

SHOVELHEAD songs range from bone crushing, heavy rock all the way to subdued ballads. Yet each one of their sonic gems deliver impossible to resist melodic vocal lines and a signature guitar style regardless of the path chosen. The band is definitely a family affair with the Rakic boys making noise with their long time childhood friend, Youri Targiroff on lead guitar. Even though Alex, Marko, and Nikola have practiced their instruments with one another since childhood, it has only been since their 1996 debut CD release, *Pocus Cadabra*, that this quartet have taken their musical skills to the next level.

Since that time they have continuously recorded and toured throughout Eastern Canada and Southern California. **SHOVELHEAD** became finalists in Montreal's CHOM-FM l'Esprit competition in 1996, as well as being invited to attend the prestigious North by Northeast music conference in 1997. Their discography includes the full length CD releases of *Dark Horse* (1999) and *Arson and Lace* (2005). **SHOVELHEAD** is currently working on their fourth full length studio release currently entitled *Killer Waves* due for release later this year.