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GREAT LAKE SWIMMERS A CANADIAN INDIE FOLK BAND



Founder singer-songwriter Tony Dekker

Their music resonates with fans of introspective & atmospheric folk music.



Great Lake Swimmers have carved out a niche in the indie folk scene.

Great Lake Swimmers formed in 2003 in Wainfleet, Ontario. Tony Dekker.

The band is known for their introspective lyrics, lush harmonies, and acoustic instrumentation.

Here's an overview of their journey, style, and notable achievements:

The primary force behind the band, was inspired by the natural beauty of the Great Lakes region, which heavily influences their music.

Musical Style

Their music is often described as folk rock or indie folk, characterized by:

- **Acoustic and Intimate Sound:** They frequently use acoustic instruments like guitars, banjos, and violins.
- **Nature-Inspired Lyrics:** Many of their songs reflect themes of nature, water, and solitude.
- **Ethereal Production:** The band's albums are noted for their atmospheric production, often recorded in unconventional spaces like old churches, grain silos, and community halls to capture unique acoustic qualities.

Discography

1. **Great Lake Swimmers (2003):** The self-titled debut album was recorded in an abandoned grain silo, giving it a distinctive sound.
2. **Bodies and Minds (2005):** This album continued to build their reputation with its haunting melodies.
3. **Ongiara (2007):** Recorded in an old music hall on Toronto Island, this album features the popular track "Your Rocky Spine."
4. **Lost Channels (2009):** Nominated for a Polaris Music Prize, it includes songs like "Pulling on a Line."

Recognition and Awards



- *Polaris Music Prize: Their albums "Ongiara" and "Lost Channels" were shortlisted for this prestigious Canadian music award.*
- *Juno Awards: They have received nominations for their contributions to Canadian music.*

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Discography: continued

5. New Wild Everywhere (2012): Their first album recorded in a traditional studio setting, showcasing a more polished sound.

6. A Forest of Arms (2015): Recorded in various locations, including the Tyendinaga Caves in Ontario.

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7. The Waves, The Wake (2018): Features a diverse range of instruments and a more experimental approach.

Band Members:

the band has seen various musicians contribute over the years, including Erik Arnesen, Miranda Mulholland, Bret Higgins, and Joshua Van Tassel, among others.

