively, but they are incredibly talented, and an all-around, humble bunch, all with one shared goal in their minds—show the world what Fortunate Losers is capable of. Currently, the band has two releases to celebrate to date (*Cut Teeth & Tidal Waves EP*). “When I think about being a member of FL, I can’t help but think, is this real life anymore? If I told five-year-old Brent that he would get the opportunity to meet and perform with some of his favourite artists, I’d call him a big, fat liar. Being in this band has brought great opportunity and excitement to my life. Becoming a Loser was the best decision I ever made,” says bassist Brent Boileau.

Band members grew up in Sudbury, Ontario, also known as the “Big Nickel,” and extremely well known for being very blue-collar-like, very industrious, and hometown of one of the greats. Something audiences will notice, is the incredible and outstanding musicianship of this band. These four guys made it their goal to produce a sound that they could share with the world. With influences like *Soundgarden*, *Deftones*, & *Alice in Chains*, the band surely pumped out great tunes with good vibes, great melodies, and heartfelt lyrics. Needless to say, the world should get ready for what’s to come.

Brent (bass) also says, “It’s the perfect blend of 90’s grunge rock and your modern-day, alternative rock. We really believe the end product is entirely everything we could have ever asked for. It took two-and-a-half years to produce, it was such a long process, but yet, every second it took was well worth it.”

In recent years, the band has had great pleasure getting able to share the stage with some incredible artists, some of which they are big fans. These artists include *Finger Eleven*, *Glorious Sons*, *Mother Mother*, *USS*, *Billy Talent*, *Death From Above*, *The Trews* and many, many more. Fortunate Losers is definitely nowhere near shy, and we can expect great, great things to come in the near future.

“When I checked out your music videos and listened to your songs, it was definitely clear to me that Fortunate Losers have some big raw talent. I have a knack for interviewing young artists who end up taking over the globe. Just like I did with Avril Lavigne.” – Ed the Sock – Canadian Icon, *Much Music/MTV*

“They deserve to make it because of how extremely talented they are. It’s not a matter of IF they make it, but WHEN they make it.” – Nicole Wolfe – *Canadian Beats*

At the moment, Fortunate Losers are in gear with their current EP release, “Tidal Waves,” which happens to be a solid, soaring rock EP that dives deep into the various rock genres, radiating vibes of *Alice In Chains*, *Filter*, *Bush*, and *Led Zepplin*. Do yourself a favour, and become acquainted with this band—you might just become a fan!

Fortunate Losers are: Devon Cox, Brent Boileau, Kyle Poulin, and Brad Giffen





May 22

Edouard  
Landry

Originaire de Sudbury en Ontario, Edouard Landry façonne à travers ses chansons, un univers folk aux accents pop, rock, country, et aux mélodies accrocheuses. Son sens de la mélodie et son aisance à naviguer à travers les styles musicaux séduisent. Il est nommé dans la catégorie 'Meilleur interprète masculin' au Gala des prix Trille Or (2017), Artiste francophone de l'année au Country Music Association of Ontario Awards (2020), et ses albums 'Pomme plastique II' et 'L'escalade' sont nommés 'Meilleur album par un artiste francophone' au Prix de musique et de film du Nord de l'Ontario (2017 et 2019). Un premier album anglophone, *Be Here Now*, sera lancé en 2021.

Edouard Landry's songs are a mix of pop, rock, folk, and catchy melodies. The Sudbury, Ontario artist was nominated in the "Best Male Performer" category at the Gala des prix Trille Or (2017) and Francophone Artist of the Year at the Country Music Association of Ontario Awards (2020), and his albums *Pomme plastique II* and *L'escalade* were nominated "Best Album by a Francophone Artist" at the Northern Ontario Music and Film Awards (2017 and 2019). Ed will be releasing his first, full-length, English-language album, *Be Here Now*, in 2021.

Whiskey Trip is an acoustic-based duo from Sudbury, Ontario. Members Ed Gemus and Matt Larton grew up in the Sudbury South and Lively areas. Aside from their acoustic duo, and playing at various local venues over the last decade, they have both played in various bands in Sudbury and area over the last twenty years.

