

Shane Cook & The Woodchippers

Shane Cook & The Woodchippers rely on their deep foundation in the traditional music, song and dance of Ontario for the core of their sound, yet also draw on styles as broad as Celtic, folk, roots, bluegrass and swing. Their superbly crafted compositions and arrangements are a modern, exhilarating approach to fiddle tunes, song and dance.

A Canadian and U.S. National fiddle champion, **Shane Cook** is a multi-instrumentalist who has distinguished himself as a master of the Canadian old-time fiddle tradition. Says multiple Grammy nominee, Claire Lynch: "*Shane offers up death-defying, acrobatic fiddle precision, soaring through tunes from his beloved Ontario with impeccable clarity.*" Joining Shane as a four-member group of multi-instrumentalists, singers and step dancers, The Woodchippers are: **Emily Flack** (Leahy) on piano, vocals and dance, **Joe Phillips** (Art of Time Ensemble) on vocals, double bass and guitar, and **Kyle Waymouth** (five-time national step dance champion) on guitar, tenor banjo and dance.

Shane leads a joyous and diverse musical journey through fresh, original fiddle tunes and songs on *Be Here for a While*, the debut album from Shane Cook & The Woodchippers. Shane Cook & The Woodchippers first premiered the music of *Be Here for a While* with The International Symphony Orchestra and has since toured the album across Canada and the US in 2022. The band and album are 2022 Canadian Folk Music Award nominees for Instrumental Group of the Year and Traditional Album of the Year.

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