

KALEY KINJO



Ask around the Canadian music scene and you will find someone who knows Kaley Kinjo. Through an introduction to the industry credited to brother Jory Kinjo (of the Mocking Shadows), Kaley has enjoyed years as a member of the Calgary musical community, playing bass for many groups including membership in popular Canadian act The Plaid-Tongued Devils.

In the last 5 years he has toured Canada and parts of Europe with the Devils, sharing the stage with such acts as Lisa Brokop, Jim Cuddy, Sarah Harmer, 54-40, Barney Bentall, Trooper, Faber Drive, Stabilo, Patricia Conroy, The Sadies, The Great Lake Swimmers, Rachelle Van Zanten, and TOFU. As well, Kinjo has performed or recorded with nearly 4 dozen different acts and artists.

Although usually noted as a sought-after bassist, this young artist demonstrates plenty of talent on piano and guitar, and recently took the chance to showcase his talents with his full length debut release 'Run For Your Life'. Recorded at the multi-award winning Sundae Sound Studios space in Calgary AB and produced by Fred Brenton and Kaley Kinjo, the album is an adventure in itself, told in Kaley's thoughtful and often humorous lyrical style. The music consists of a healthy blend of styles including roots, ska, folk, soul, rock, punk, country, pop, and reggae. Each song has a unique identity but somehow remains familiar and resonant of Kinjo's individual style. Live, Kaley lends an energetic and upbeat charm to his show, while still having the ability to bring his audience closer with a softer side.

In 2007, Kaley won 2nd Runner-up and Best Performance in The Calgary Folk Music Festival's annual songwriting competition for his song 'Dear Lord'. It was the first time in the history of the competition that a participant has won two prizes in the same year. 2007 also saw him visit Okinawa, Japan where he performed 'Dear Lord' live on air during an island-wide radio broadcast. In 2009 Kaley returned to Japan to pursue an audience even further. Kaley recently performed at the World Skills Competition and the Alberta Music Series showcase, both in Calgary. Kinjo also performed at Folk On The Rocks in Yellowknife, NWT this past summer. Kaley has recently returned from his third tour performing in Japan. With a strong following developing, we can expect great things in the future from this unique and talented artist.

"His quirky lyrical style and catchy tunes make this Canadian folk artist one not to miss." Joelle May - BeatRoute Magazine, Calgary

"Kaley Kinjo has it all. An amazing songwriter with memorable melodies, catchy licks and witty words. He has incredible insight into the human spirit." Jason Valleau - President of the Mountain View Music Festival, founding member of The Polyjesters

"Kaley Kinjo rocks! Wonderfully engaging, thoughtful lyrics and gotta move your body groove..." Shara Gustafson - Artistic Director, Robson Valley Music Society, founding member of Mamaguroove

"Kaley Kinjo... a singer and songwriter with a fresh, engaging approach and a great sense of humour. Kaley is one of those musicians who's always going to be in demand. He's got great stage presence and multiple talents." Katherine Duncan - CBC Radio Host, The Key Of A

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