

# 2011 Lilac Festival Band Bios

## CJAY92/Virgin radio Elbow Drive Main Stage

**The Suppliers 11:30 – 12:15** *The Suppliers are a hard hitting rock/pop band. The band plays compelling music with power and confidence, all while maintaining a soulful groove. The diversity of styles from rock and roll to funky soul and tempos changing from crawling grooves to thrash attacks, make The Suppliers an act not to miss.*

<http://www.facebook.com/thesuppliersband>

**Hurricane Felix and the Southern Twisters 12:45 – 1:30** *When you hear the Rockabilly and honky tonk blues, it adds up to Hurricane Felix & the Southern Twisters! On the Calgary scene since 2002, each member of the Southern Twisters has their own fronting/writing/singing abilities. Bringing their talents all together is what makes this band stand out from the rest.*

[www.southerntwisters.com](http://www.southerntwisters.com)

**Se7en Sided 2:00 – 2:45** *Formed in 2003, Se7en Sided began as nothing more than a vision; over several years and various line changes, the band has finally evolved into what is today – a hard hitting, yet sentimental rock band driven by intense ambition and an unparalleled passion for music. An infectious sound and captivating live performance guarantees that Se7en Sided is, and will continue to be, a force to be reckoned with in the Canadian music scene.*

[www.se7ensided.com](http://www.se7ensided.com)

**Stoning Mary 3:15 – 4:00** *Stoning Mary is a real life Calgary band. For the past two years they have been introducing a musical style that leaves a lasting impression on any ear that hears it. Deep lyrics, presented with authority, weave between intricate song writing. The innovative guitar work and melodic bass riffs make way to a soulful flurry of toms and cymbals, riding groovy back beats. Stoning Mary is a must see band for any music lover and new music enthusiast. [www.stoningmary.com](http://www.stoningmary.com)*

**Whitey 4:30 – 5:15** *Since their humble beginnings in February of 2001, while still in their freshman year of high school, Whitey has always harnessed the honesty and vigor of their beginnings. While the band has evolved stylistically, they have maintained their philosophical vitality; the freedom of expression and unifying principles of music. Whitey knows exactly what it takes to work a crowd into frenzy and keep them there. If you are in the mood to groove than it doesn't get much better than this! - Abort Magazine [www.facebook.com/whiteycanada](http://www.facebook.com/whiteycanada)*

## KOOL 101.5/ UPTOWN 17<sup>TH</sup> BRZ - 23<sup>RD</sup> Avenue "Underage Stage"

**Carolina Portilla 11:30 – 12:15** *Carolina Portilla is a seventeen year old singer and songwriter. She was born in Colombia and at the age of nine moved to Canada with her family. In February 2011, Carolina performed three of her original songs to her peers at her high school's talent show called "The Battle of the Bands." With undeniable talent and a passion for music and art Carolina is going to continue to expand her audience and pursue a music career. Accompanied by her guitar, you'll want to check this young talent's acoustic set! [www.carolinaportilla.tk](http://www.carolinaportilla.tk)*

**Keister Family Fiddlers 12:45 – 1:30** *Four sisters aged 15, 14 and 11 year old twins make up this energetic and dynamic family fiddling group from Chestermere, AB. This is a talented family full of fiddles, handmade wooden spoons and ugly sticks, with the introduction of singing and clogging into the performance as well. Don't miss out on seeing this gifted young family!*  
[www.keisterfamilyfiddlers.com/](http://www.keisterfamilyfiddlers.com/)

**Luke and Tess Pretty 2:00 – 2:45** *At twelve and fourteen years of age, Luke and Tess Pretty have already been performing together for five years. Their shows include a wide span of music drawn from the last three decades. Tess is behind the drums and singing the harmonies while Luke sings and plays two keyboards. As returning performers to Lilac Festival, you want to be sure to stop by!* [www.lukeandtesspretty.com](http://www.lukeandtesspretty.com)

**The Command Sisters 3:15 – 4:00** *The Command Sisters have been taking the music scene by storm, all with their unique sound, hair-raising harmonies and a wicked live show. Charlotte is the writer of the duo. At fifteen, she has mastered the craft of song writing, weaving together lyric and music. Twelve year old Sarah is definitely the little firecracker, soloing and improvising with multiple instruments; she has the audience wrapped around her fingers from beginning to end! The girls have tons of buzz and just recently returned from Nashville, so this may be your last chance to see them before they're big stars.* [www.thecommandsisters.com](http://www.thecommandsisters.com)

**Madi Allen 4:30 – 5:15** *Madi Allen is a solo artist and has been writing songs since she was about nine years old. She first started to record songs in March 2008, and now it's become huge part of her life. She gets amazing support from her friends and fans and plans on performing for a very long time. She loves all things music and hopes you can share that with her today.*  
[www.myspace.com/madiallen](http://www.myspace.com/madiallen)

