



Elan's Cross-Country Canadian  
Musical Tour

# Canada



We live here

# Canadian Music

- My thesis: It's good
- My plan: One band per province
- My direction: East to west
- My media: Audio
- My constraint: One slide per band
- My view towards territories: Eff them
- My goal: Introduce new music
- My dream: Best UDLS ever
- My reality: Finish quick so we can get beer
- My confession: I haven't worked very hard on this



# Hey Rosetta!: Newfoundland

- From St. John's
- Drums, bass, cello, violin, guitars
- Tim Baker started solo but wanted more people.
- Won 4 music Newfoundland awards (don't laugh)
- They produced, mixed, designed and manufactured their first EP and sold lots of copies.
- Pretentious review:
  - "Tim Baker pens angry, timeless lyrics and memorable melodies and time signatures that don't cater to standard radio or commercial fare."



# Wintersleep: Nova Scotia

- Won 2008 Juno for "New Band of the Year"
- From Halifax
- Loel, Mike, Paul, Tim, Jon
- Formed in 2001
- Welcome to the Night Sky
- Mixed in Glasgow Castle of Doom
- AMS Block Party
- Weight Ghost is getting a lot of play
- Pretentious review:
  - "Paul Murphy's lyrics have a lilting deliberate quality"



# Two Hours Traffic: PEI

- From Charlottetown
- "Little Jabs" produced by Joel Plaskett
- Liam, Alec (kindergarten friends), Andrew and Derek (chem students).
- "Limelight" fueled hot tub action in OC
- Made first two albums when in teens.
- Nominated for *Best Rock Recording at 2006 East Coast music awards*
- Named for driving time from tip to tip of PEI
- Pretentious review: "Driven by crystal-clear melodies tight drums, they navigate their catchy hook-laden songs between the poles of Can-rock and bright power pop"



# Shotgun Jimmie: New Brunswick

- From Sackville
- Jim Killpatrick
- Formerly of Shotgun and Jaybird
  - They broke up in May 2007
- Compared to John K. Sampson
  - Storytelling and metaphore
- The Onlys: "glowing results of a summer spent in seclusion, writing and recording in the parlour of Marshwinds Farm"
- Pretentious review:
  - "His melodies build and fall into the arms of warm guitars and organic rhythms"



# Pony Up(!): Quebec

- From Montreal
- Friends with Ben Lee
- I met them twice!
- Laura, Sarah, Lindsay, Lisa
  - Formerly Camila (who is now in Sunset Rubdown)
- Lost their exclamation
- I don't think they like Sarah
  
- Pretentious Review
  - "Vocally they are as refreshing as an After Eight after a curry"



# Great Lake Swimmers: Ontario

- From Toronto
- My friend Emily's favorite band
- More mellow than Dean from SFU
- Tony, Erik and Colin
  - Colin is always depressed
- Awarded the CBC's Galaxie Rising Star Award in 2005.
- "I Will Never See the Sun", "I Could be Nothing"
- Made the most kick ass kids song
- Pretentious review
  - "*Bodies and Minds* breathes with the emotion of Dekker's voice and pulses with the subtle beauty of his sparse acoustic arrangements."



# The Weakerthans: Manitoba

- From Winnipeg
- John K. Sampson, Jason, Stephen, Greg
- They win lots of awards
- "Plea From a Cat Named Virtue"
- JKS married to Christine Fellows
- They have a song called "I Hate Winnipeg!"
- Left and Leaving: 1 of 10 best Canadian albums of all time
- Civil Twilight was on the top of R3-30 for so long I hated it
- Combination of punk, rock, folk, country and sonnets
- Pretentious review
  - "Samson has the ability to pull his heart -- and yours -- inside out with a turn of phrase."



# Carbon Dating Service: Saskatchewan

- From Saskatoon
- Space pop!
- Electronics, harp, viola, 3-piece brass section, five vocalists, etc. plus standard rock rhythm section
- Steve, Jim, Zach, Toby, Brian, Mairin, Alex & Alison.
  - One is Nick's cousin's gf
- Pretentious review
  - "Their quiet, folksy pop tunes build into soaring climaxes of choirs, horns, strings, and random electronic squiggles"



# Kara Keith: Alberta

- From Calgary
- Formerly of Falconhawk
  - Bus accident tore band apart
- Her songs are about living in Calgary
  - She doesn't like it
- "Money loving conservative climate"
- Lots of sexual content
- Pretentious review
  - "The harmonies are theatrical (in a good way) but completely rock solid, and the minimal tones that accompany them are exciting."



# Immaculate Machine: BC

- From Victoria
- I met them also!
- Luke, Brooke, Catherine
  - Catherine is A.C. Newman's neice
- They all sing
- Multi-lingual: "Puzzled Enthusiasm"
- Best musical moment of 2005!
- Pretentious Review
  - "Pack cryptically-worded, foreboding lyrics into a buoyant, shape-shifting melody"



# How Do I Know These Bands?

- Who knew CBC was good for something aside from hockey?

