

# ROSS NEILSEN



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"Your material is strong and timeless. You can play your instruments. The drums are strong. The guitar is hot. The bass is in the pocket." – *Jim Dickinson, High Priest of Memphis Music*

"Above it all though, is Neilsen's most inspired guitar work. Breaking free from the blues for many of his leads, he's loud and proud, and sounding more inspired by Neil Young than Muddy Waters." – *Bob Mersereau, CBC*

"Canadian guitarist and singer/songwriter Ross Neilsen has a special way of tapping into his human experience, then catapulting that essence, full of heart and soul, into his music....Elemental, clinging to no specific genre, is a wonderful amalgam of musical styles seamlessly woven together." – *Phillip Smith, Philly Cheeze Blues*

"Neilsen's voice has never sounded better...Trust me, you'll want to hear these tunes." – *Adam Bowie, The Daily Gleaner*

For *ELEMENTAL*, Neilsen's sixth studio album, he invaded Signal Path Studios, in Almonte, ON, with Juno winning team of Producer Steve Marriner (MonkeyJunk) and ace engineer Ken Friesen (Tragically Hip, Blue Rodeo). Enlisting an all-star band of Darcy Yates (Bahamas) on bass, Jim Bowskill (Sheepdogs, Blue Rodeo) on guitars, viola, pedal steel, and Matt Sobb (Monkey Junk) on drums, the group crafted an aural biographical story that spans Neilsen's years as a touring artist. Driving blues rock, heartfelt ballads, classic R&B, and a nod to one of Neilsen's biggest influences, Willie P. Bennett, are all proudly displayed in an incredible sonic palette.

## GENRES: ROOTS / BLUES / ROCK

Brief biography: Former Maritimer and now Prairie-timer, Ross Neilsen has been performing professionally since 2007. He has released ten albums and toured over one million kilometres from Canada to Mexico. He has been recognized by his peers with multiple nominations from The Maple Blues Awards, East Coast Music Awards, Music NB Awards and CBC Rising Star. In 2012 Neilsen was a semi finalist in Blues Challenge in Memphis. Although now located in Saskatoon, SK, you can still find Neilsen performing throughout Canada in a variety of concert styles. Be it his solo show or power trio, Neilsen is still out there telling tall tales and melting faces with his signature, finger-style, guitar displays and troubadour song stylings.

## CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Recorded with Grammy winners Anders Osborne and Warren Riker (Fugees, Lauryn Hill), Grammy Winner Cody Dickinson (North Mississippi All-Stars), Juno winners Steve Marriner (Monkey Junk, Colin James) and Ken Friesen (Tragically Hip). All albums have received critical praise and airplay from around the world, including Canadian top 40 radio rock charting with the single "Afflicted".
- Shared the stage with: Buddy Guy, Charles Bradley, Robert Randolph, Alvin Youngblood Hart, Levon Helm, Blind Boys of Alabama, North Mississippi All-Stars, Lukas Nelson, Bettye LaVette and more.
- Performed in Mexico, The Pan-Am Games, The 2010 Olympics in Vancouver. 2010 and 2012 International Blues Challenge. Major festivals such as Montreal Jazz Festival, Harvest Jazz & Blues Festival, Mont Tremblant Blues Festival, Mariposa Folk Festival, 2017 Canadian Song Conference.
- Studied songwriting with Steve Earle in 2015.

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