### **MIX 97.7 - 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue Stage**

**Chris Gheran 11:30 – 12:15** *Born into white collar management, singer/songwriter Chris Gheran felt out of place. Now he has found his voice and feverishly churns out phrases that most of us can't express. Chris's first album *Monster* (2008) rocks out his Hard Folk - band style. *Coup d'etat* (2010) is a solo collection of unique perspectives on war, society and sweet love. His third album, *Calgary* was released on March 25, 2011 at the Ironwood Stage & Grill. The lyrics will touch your soul.* [www.chrisgheran.com](http://www.chrisgheran.com)

**The Magnetic North 12:45 – 1:30** *Calgary's newest and most refreshing sound, the Magnetic North, have officially broken the ice. Featuring brothers Paul (vocals / piano) and Stephen van Kampen (vocals / guitar) as well as Dan Wilson (drums / percussion), The Magnetic North have made waves across Canada with their self titled EP, garnering rave reviews and topping many charts. You will be plunged into the frigid pools of child like sadness, love, hope and longing. With melodies that ebb and flow with glacial smoothness, and crescendos that sweep you briskly over the empathetic vocals, then wrap you in sensitively orchestrated piano, glistening guitar and articulate percussion. The Magnetic North are a must see and a favourite among the Lilac organizers!* [www.myspace.com/themagneticnorthmusic](http://www.myspace.com/themagneticnorthmusic)

**The AwesomeHots 2:00 – 2:45** *The AwesomeHots are an Irreverent Parlour Folk duo from Whiskeytown, Alberta. They invent musical instruments like the Hamperwriter (half laundry hamper, half typewriter) and spend a lot of time writing songs about their real friend Norm and*

*the fictional town of Breathless. This promises to be an intriguing show to say the least!*  
[www.myspace.com/theawesomehotsedm](http://www.myspace.com/theawesomehotsedm)

**The Collective West 3:15 – 4:00** *The Collective West is comprised of four talented artists of diverse backgrounds-- musical or otherwise. The project was born out of the collaboration of two already established artists; one a roots-folk singer-songwriter and another of a metal background—coming together to form a distinct sound. It is evident from their live performances that the band is passionate about their music, audience and bonds with one another.*  
[www.myspace.com/thecollectivewest](http://www.myspace.com/thecollectivewest)

**100 Mile House 4:30 – 5:15** *100 mile house is preparing for a busy year as the rootsy husband and wife duo of Peter Stone and Denise MacKay along with multi-instrumentalist Scott Zubot release their new self-recorded album 'hollow ponds'. The album carries the theme of both escape from and back to the places they knew when they were young, but also brings with it the hope that comes with finding a new place to call home. Using a wide palette of instruments, from a 100 year old pump organ to a make shift choir of family and friends, the new album is the work of a band that have put all they have into every note. 100 mile house has performed at the Olympics in Vancouver; they have taken the stage at the infamous Canmore Folk Festival; and just recently, they have partaken in the Alberta Untapped Music Series.*  
[www.100milehouse.co.uk](http://www.100milehouse.co.uk)

#### **SERVUS CREDIT UNION - 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue Stage**

**Alee 11:30 – 12:15** *Alee's love and respect for all styles of music can be credited back to her diverse musical background and experience along with her traditional family upbringing and Saskatchewan roots; all of this providing her with the inspiration for writing and performing. Reaching beyond the local music scene Alee has been a finalist in songwriter competitions including 2009 and 2010 Calgary Folk Festival and south to Nashville as a multiple award winner at a North American International Country Music showcase and graced the stages of Big Valley Jamboree four years in a row. There is much more below the surface of this emerging artist and her story will unfold as it should.* [www.gottabealee.com](http://www.gottabealee.com)

**Conrad Walz and the Wrecking Ball 12:45 – 1:30** *Hailing from Calgary, Alberta, Canada, it could be said that Conrad Walz is a product of his environment. The majestic Rocky Mountains to the west and the simple, honest prairies to the east both find a metaphoric place in his music. Though his style could be described as rootsy, sometimes bluesy, alternative country tinged, pop rock music, he prefers to just call it rock n roll. Suffice to say the song is king in Conrad's world. Melodic and lyrical hooks ride atop rough edged riffs and grooves while engaging the listener with heartfelt emotion, humor and a touch of attitude.* [www.conradwalz.com](http://www.conradwalz.com)

**Porter 2:00 – 2:45** *Porter was born and raised within a of couple hours of Toronto, Canada. Since he left he's spent a great deal of time traveling and working "various jobs in various places". It was during this time adrift that he educated himself on guitar and harmonica. He has also become a very interesting song writer with a growing song catalog ranging on many topics. Onstage, the modern day troubadour seems to comfortably shine. He keeps the crowds attention not only with great songs, but even between songs with his off color sense of humor and hilarious traveling stories. "Having put some miles under my feet, I now realize that if you can*

*simply believe in yourself, then others will believe in you too.” “I’m standing on the edge of it all” says Porter. [www.portersongs.com](http://www.portersongs.com)*