Whiskey Trip delivers a variety of classic and alternative rock music, acoustic-style, spanning several decades, including The Beatles, The Eagles, Neil Young, Pink Floyd, Pearl Jam, and Nirvana in their repertoire.

Whiskey Trip recently produced a 5-song EP, *Whiskey Trip, The Other Side*. Some of the lyrical content reflects on the stress in our pandemic time. It is available on a few platform sites (Apple, Spotify—see link below)

[whiskeytrip.hearnow.com](http://whiskeytrip.hearnow.com)



**May 29**

*Whiskey  
Trip*

# Ashley Woodruff



**June 5**



Twenty-One (21) is a 4-piece, Sudbury band. Their style ranges from classic rock, to today's dance. The band formed in 2016 from a collection of nerdy aristocrats who met at a bar, and who just couldn't get enough AC/DC, Journey, Dua Lipa, and The Weeknd. Their unique brand of entertainment fuses fun and danceable tracks, with non-choreographed displays and banter, that will make you want to sing along. Now hailed as 'performed at the iconic back yard of that guy you know'.



# Twenty One

**June 12**



# *Good Vibes*



**June 19**

**Chanelle Albert & the Easy Company** are an independent and psychedelic, folk-rock band based out of Sudbury, Ontario, Canada. The group is fronted by singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist, **Chanelle Albert**, who is accompanied by **Andrew Gagnon** on drums, and **Jacob Tyler** on Bass. Their craft is greatly influenced by artists such as The Beatles, Janis Joplin, The Moody Blues, and Emerson Lake & Palmer.

Chanelle Albert & the Easy Company was formed on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018.

# Chanelle Albert

## & the Easy Company



**June 26**





# Roller Rink Rewind

**July 3**

Roller Rink Rewind is the ultimate bilingual retro dance band, and they've been entertaining crowds across Northern Ontario for years, with memories of the fantastic music from decades past. They have extensive experience, both individually and as a band, in a professional setting, and they have performed at countless events, including festivals, weddings, fundraisers, corporate parties, nightclubs, and more. Their experience means that you will enjoy great entertainment, knowing that your event will be professionally looked after.



# Chicks with Picks

**July 10**

**2 LADIES, 2 MICROPHONES,  
2 GUITARS, AND PLENTY OF HARMONIES**

Mel and Nancy are an acoustic duo, who've been playing various types of venues since 2000. Harmonies and playing mostly classic rock are the staples of this live act.

*Jude Alexander*

**July 17**





**July 17**

*Chad Rivette*

# Skylark

July 24



Skylark is brought to you by Sudbury Performance Group. Skylark is a Northern Ontario, all-female vocal cover group, who sing hits from various artists and genres, including ABBA, Bruno Mars, Justin Timberlake, The Supremes, Shania Twain, Meghan Trainor, The Beatles, and many more. The six members, Tanya, Angel, Melanie, K.C., Sue, and Kelsie, all met each other while performing with a number of local theatre companies over the last 20 years. They represent women from all facets of life, and carry the message that all women are beautiful, all women are strong, and all women should empower each other.

Skylark will have you dancing and singing along, as they perform hits such as *All About That Bass*, *Uptown Funk*, *Can't Stop the Feeling*, *Dancing Queen*, *Love Shack*, and many more.

Restored is a rock-and-roll band, which started in the small town of Sudbury, Ontario. What started as a joke about not knowing the difference between AC/DC and Guns and Roses, turned into the coming together of the first two band members, singer Ron and guitarist Jack. With a rough start to building this nameless band, after the loss of two drummers and a bass player, they turned to social media and found a drummer, Sarah, and a seasoned guitarist, AJ. With the addition of bassist, Jaelyn, a friend of Jack's, they finally had a full band, and after losing so many members and finally getting everyone on board, they decided to name the band Restored.

The first time all five of them played together there was such a great chemistry between everyone. They began to write some original material, and are really excited about showing it to everyone!

