

## Benjamin Dakota Rogers - Biography

Benjamin is a multi-instrumentalist, singer songwriter and composer. Combining fiddle and guitar he is writing honest folk music that draws you in with stories and poetry. Benjamin's third album titled Whisky and Pine, released in June of 2016 is eleven original songs delivered with reflective emotion and warm harmonies. From that album his song, Looking for a Fight received an honorable mention in the International Songwriting competition. Benjamin was excited to learn Jan Hall from Folk Roots Radio placed Whisky and Pine in her top 10 albums of 2016 and Jim Marino listed him as a new discovery in his article to Penguin Eggs magazine.

Benjamin has brought his love of music to audiences of all ages with his musicality and engaging performance. His hard driving fiddle technique draws its roots from the East Coast and Old Time but is transformed into his own style. His thought provoking songs show hints of his influences, Leonard Cohen, Gregory Allen Isakov and Passenger. His engaging live performance is delivered with a unique voice, guitar and explosive fiddle.

Benjamin's accolades include a nomination in 2014 Canadian Folk Music Awards for Young Performer of the year for his first CD Wayfarer, a blend of warm lyrical songs and driving fiddle. From this album his song Move Ben Move won second place in the International Songwriting Competition and Pendulum, his fiddle instrumental won third place in the Indie International Songwriting Competition.

Benjamin's second CD "Strong Mans Address to the Circus Crowd" was also nominated for a CFMA for Young Performer of the Year in 2015. From that album his song Beautiful Mess received an Honorable Mention in the 2015 International Songwriting Competition.

Introducing his music to the Hamilton Music Awards gained three nominations for both Wayfarer and Strong Man's Address to the Circus Crowd.

Jennifer Ives, Artistic Director of Live from the Rock Music Festival August 14, 2015 writes; "The Friday evening concert began with a mesmerizing set of songs from Benjamin Dakota Rogers: a 19 year old kid with the voice and chops of a veteran performer. He played a short set of original tunes on guitar and a borrowed fiddle that left the audience searching their schedules for his workshops and concert times."

Benjamin has performed at Mariposa Music Festival, Blue Skies Music Festival, Balls Falls Thanksgiving Festival, Live from the Rock Festival, Summerfolk Music and Arts Festival, Goderich Celtic Music Festival and Bushstock Music Festival, Calgary Folk Club, St. Lawrence Acoustic Stage, Silversmith Brewery, New Limburg Brewery, Burning Kiln Winery, Hugh's Room and many other venues.

Benjamin was honored to be introduced in the Penguin Eggs the preeminent folk, roots and world music magazine in North America in the Spring 2017 issue.

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