



ELI RUSSELL

& THE RIVER FOOLS

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ABOUT ELI RUSSELL & THE RIVER FOOLS

Hailing from the rugged wilds of Northern Ontario, Eli Russell & The River Fools craft indie folk-rock songs with the same unpredictable energy as the northern weather.

Their music rolls like a storm front—slow-building, heavy-hearted, then suddenly roaring and wild enough to rattle the treetops. With harmonies that feel like late-night campfires, and melodies shaped by endless lakes, tall pines, and wide-open sky, they write songs for anyone who's ever felt the pull of the natural world or the warmth of friends gathered close.

Eli's voice carries the grit of long drives, rough hands, and stories told under a sky too big to tame. His intimate and thoughtful lyricism carries that Northern-Ontario edge—poetic, but with a bit of danger in its bones. These are songs for people who know the North isn't just beautiful—it's unforgiving, magnetic, and alive.

Eli Russell & The River Fools don't just play music; they bottle the North and let it loose onstage.

PERFORMANCES

- ❖ Sault Ste. Marie Rotaryfest
- ❖ Beck's Bar, SSM
- ❖ The Water Tower Inn, SSM
- ❖ The Tap Room, SSM
- ❖ The Whiskey Barrel, SSM
- ❖ Blaster Powerhouse, SSM

EXPERIENCE & IMPACT

With over 20 years of combined gigging experience, the band draws on diverse musical roots and extensive performances at venues and festivals across Ontario. Their work integrates live performance with professional recording and promotion, reflecting a focused, career-driven approach to growth and sustainability. Deeply rooted in Sault Ste. Marie—right down to their name—their original music channels the city's culture, economy, and lived realities, telling stories that resonate with Northern Ontario communities and beyond.



MEMBERS

Eli Russell | *Vocals, Guitar, Songwriter*

Nick Brash | *Drums*

Steve Myers | *Lead Guitar*

Courtney McDonald | *Bass, Vocals*