



ELI RUSSELL

& THE RIVER FOOLS

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ABOUT ELI RUSSELL & THE RIVER FOOLS

Indie Outlaw Country

Born and raised in Northern Ontario, Eli Russell & The River Fools make indie outlaw country music shaped by the land they call home. Their songs carry the restless energy of the North itself, sometimes quiet and reflective, other times fierce and impossible to ignore.

Inspired by endless lakes, dense forests, and long northern winters, their music blends heartfelt storytelling, rich harmonies, and raw, roots-driven melodies and rhythms. It's music for people who know the North isn't just beautiful; it's wild, magnetic, and alive.

Eli's voice reflects his old soul, flowing effortlessly from raw intensity to tender honesty, while his thoughtful songwriting carries a distinctly Northern Ontario edge: poetic, but with a bit of danger in its bones.

Grounded in community, land, and lived experience, Eli Russell & The River Fools create music that reflects the connections that shape us – like a river carving its path through the landscape.

They don't just play music; they bottle the North and let it loose onstage.

RECENT GIGS

- ❖ 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 longevity. 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*

