

The Pernell Reichert Band is a three-piece group that has been together for 13+ years. Well received at folk festivals, pubs and coffee houses throughout Western Canada, the band features singer-songwriter Pernell Reichert on guitars, banjo, harmonica and vocals, Ross Christopher Fairbairn on bass and backup vocals and Tom Tischer on drums and backup vocals. Their music is razor sharp folk, alt-country or cow punk. The band's witty banter with the audience accompanied by their fast folksy songs, electric slide and foot-stompin' banjo tunes, interspersed with melodic self-penned ballads by Pernell, provide for a great evening of all around entertainment.

In the early 90's, with his guitar in tow, Pernell lived the life of an itinerant roamer. Whether tree planting in the mountains of his native British Columbia, farming on kibbutz's of the Middle East and Great Britain, or avoiding accidents as a roughneck on the rigs of the Canadian oil patch – Pernell perfected his guitar playing style and began to pen the songs that would become his narrative; songs that reflect his journey through life including the challenges of broken relationships and the questioning conundrum experienced when things in reality don't jibe with the 'system'.

Performing as a solo artist throughout those early years, whether on the stage at a pub in Bristol, England – or at an open mic on The Drive in Vancouver, BC – Pernell developed his unique panache – a style of guitar playing described as high energy with fast finger-picking numbers that keep the audience captivated.

In 2008 the band released their self-titled album followed by a 39 day tour of western Canada that took the boys from Vancouver to Winnipeg and back. June to July were solo-touring months for Pernell, from BC to southern Ontario. The band joined in for August and September. In the fall the group went international with a 10-shows-in-10-days tour of South Africa which produced a live recording later included on their 2011 EP.

In 2011, with the newly released *Highway of Tears* in hand, the band set out on the road again, connecting the dots between big city performances in Winnipeg MB, Saskatoon SK and Calgary AB with smaller town shows in places such as Nanton, AB and Sirdar, BC. As well, they graced many of the local Vancouver BC venues with their smokin' toe-tappin' sound that was only getting better with the years.

2012 kept the band busy with local Vancouver venues in addition to the western Canadian festival circuit, including The Edge of the World in Haida Gwaii, Calgary's famous Lilac Festival and the fantastic Vancouver Khatsahlano Music and Arts Festival.

2013 saw the band return to the famous ArtsWells Festival in beautiful Wells, BC playing alongside such greats as CR Avery and Shred Kelly. The Lytton River Festival with it's scenic setting and amazingly energetic audience and perhaps the best memory of 2013 was the Rock Creek Fall Fair sharing the billing with Tim Hus and Fred Penner!

2014 started with the Snowflake Festival in Ymir BC! This awesome winter festival was an amazing time of rocking out on the back of a flatbed in the midst of a winter wonderland. The year filled out with regular slots at Pernell's favourite local Vancouver

area venues, reappearances at the ArtsWells Festival, Lytton River Festival, Rock Creek Fall Fair (sharing the billing this time with the entertaining Charlotte Diamond!) and an evening under the setting sun with Concerts in the Cove in the beautiful Deep Cove setting of North Vancouver. Followed by some hot Okanagan BC sun at The Sunshine Festival in Gyro Park, Penticton, and a few additional venues, it was a busy season. Because of the band's hectic travel schedules over the past two years, they cut it back a bit and in the fall of 2014 and spent some focused time with the pen in hand.

2015 saw the band sharing the stage in May with Marty Haggard at the Tenth Annual Canadian Rockies Cowboy Festival in Nordegg, Alberta. The summer music festival highlight was The Alert Bay Music Fest where they came away with some of the nicest of compliments!

In 2016 the band headlined The Tin Horn Creek Winery Music Series in beautiful Oliver, BC. 2016 also was the year the band completed their third full length album: The Road (You Ain't the One).

The Pernell Reichert Band is gearing up for another fun summer in 2017 and is looking forward to hitting the road and bringing their new recordings to life.