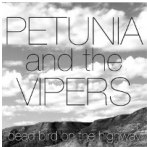


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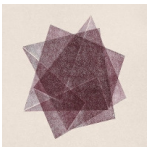
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The Best Local Releases of 2014

If home is where the heart is, local is where the music starts.

Edited By Magnus Thyvold

Most of our nationally revered artists have emerged from a local scene somewhere where they paid their dues and made the jump to stardom. Here are some insider tips to what maybe the next crop. We want to hear from you. Add your **best live show of 2014 in the comments.**

St John, NB

Brian Cleveland - !earshot 20, The Mixed Tape

!earshot 20 - various stations across the country

Tie between **NVN – EP** – (Sharktooth Records) (<http://sharktoothrecords.bandcamp.com/album/ep-2>) and **Stegosaurus – Masked Marvel** – (Sharktooth Records) (<http://sharktoothrecords.bandcamp.com/album/masked-marvel>)

Both EPs can be found through Saint John, NB's Sharktooth Records (sharktoothrecords.bandcamp.com) who put out some of the best tunes from the Bay of Fundy. Both are pretty fun 4-track releases featuring loose post-punk tunes. The latter is a little heavier.

Kamloops, BC

Jim Dupuis CFBX , Kamloops, BC

Jazz Notes – Wednesdays 5-7pm

Anita Eccleston - So It Goes - (Independent)
Anita Eccleston is a classically trained horn player and vocalist. She has dabbled in composing over the years and has put out a CD, which has eleven original compositions on it. She has tried out tunes such as "Scarlet Scribbles" and "Fumbling Forward" on local audiences over the last few years and they have evolved nicely over time. As a trumpet/flugelhorn player, she has taken notice of the work of Chet Baker, among others and has established her own sound. This CD is somewhat of a hybrid between jazz and pop. This makes it accessible to a wider audience. Favorite tracks include "Through It All" which has a big band sound with interesting vocal changes, and the bluesy "Claim on You" which allows **Eccleston** to showcase her considerable talents on trumpet and another local musician, **Kris Ruston** adds a fine guitar solo. **Eccleston** now lives in Vancouver, but visits family and often plays gigs in Kamloops. *So It Goes* is a jazzy/poppy/soulful mix that should appeal to many. It would be a nice



The Balconies: [read the earshot interview](#)

This Month

Meet Speaker Face, the folk-electronic band you never knew you wanted - until now

These "deep folk" makers talk about new genres, adult nightmares and embracing the universal driftwood sent your way. By Scott Wood

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Coco Love Alcorn is back with a "heavenly" new album and she's going to make you sing your soul out. By Jim Dupuis

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Well-travelled singer-songwriter talks about teenage ska bands and cheesy dental office music. By Scott Wood

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Kym Brown



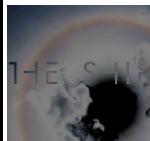
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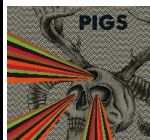
Michael Torke



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Pigs



Sofy Major



MDR Leipzig Radio Symphony Orchestra and

surprise in anyone's Christmas stocking.

<http://anitaeccleston.com>
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Ottawa

Max Szczy - Ottawa, ON

Altus – *Excursion Three* – (Earth Mantra)

Mike Carss has been secretly producing quality ambient music for over a decade, and the Ottawa resident is commendable for making it all free online. Influenced by new age musicians such as **Steve Roach**, **Carss'** latest release is so hypnotically beautiful that you might have to stop whatever activity you're doing in order to fully appreciate the man's gorgeous, synth-heavy sound textures. In the end, *Excursion Three* is a perfect soundtrack for the meditation sessions that you never realized you craved.

Website: <http://www.altusmusic.ca/>

Mitch Jascson - CKCU - Ottawa, Ontario

National Hum - Tuesdays 2-3pm

New Swears – *Junkfood Forever, Bedtime Whatever* – (Bruised Tongue)

If Ottawa's known for anything in the underground music world it's the consistently staggering amount of garage punk bands that the city produces. 2014 saw fantastic releases from **Steve Adamyk Band**, **Average Times**, **Tropical Dripps** and **Mother's Children**. But the Capital City funboys took the cake this year, poured Old Style Pilsner all over it and rolled around in it. These songs are catchy as hell, and much prettier than their outlandish party personas. The album cover pretty much says everything you need to know about these guys. For a city known as a boring, public service worker filled, depression-prone winter hellscape this record is like a goddamn firework fired right at the 417, letting passersbys travelling from Toronto to Montreal that there's something here.

<http://newswears.bandcamp.com/album/junkfood-forever-bedtime-whatever>

Owen Maxwell - CKCU - Ottawa, ON

Theme Songs - Mondays at 10am

The Balconies – *Fast Motions* – (Coalition Records)

Hometown heroes **The Balconies** released their debut LP which took the already explosive and loud sound from their *Kill Count* EP and made a full length recording that sounded even more professional, explosive and controlled. The production is amazing and it's great to see how the band has matured. The band is lead by the over-the-top **Jacquie O'Neve** who is the female version of a hair metal frontman and is a force of nature on stage.

<https://www.facebook.com/TheBalconies>

<http://thebalconies.ca/>

Read the [learshot interview from September 2013](#)

Vancouver

Alan Ranta - Exclaim, Georgia Straight, Vancouver, BC

Dada Plan - *A Dada Plan is Free* (Kingfisher Bluez)

Malcolm Biddle is a genius. I'm just going to keep saying that until everyone agrees with me. Thankfully, with his first album at the helm of the Dada Plan project, produced by none other than Joshua Wells of Lightning Dust and Black Mountain fame, it appears that day is very close now. Read Alan's [full review at the Georgia Straight](#).

Glen Ess - CIVL- FM Abbotsford BC

Rhythm & Rhyme - Tuesdays 11am to 12 noon

If by local you mean Vancouver (40 minutes' drive, tops!). I'm going to have to settle for a tie between:

Mother Mother – *Very Good Bad Thing* – (Universal Music Canada)

A pop vibe flows through this latest release from **Mother Mother** and it's definitely a fun one to listen to. For someone reason I keep comparing the record to **Depeche Mode**, in that it's a bit of an electro-pop album and a very danceable one at that but on closer inspection the lyrics really don't match up to the dance party vibe. It's actually brilliantly done, the lyrical dissonance. Best seen on the lead single: "Get Out of The Way", but personally "Modern Love" is my favorite track.

<http://www.mothermothersite.com>

good year

(Kranky)

Hip Hop

#1 **A Tribe Called Quest** - *We Got It from Here... Thank You 4 Your Service* - (Epic)

Loud

#1 **Protest The Hero** - *Pacific Myth* - (Self-Released)

Folk/Roots/Blues

#1 **Lisa Leblanc** - *Why You Wanna Leave, Runaway Queen?* - (Bonsound)

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