

Shane Simpson

"fiercely energetic and highly entertaining." - **Ottawa Life Magazine 2002**



Fact Sheet

Hometown: Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

Musical Style: Acoustic-guitar driven roots/folk.

Discography: Wild Rice (January 2004) - instrumental CD; More Electric (August 2002); Sketches (March 2001).

Workshops: Simpson has participated in performance and hands-on workshops both privately and as part of the Mariposa Folk Festival, Ottawa Cisco Systems Bluesfest, Toronto Star Bluesfest and Ottawa International Jazz Festival.

Media:

- The track "Nowhere Near" off "More Electric" was one of 16 songs chosen from across the country as part of Canadian Musician Magazine's National **Great Canadian Talent Search**.
- Tracks from "More Electric" have **received national airplay** on CBC and College Radio.
- Shane was included among **Ottawa Life Magazine's "Capital City's Top 50"** in 2003. The article profiled 50 people who are shaping the future of the Nation's Capital.
- Shane was featured in the Spotlight section of **Canadian Musician Magazine**.
- Shane has been the subject of a **feature broadcast** on Roger's Television "Front Row Centre."

Festival Appearances:

- **2004:** Ottawa Cisco Systems Bluesfest; Canadian Guitar Festival (Wild Rice); Ottawa Folk Festival (Wild Rice); Dragonboat Festival; Bluesfest in the Byward; Summer in the Square; Winterfolk.
- **2003:** Ottawa Cisco Systems Bluesfest; Toronto Star Bluesfest; Bluesfest in the Byward; Mariposa Folk Festival; Ottawa Folk Festival Benefit Concert Series; Montreal International Jazz Festival (Wild Rice).

Performance:

- Shane hosted the "Not the Opera" and "Roots" stages at the **2003 Toronto Star Bluesfest**.
- Shane has performed with Juno-award winning blues guitarists **Sue Foley** and **Jack Dekeyzer**.
- Shane has shared the bill on numerous occasions with award-winning guitarist **Don Ross**.
- Shane undertook a **13-city cross-Canada tour** in September 2003 in support of "More Electric."
- The Shane Simpson Band was a showcase artist at the **2002 NXNE** music festival.
- Shane has performed for former Prime Minister **Jean Chretien**.

Points of Interest:

- Shane began touring with **two-time Juno winner David Francey** in the Fall of 2004 as his guitarist.
- Shane was a resident artist for the 2003 and 2004 Ottawa Cisco Systems Bluesfest **Blues in the Schools** program.
- Shane also performs with **Northern Blues** recording artist **James Cohen**.
- "Not Talking At All" off the first CD "Sketches" was chosen by **members of Blue Rodeo** to be included in a Best of the New Music Network compilation CD.
- Shane has produced two guitar instructional videos: "Jazz Guitar – Shane Simpson" and "The Guitar Style of Lenny Breau" featuring Paul Bourdeau.
- Shane owns and operates his own recording studio.