



Will Currie & The Country French

Awake, You Sleepers!

Will Currie & The Country French are a young band from Waterloo, Ontario who have been making music and filling dance halls since 2008. The band's heavy bass lines and danceable drum beats are held together by rhythmic piano and ripping guitar to support Currie's infectious melodies. Their exhilarating stage show soon caught the attention of Canadian rock band **Sloan** who promptly signed them to their label Murderecords. Their debut EP *A Great Stage* was released and quickly garnered critical acclaim and earned the band a cult-like following. A cross-Canada tour with Sloan soon followed and both bands recorded the single 'Push Pins', which earned them a **CBC Radio 3 Award** for Best Collaboration.

Will Currie & The Country French have toured Canada several times, sharing

the stage with many incredible artists including **Dan Mangan, Tokyo Police Club, Arkells, Our Lady Peace, David Wilcox, Zeus, Hey Rosetta!, Said The Whale**, and many more.

The band recently joined the already impressive roster of artists under the label **File Under: Music**, and their full-length debut record *Awake, You Sleepers!* is to be released in the fall of 2011 and is already earning praise from both critics and musicians alike.

Track Listing:

Arise, Take Up Your Lamps! • The Whale • Flowers • City • John Denver Haircut • Rumble • Portland • Railroad • The Harbourmaster's Daughter • Barrows For The Goldrush • Ontario • Muddy Water • Tight Suit • Awake, You Sleepers!

Some Quotes:

"Awake, You Sleepers! is truly a classic pop record in the sense that, like the Beach Boys, Beatles and Ben Folds before them, Will Currie and The Country French have tapped into a musical vein through which pure, unadulterated pop gold flows." - **Ground Control Magazine**

"Will Currie and the Country French's sunny major-key piano pop provokes mixed reactions in listeners, but those who get it love them judging from the response to their ecstatic romp through their catchy-as-TB collection of pop glory. Young band with tons of potential. ...Think Billy Joel with some occasional Queen guitar heroics, and then tone that down to an earthier, more restrained indie level. Granted on paper that sounds kind of dubious, but then you realize you've listened several times in a row and you're about to hit 'play' again. It's got the sunny-day energy of fuzzed-out power pop, with the walls of guitars replaced by pounding keys. Rating: NNNN" - **NOW Magazine**

"One of my favorite songwriters in Canada. For fans of Elton John, Wilco, Dr. Teeth And The Electric Mayhem and other such radical underground sounds. Coming to an amphitheater near you in about five years." - **Magnet Magazine**

"Awake, You Sleepers! is the sound of an immensely talented songwriter fully realizing his vision and a brilliant band firing on all cylinders. It's the real deal: bold, ambitious, epic in scope, and an extremely rewarding listen. Full of unapologetic guitar solos, lush harmonies, and made up of equal parts heartbreaking ballads and rollicking rock songs. This isn't necessarily the hippest record you'll hear this year, but it could be the best." - **Graham Wright (Tokyo Police Club)**



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