



BIOGRAPHY

Featuring inventive solo work, driving rhythms and three part vocal harmonies, New Cumberland's musical integrity and joy in playing together resonates in every performance. Guitarist Tom Burns and multi-instrumentalist Blair Heddle began playing together 40 years ago and connected with banjo player Paul Hurdle shortly thereafter. After various musical adventures, they added bass player Tom Rutledge to form New Cumberland. Years of playing together as musical friends gives New Cumberland a natural, intuitive group dynamic which is apparent to audiences as they watch the group interact on stage.

Combining the straight ahead bluegrass of Bill Monroe and Jimmy Martin with material from other traditions - both old and new, New Cumberland casts a wide net - capturing and captivating audiences of all generations and musical tastes.

MEMBERS

Tom Burns – guitar, vocals
Blair Heddle – mandolin, dobro, vocals
Paul Hurdle – banjo, vocals
Tom Rutledge – string bass

REVIEWS

"Refreshingly tuneful, New Cumberland has everything I love about roots music; seamless harmonies, timeless tunes, and a whole lot of things with strings

- Allison Brown, former Program Director at CHRW, London and host of the popular radio show "Southern Ontario Comfort"

"Bluegrass masters..."

- James Reaney, London Free Press

"Their world-class bluegrass performance is a throwback treat fusing hints of the past with a positive step towards the future. The players are all top notch and great personalities, all adding up to a show that will have you tapping your feet, singing and dancing all through the evening."

- Dave Taylor, Manager, London Music Club

"The boys in New Cumberland never fail to deliver an entertaining mix of classic bluegrass songs along with lots of great material pulled from other traditions - old and new. Solid lead vocals, sweet harmony singing, and some of the finest instrumental playing you'll hear anywhere. It's always a great show."

- Ian Bell - The Crooked Stovepipe, Villa Nova

BOOKING INFORMATION

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PAST VENUES

Home County Folk Festival - London, Ontario
Canterbury Folk Festival - Ingersoll, Ontario
Sally Creek Bluegrass Festival - Woodstock, Ontario
London Music Club – London, Ontario
Purple Hill Bluegrass Opry - Thorndale, Ontario
Victoria Playhouse, Petrolia, Ontario
The Crooked Stovepipe, Villa Nova, Ontario, Ontario
Artword Artbar, Hamilton, Ontario
Numerous private parties and clubs in Ontario

LINKS

Website: www.NewCumberlandBand.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/newcumberlandband

Youtube: www.youtube.com/user/newcumberlandband

PRESS LINKS

Waterloo Region Record: <https://bit.ly/2GANp3T>

London Free Press: <https://bit.ly/2IWu4bn>

The Londoner: <https://bit.ly/2Gx1Nd5>



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