

Murder Murder

Northern Ontario's Murder Murder are a six-piece string band with suitcase percussion who create a unique blend of bluegrass and outlaw country. The band takes "rich down-home vocals and churns them with a brand of gothic that is as catchy as it is intriguing; audiences will be swept away by not only the band's musical talent, but the web of tragedy and tension that the songs spin."¹

Canadian culture and a fascination with their "Northern" geographical surroundings are the focus of the band's art - all of their narratives are set in Canada, primarily in their home of Northern Ontario. "Rooted in lore, but not bound by it, they incorporate a modern ethos into the mix. Their fiery blend strikes a cord with listeners looking for the best of both worlds: an authentic ode to the past with a fresh sensibility and perspective."²

Since its inception in 2013 Murder Murder has produced three full-length records, five music videos and toured across thirteen different countries. They have showcased at Folk Music Ontario, Canadian Music Week, NXNE, Folk Alliance International, and were 1 of only 18 international acts invited to showcase at the 2017 Americana Music Association UK Conference & Awards in London UK. Festival highlights include Northern Lights Festival Boreal (Sudbury ON), River & Sky Camping and Music Festival (Field ON), Harvest Jazz & Blues Festival (Fredericton NB), Feels Good Folly Fest (Gagetown NB), Up Here (Sudbury ON), the Fred Eaglesmith Charity Picnic (Aylmer ON), Hillside Festival (Guelph ON), Mariposa Folk Festival (Orillia ON), and Fire in the Mountain (Aberystwyth, UK), and the band is more and more seen headlining festivals, among them Live from the Rock (Red Rock ON), Shelter Valley (Grafton ON) and Blue Skies (Clarendon ON). The band has been featured in videos by Caper Radio, Jeff's Musical Car, Shoelack Radio, TFO's BRBR, performed live twice on BBC Radio, and made it to #1 on the campus charts in both Sudbury ON and Edmonton AB. Their record "From the Stillhouse" has seen regular airplay across the UK and Ireland.

Murder Murder was nominated for "Best Songwriter" in the 2015 Northern Ontario Film & Music Awards, "Best Songwriter" and "Best Music video" in the 2017 NOMFA's, selected as a semi-finalist at Indie Week Canada 2015, and elected Regional Champion for Northern Ontario in the 2015 CBC Searchlight Competition. As well as making it to the final 23 bands out of more than 3300 entries in 2015's Searchlight, Murder Murder was also selected as an "Audience Favourite".

Over the band's career they have shared the stage with many famed Canadian artists, including opening for Bahamas, Shred Kelly, Les Hotesses d'Hilaire, The Silver Hearts, Weber Brothers, Strumbellas, Fred Eaglesmith and Corb Lund.

¹ Emma Sloan, Canadian Beats 2017.

² Elizabeth Andrews, Disarm Magazine 2017