

The Elmo Combo

A Band Bio

Good day to you.

My name is Jamz M.H. Maher. I am a professional entertainer and entertainment promoter from Brantford Ontario. I write to you today on behalf of an extremely talented group of professional musicians.

What began as a side project many years ago, **“The Elmo Combo”** has become the main focus for 4 musicians from the Brantford & Norfolk County area. Fronted by singer/songwriter **Steven Elmo Murphy** (guitar, vocals), and backed by **eDDie mAx** (drums, vocals) with **Jon Edwards** (keys, vocals) and **Gabe Atkinson** (bass) **The Elmo Combo** have become a notable force on the indie music front and are riding the cusp of their break out year.

For years **“The Elmo Combo”** have been entertaining audiences of all sizes from coast to coast! With an appearance on **Breakfast Television** Calgary, Three Western Canada Tours and 10 years of consistent shows in Ontario, it's no wonder that the group received an invitation to play **La Tour De Norfolk 2014**. They have also landed such high profile gigs as **The Festival of Friends**, in Hamilton On. also sharing some bills along side large Canadian acts such as **Blue Rodeo**, **Matthew Good** and **The 24th Street Wailers!**

The Elmo Combo has developed a well rounded following as a result of their unwavering commitment to their art, their passion and dedication to provide quality entertainment. The group has also collected a vast and diverse musical catalogue that can cater to any crowd at any time. With 4 albums worth of originals written by Steve (one of which being nominated for a **Hamilton Music Award**) there is no shortage of material!

Seamlessly blending upbeat originals with sounds of Motown, contemporary top 40 and switching from 3 part harmony reggae to high energy rock to funky psychedelic improve jams. Whatever the crowd, The Combo delivers!

2015 will bring a busy year for the band. As their calendar begins to fill up the group will head back into the studio to record their 4th album, shoot their first music video, set out for yet another Eastern Canada tour and prep for a LIVE album recording at the tail end of the summer.

For more info:

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Links of interest:

Breakfast Television Calgary
www.youtube.com/watch?v=gS_ItS9Q8oM

SueFest 2014 Recap Video
www.youtube.com/watch?v=mbt5SjGfVNc.

CBC Music Profile
<http://music.cbc.ca/#!/artists/Steven-Elmo-Murphy>

Steven Elmo Murphy



Born 1977, Steve began playing music at the young age of 15 and has been playing music professionally for nearly 20 years. Throughout his career he has been apart of countless musical projects such as The Friends of Hefner, The Drunken Uncles and most notably, Mark Wilson & The Way It Is. Steve has several cross country tours under his belt and is getting ready for another Western Canada tour set for late spring 2015! Through 2007- 2008 he toured Western Canada as "The Steven Elmo Murphy Band". Now simply known as "The Elmo Combo".

Through 2008 he helped form the Alt-Country band "Stumbleweed" with Chris Gatchene (The Fat Cats), Ike Richardson and Ricky Neu (Diesel Dog) with singer Shelby Kerr. They released the album called "Seven Favourites" in 2010.

Steven has released 3 albums as Steven Elmo Murphy: Friends and I (2004), Open For Business (2006), Demon Nights (2012).

Ed "eDDie mAx" Casasanta



Self taught with 25 years experience Ed has played with some real heavy hitters on the indie scene which include Jomomma, Fat Cats, Sam Klass, Len, Ginger St. James, Diesel Dog, Caution Jam and Kae Sun.

Ed has played many Festivals across Canada over the years including Hamilton's own Festival of Friends and Evolve out in Antigonish, NS. and has been in the same billing as Blue Rodeo, Matthew Good, Finger 11, Steven Page, Bedouin Soundclash, Ill Scarlet, Soulive, Kim Mitchell, Fred Eaglesmith and The Sadies to name a few.

Ed has also played in or headlined at some of Toronto's legendary venues such as Lee's Palace, El Mocambo, Opera House, Horseshoe Tavern, The Rivoli as well as Grossman's Tavern and he is currently gearing up for a Eastern Canada tour with The Elmo Combo. Ed's studio contributions have earned 2 Hamilton Music Awards nominations with Blind Mule and the Fat Cats!

Jon Edwards



Born in 1980 Jon began playing piano at age 5 and formed his first band at the young age of 15. Jon studied music at Mohawk College and started playing music professionally in 2009 when he joined the band Blind Mule, joining his friends Graham Peacefull (Gorp, Golden Lake Diner) and Joey Balducchi (Golden Lake Diner).

Together Blind Mule released a self titled EP in 2012 and were nominated for a Hamilton Music Award. The group has played various festivals such as Come Together Music Festival, Brandon Folk Fest as well as Hamilton's Festival of Friends sharing the stage with Lindy Vopnfjörd, Walk Off The Earth, Great Lake Swimmers, Wide Mouth Mason, and Big Sugar. Blind Mule also toured with Ken Tizzard Band of The Watchmen fame.

Jon's extreme talent has seen him invited to sit in with some of the regions biggest independent artists like Must Stash Hat, Killing Time Band, Wax Mannequin and most recently Dan Walsh. In 2015 he will appear on Dan Walsh's new release entitled LEWP. Jon joined The Elmo Combo full time in 2010

Gabe Atkinson



Born 1979, Gabe is a self taught musician following in the footsteps of his father (James Atkinson) since he was 11 years old. Growing up on the road with his family Gabe received an early musical education by the likes of Ronnie Hawkins, Bearfoot and The Band along with many other well known greats!

Since his attraction to music, Gabe has been playing live music for 20 years. He formed and fronted his own band called Static Dad and has been a contributing member in such groups as Transient Workers Union, Tallgrass, The Allnitters, The Passive Resistor's, The Atkinson Bros., Whiskey for Robots, Shed and The Bee's.

Gabe's unique bass style has kept him busy as of late sitting in with well known Ontario bands Diesel Dog, Mark Wilson & The Way It Is, Blind Mule and The Dudes. He has also opened for legendary blues man Johnny Winters as well as David Wilcox, Chore, Shallow North Dakota among others. Gabe also has three independently released albums under his belt and is currently the full time bass player for The Elmo Combo. The group is gearing up for an album in 2015 along with another cross Canada tour.