Restored consists of: Ron Smith – Singer, Jack Nykilchyk – Guitar, AJ Lane – Guitar, Jaelyn Voz – Bass, Sarah Bazinet - Drums

# Restored



**July 31**



# Jelly Cap

August 7



Meet the band!

Sudbury native Sean Perras has been playing drums and percussion in a multitude of genres since the early 90s. He was on the faculty of Cambrian College's Theatre Arts program for many years, and continues to work as a musical director and sound designer for musical theatre productions.

Andre Plante moved from Burlington, Ontario to Northeastern Ontario in 2004. Passionate about music, he started playing guitar at the age of 14. He has played in many bands with various musical genres, and also composes music for the film, animation, and television industry. Currently, Andre works as a video editor for an animation studio in Sudbury, Ontario.

Having played bass since 1987, Hamilton native John MacDonald studied music at Mohawk College. He spent many years performing extensively around the Golden Horseshoe. His musical styles include jazz, blues, funk, R&B, and classic rock. John has lived in the Sudbury area since 2017.

Singer, performer, and voice coach Kelly Perras is a Sudbury native. She has studied voice with some of Canada's most elite coaches. Spanning everything from classical music and jazz, to rock, funk and drag, Kelly's range of performance style is diverse. During her years in Toronto, Kelly worked and performed in many of TO's best live-music venues.

Trained in jazz, Zach Weil has been playing piano professionally for the past twenty years. Originally from Hamilton, he has played across North America and Europe, and now calls Sudbury home. Zach currently teaches jazz piano at Laurentian University, but enjoys playing various styles of music in a number of ensembles.

Tessa Gooden has always had major musical influences in her life. At the age of 13, she began to play the cello and train in classical music, leading to performances with the Sudbury Symphony Orchestra. After graduating from MMA and attending Laurentian University for Music, she moved on to acting and performing in musicals with YES Theatre (*HAIR*, *Rent*, *Spring Awakening*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*), Thornloe Theatre (*As You Like It*), and the Sudbury Theatre Centre (*The Drowsy Chaperone*). She led YES Theatre to singing backup for Juno Award winners, Marianas Trench. Wanting to try something new, she has now spent almost a decade writing and producing original music for herself, and on production teams for major artists, including Daniel Caesar, Drake, the Weeknd, Migos, Mariah Carey, and more. She is now an award-nominated singer, songwriter, and recording engineer, who has travelled the world touring, and promoting original music. She has had her original music licensed to film and television, most recently to *Kim's Convenience*, season four. She is currently trying to close the gap and raise the percentage of female-identifying producers on the billboard charts.



# Tessa

## August 14



The band Doubletake was established by Bob Tosato and Guy Moncion approximately 20 years ago to help fill a void in the “new country” format. Over the years, there have been some member changes, and currently the band consists of Bob Tosato (drums and vocals), Guy Moncion (bass and vocals), Luke Young (guitar), Rolly Lafantaisie (guitar and vocals), and Scott Infanti (keyboards and vocals). Between them, the band has over 150 years of stage experience, and all members have received various accolades, including, but not limited to: being inducted in the Northern Ontario Country Music Association, being inducted in the Northern Ontario Country Music Association Hall of Fame, graduating from the Guitar Institute of Technology in Los Angeles, and being a winner or finalist in numerous, province-wide, singing contests. The band is extremely solid musically and vocally, and covers numerous music formats including new and classic country, 70’s to 90’s rock, rock & roll, R & B, dance, etc. As a band they have travelled throughout Northern and central Ontario, the Ottawa valley, and various regions of western Quebec.



*Doubletake*

**August 21**



**August 28**

*Andy Lowe*

Andy Lowe is a singer/songwriter/entertainer who has called Sudbury, Ontario his home for the last thirty-five years. He has been a mainstay at venues like Peddlers' and Fionn MacCool's, and was the resident summer entertainer at the Killarney Mountain Lodge for twenty years. He has written and recorded over thirty songs, celebrating the Sudbury, Killarney, and Manitoulin areas. Since Covid has curtailed live appearances, he is working at writing more songs and making music videos.



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