



Our motto, our mission: Everyone is happy with a guitar in their hands

The **Instruments of Happiness electric guitar quartet** presents a new programme of commissioned works in a cross-Canada tour stretching from sea to sea. The tour follows the recent Prix Opus win for Best Concert of the Year at the gala held this past February by the Conseil québécois de la musique.

The quartet is made up of **Tim Brady** (founder & director), **Marc-Olivier Lamontagne**, **Jonathan Barriault** and **Simon Duchesne**. Their first album launched in 2016 on the American Starkland Records, with rave reviews.

"Beautiful colors float atop chordal progression... This music will get you dreaming, then wake you up... tour de force performances, filled with precision, a flair for color, a total world of electric sounds that realize possibilities one might have dreamed about but rarely if ever experienced. It reminds us that new music still can widen the envelope of possibilities, still has the ability to point us to the future, to the unknown, but always around the corner from where we are now." – G. A. Edwards, Gappelgate Classical-Modern Reviews, May 2016

Tour repertoire

New works by **Tim Brady** (QC), **Emily Hall** (QC), **Maxime McKinley** (QC), **Gordon Fitzell** (MB), **Scott Godin** (AB) and **Jordan Nobles** (BC), along with music by **René Lussier**. The tour's title, "The Happiness Handbook," comes from the title of the new work by Emily Hall.

Tour dates

March 15 – Edmonton – Now Hear This Festival of New Music
March 19 – Halifax – Upstream Music Association
March 26 – Regina – University of Regina and Neutral Ground
March 28 – Brandon – Brandon University New Music Festival
March 29 – Winnipeg – GroundSwell
April 1 – Victoria – Open Space Arts Society
April 3 – Kitchener – NUMUS Concerts
April 9 – Montreal – Bradyworks – Le Gesù/Le Vivier

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