

## Durham County Poets live at Brandon Music

The Durham County Poets are a lively group from Quebec playing soulful folk/roots with hints of blues and jazz. They return to perform in Brandon at the charming Brandon Music venue on October 7 at 7:30pm. The five seasoned musicians, all of whom are songwriters, work together individually and collaboratively in composing their music. Delving into a variety of styles and genres, their musical influences include a broad range of artists. From The Band to Dire Straits, Leon Redbone to James Taylor and Neil Young, they have managed to put it all together to create their own musical style.

The group is fronted by Kevin Harvey, a self proclaimed blues crooner on lead vocals, along with David Whyte on electric and acoustic guitars and vocals, Neil Elsmore on acoustic guitar and vocals, Carl Rufh on double bass and vocals and James Preimel on drums and percussion. Together, they are a blast to experience live. The obvious joie de vivre expressed while performing together is reflected in the good-time feel that the band creates, which has been captivating their audiences consistently since their inception 6 years ago. At the Rochester Jazz Fest this June, the Democrat and Chronicle stated that the guys were “having so much fun, you could miss how good they were.”

Their new album ‘Grimshaw Road’ “is their best yet” (Folk Roots / Folk Branches) and has been called “spin-worthy” by Mark Rheaume from CBC Radio. The album is jam-packed with original tracks going from moody ballads to swinging up-tempo tunes as well as a thoughtful Penny Lang cover and a gospel standard by Blind Willie Johnson.

The Poets are popular at music festivals and venues across eastern Canada and the north-eastern US. Following a well-received formal showcase at the 2016 Northeast Regional Folk Alliance (NERFA) Conference, the band is branching more and more into the US market with tour stops in Massachusetts, Vermont and throughout New York.

This event is a part of Vermont Arts 2017, celebrating arts in Vermont.

Concert tickets are \$20. A pre-concert dinner is available for \$25. Reservations are required for dinner and recommended for the show. Venue is BYOB. Call (802) 247-4295 or e-mail [info@brandon-music.net](mailto:info@brandon-music.net) for reservations or for more information. Brandon Music is located at 62 Country Club Rd. Brandon, VT 05733 [www.brandon-music.net](http://www.brandon-music.net)