







## About The Band...

MoChester is a 4-piece rock-reggae driven band from Rochester, NY. The band's name is actually a fusion of the city it started in and Motown, one of its original influences. While the Motown groove provided early inspiration for the group, their current sound has a mainstream flair that has been compared to a blend of O.A.R. and Incubus, with a west coast swagger reminiscent of The Dirty Heads and Sublime. Their arsenal of original material stretches across numerous genres, from the pop-flavored anthem "Crackerjack Tattoos", to the reggae-infused jam "Lost and Found".

The members of MoChester consists of Brandon Sheffer on lead vocals and guitar, Jonathan Sheffer on keys, guitar and backup vocals, Ben Overmyer on bass guitar, and Jimmy Grillo on drums. MoChester has released 3 studio albums, "Stop and Go", "Lost and Found", and most recently, "More Than It Seems". The full catalogue shows a progression from a more acoustic singer-songwriter based approach, to their more current songs that have a "poppy" rock-reggae sound.

In addition to their work in the studio, other highlights for the band include being chosen to film a live performance for the 3rd season of WXXI's "OnStage" television series, and sharing the stage with the likes of national touring artists such as Barenaked Ladies, Passafire, Ballyhoo!, Badfish - Sublime Tribute, Tower of Power, and the Ryan Montbleau Band. MoChester has an extensive list of venues they have performed at in the Northeast, as well as many notable performances at events such as Rochester's Fringe Festival, East End Festival, Lilac Festival, Clothesline Arts Festival, Park Ave Festival, and Party In The Park, plus The Great New York State Fair, HOG Fest, Fairport Food & Music Festival, Canandaigua Music & Arts Festival, Finger Lakes Music & Wine Festival, Rochester Marathon, and Sailfest (CT).





## **Quick facts**



Band Name: MoChester

**Genre/Style**: Rock Reggae/Pop Groove

Sounds Like: OAR, Incubus, Magic!, Sublime

Hometown: Rochester, NY

Established In: 2000

Discography: 2011 MoChester "Stop and Go"

2013 MoChester "Lost and Found"

2016 MoChester EP (To Be Released Fall 2016)

**Band Members**: Brandon Sheffer – Lead Vocals, Guitar

Jonathan Sheffer - Keys, Guitar, Vocals

Ben Overmyer – Bass, Vocals

Alex Melville - Drums

## **Notable Accomplishments:**

- Have opened multiple times for national acts such as Barenaked Ladies, Passafire, Ballyhoo!,
  Ryan Montbleau, Badfish Sublime Tribute, The Movement, Sister Sparrow & The Dirty Birds,
  Tower of Power, and Spiritual Rez (April 2016)
- Chosen for 2011 season of WXXI television series "Onstage"
- Finalist in nationwide contest with TouchTunes; original song "Saturday Night" featured on 60,000+ jukeboxes across the country



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