

SEAN ASHBY

Chances are, if you've had a radio on today you've heard his guitar playing. As one of North America's go-to guitarists, Sean Ashby has played and recorded with Sarah McLachlan, Delerium, Ginger (former Grapes Of Wrath), and many more. Ashby, is a singer /songwriter/guitarist/producer who released his debut album "Brass and Gold" on Black Sparrow/Universal in April of 2008.



Brass and Gold , Sean's first solo outing after 10 years as leader of the award winning band Jack Tripper, was an eclectic record which showcased an impressive musical palette. The album received favorable reviews in important Canadian publications such as Exclaim magazine and the Vancouver Province, and received airplay on college radio and across the country on CBC radio.

McLachlan's guitarist on the original Lilith Fair, as well as the Mirrorball and Afterglow albums , Ashby appeared with her on "Just Like You (Cats In The Cradle)" for D from Run DMC's solo CD. Also with Sarah, he received two 4 x platinum US discs and one diamond Canadian disc for studio and live CD's. He has appeared on the Grammy Awards twice, The Tonight Show with Jay Leno five times, SNL and David Letterman three times, as well as other major TV shows. Sean's guitar playing has appeared on CD's with sales in excess of 10 million copies worldwide... so far.

When asked about his hopes for his solo future Sean says " I am working at building an audience for my music, playing shows and improving as a songwriter and performer." Since Brass and Gold's release in 2008, Sean has been touring relentlessly, performing over 200 shows a year across Canada and the US, and somehow squeezing in two tours with Delirium as well. He's making new fans , and being asked to return everywhere he goes. His current album "24 Hours of Daylight" , showcases Sean's guitar skills and earthy vocals on a new set of strong tunes with a rootsy bent. This record also features his amazing technique on lap steel guitar, a highlight of his live shows. The track- "Sweet Tuesday" has been featured nationally on CBC radio. Sean is keeping up a heavy touring schedule again this year, visiting most of Canada and the US in 2011.

Education:

Mohawk College, Hamilton – Graduate 3 years applied music programme

Discography:

Jack Tripper (1999)
Jack Tripper "Nine Easy Pieces" (2002)
Solo CD Sean Ashby "Brass and Gold" (2008)
"24 Hours of Daylight" (2010)

Selected Credits:

With Sarah McLachlan:

Guitarist 1996 – 2008
Mirrorball Live CD (4 million copies sold in the US)
Afterglow Studio Album (4 million copies sold in the US)
Afterglow live CD
"Blackbird" from the film "I Am Sam"
Appeared with Sarah McLachlan on the radio single "Just Like You" (Cats In The Cradle) with "D" of Run DMC

Selected TV credits:

The Grammy Awards
Tonight Show with Jay Leno
Saturday Night Live
David Letterman Show
Conan O'Brien Show

Has also recorded with and/or toured with the following acts:

Delireum
Ginger (former Grapes of Wrath)
Front Line Assembly
Swollen Members
Conjure 1
Lava Hay
Mae Moore
Rita Chiarelli
Lee Aaron (Yes, the Canadian metal queen!)
Sue Medley
Holly McNarland
Mike Trebilcock (of the Killjoys)
Todd Fancey (of the New Pornographers)
Wild Strawberries
Adrienne Pierce "Small Fires" CD – producer /engineer/ guitarist
Film/ TV placements:
The L Word
The Chris Issac Show

Cold Squad
The Guilty

Awards

Two 4 times Platinum U.S. recorded and one Diamond record in Canada for work with Sarah McLachlan.

Two Georgia Straight music awards – favorite local debut – Jack Tripper 1999 and Favorite local live act 2000

Nominated for favorite National Rock Video (“Sounds Familiar”) 2000

Western Canada Music Awards – Best Rock Recording – 2002

Endorsements:

Guitars – Gibson U.S. – Fender U.S. – Burns U.K. – Maiton Auz

Others – Dean Markley, Voodoo Lab

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