**Ayla Brook 3:15 – 4:00** *A flaxen nugget of Prairie goodness, complete with dusty lungs and stray bird song, cough it up, hear them tweet. Ayla’s latest album, After The Morning After is an album about love, about comradere, about being in the places you belong. Ayla and friends have created a kitchen party of the heart. [www.myspace.com/aylabrookmusic](http://www.myspace.com/aylabrookmusic)*

**T. Buckley 4:30 – 5:15** *T. Buckley is a roots artist in the true sense of the word, combining stylings of Country, Folk and Rock'n'Roll. Buckley can take hold of a young audience with edgy roots-rock and captivate traditional music lovers with timeless melodies. Buckley has been honing his craft for several years and in that time has played over 250 shows, in churches, folk clubs, seniors’ homes, pubs, backyards, and folk festivals. His powerful song writing and engaging stage presence win over audiences time and time again. Named by FFWD Weekly as one of Calgary’s top emerging artists of 2010, Buckley continues to make a splash on the Western Canadian roots music scene. [www.tbuckley.ca](http://www.tbuckley.ca)*

### **X92 / BIG ROCK 17<sup>th</sup> Ave Lilac Beer Gardens Stage**

**Kinjo Brothers 11:30 – 12:15** *Joining Forces in the summer of 2009, the Kinjo Brothers have been writing, performing and touring together everywhere from Yellowknife, N.W.T to the island of Okinawa, Japan. Having toured Canada and Europe with such bands as Mocking Shadows, the Plaid Tongued Devils and the Planet Smashers, the Kinjo Brothers bring their experience and versatility to their new project. Their collaboration has resulted is an acoustic rock/reggae, soulful sound that has been received enthusiastically by listeners and fans of all ages. The brothers look forward to continued success with the release of their 1st full length studio album, scheduled for release in late 2011. [www.myspace.com/kinjobrothers](http://www.myspace.com/kinjobrothers)*

**Feast Or Famine 12:45 – 1:30** *Feast Or Famine is a group of four tight knit friends pursuing an ethic of hard work, positivity and energy through a vehicle of anthemic Punk/ska and rock used to sing about topics of regrets, redemption and personal experiences. Infectious energy mixed with unmatched positivity Feast or Famine connects with people in ways few bands do. We play a unique blend of Ska & Punk that is catchy & powerful. The band consists of fun loving and friendly guys that are serious professionals when it comes to writing, rehearsing and performing. <http://www.sonicbids.com/FeastorFamine>*

**The Invisible Hand 2:00 – 2:45** *The Invisible Hand is the greatest band you’ve never heard. Rocking Calgary venues since 2007, we play kickass original rock songs, brimming with hooky guitar riffs and powerful vocals. We combine elements of 70’s, 80’s and 90’s rock into a sound all our own, and we are here to save the world from boring indie bands. Their live shows are known to be a spectacle in musical tightness, and are delivered with tons of energy. [www.theinvisiblehand.ca](http://www.theinvisiblehand.ca)*

**A Waste Odyssey 3:15 – 4:00** *Formed by five young musicians from the rural areas surrounding Selkirk, Manitoba, A Waste Odyssey is a band concerned with writing accessible, hooky songs populated with a level of emotional and lyrical complexity rarely found in pop music. Inspired equally by traditional folk music, modern experimental compositions and simple pop classics, the band has created their own unique brand of rock music that appeals to a wide audience while*

still treading new ground and exploring exciting musical territory.

[www.myspace.com/awasteodyssy](http://www.myspace.com/awasteodyssy)

**Kirby Sewell 4:30 – 5:15** *The Kirby Sewell Band is a high energy, soul slinging R & B band, reaching out with modern interpretations. Known for their passionate live performances, the monster six-piece extravaganza perform what they call New Generation Alt-Blues, with melodic heart pulling stories from the depths of an old soul, while breathing new musical life into a genre. Their arrangements are amped up, invigorating, thought provoking, playing against the grain. Avenue magazine says they grab the "soul of the past and pull it into the present, dragging elements of Motown, Mussel Shoals and post-war Chicago along for the emotional ride."* [www.kirbysewellband.com](http://www.kirbysewellband.com)

**The Ben Rose Wedding Band 5:45 – 6:45** *The BEN ROSE Wedding Band is the only project of original singer-songwriter Ben Rose. Influenced by such artists as Paul Simon, Steve Earle, and The Beatles, the band blends a classic pop approach to songwriting with touches of reggae, funk, and alt-country, resulting in timeless songs with great harmonies. Ben Rose will help close the evening in the beer gardens and promises to be a great show, so make sure to stop by and stay for a cold one!!* [www.benrose.ca](http://www.benrose.ca)

**The Pana Band 7:15 – 8:15** *The Pana Band was formed in April 2009. They have already performed in many festivals around Alberta, Canada including the Sun & Salsa and Calgary Jazz Festival. In 2009's Expo Latino, the Pana Band was a featured act following international singer Huey Dunbar (Former lead singer of DLG).* [www.myspace.com/thepanaband](http://www.myspace.com/thepanaband)