

DUMP BABES

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Photo by Laura-Lynn Petrick

Dropping a music video, two singles, and an album this spring, Saskatoon's **Dump Babes** show no signs of slowing down. With appearances at the renowned Sled Island, M for Montreal, NXNE, and Reeperbahn in the past year, alongside a slew of festival and tour dates, the band has quickly established itself as one of the most dynamic voices of the Canadian Prairies, and a staple of the region's garage music scene. Dump Babes bring together textured rock with folk accents when needed, and an unbridled passion for ABBA and other such unifying pop phenomena. The result is a trash pop that's as heavy as it is danceable, set against a backdrop of protest and anti-colonial lyrics.

Latest Release

On May 13th, 2024 Dump Babes released their sophomore LP *Known Liar*.

Known Liar is at its heart an album about grief, the ways that we navigate death, and the ripples of change (both negative and positive) that it causes within our communities. In 2022 Dump Babes lost their dear friend, bass player, and founding member Jill Mack passed away after a ferocious and heartbreaking battle with cancer. Like reality this album reflects the process of mourning as a constant and non-linear experience. However,

Known Liar also has light- even goofy moments that reflect deepened friendships, moments of shared comfort, and new beginnings. In its entirety 'Known Liar' isn't a concept album, but a love letter for a friend whose impact extended past her earth bound vessel and continues to reverberate through those who loved her.



Teasing the album, Dump Babes released two singles. *Citronette*-a gloomy, driving psych-pop song that was accompanied by a curling themed music video, and the titular track *Known Liar*- a groovy and fun song peppered with layered synth and sparkly chimes.

Past Releases and Accolades

In their short yet busy career Dump Babes has received radio play across North America and Europe, with their 2022 single 'Talk to Me' featured on Sirius XM's The Raven and The Indigiverse. In the 2022 Sask Music Awards their first LP *niya kîminîcâkan* was nominated for album of the year, alongside a nomination for Indigenous Artist of the Year. 'Talk to Me' was included in the CFCR compilation 'Creatures of the Saskatoon' which was disseminated digitally ahead of the CFCR showcase at Sled Island Music Festival.



Previous to their first LP release, Dump Babes recorded and released the single 'Victim of a Good Time' at Rainy Day Recording. This single was included on the compilation vinyl 'How Flat Sounds' and sold in support of local music venues during the pandemic.

In 2019 Dump Babes released their self-titled EP 'Dump Babes' which was self-recorded at The Wood Room, the home studio of founding member Jill Mack. This EP was included in Cups N Cakes' best EP's of 2020 list, and Glenn Anderson from Beatroute wrote that 'their new self-titled album was released in February and solidifies them as one of Saskatoon's hottest up and coming exports.'

Notable Press & Quotes

"a very playful exterior masks a lot of depth and insight"

Shauna Powers, CBC Saskatchewan

"Picking up on retro elements of folk-rock, glam, and disco, it [*niya kîminîcâkan*] all comes together as a sassy, unassuming, and groove-packed record that's not afraid to get a little bit sleazy in pursuit of some fun."

Julie Maier, Cups N Cakes

"Like a plastic bag caught in the wind, this trash is entrancingly beautiful."

Laura Stanley, Dominionated

"A fresh and moody folk-rock offering that finds its groove early on and sticks to it, Dump Babes confront themes of colonialism, Indigenous displacement, and identity while taking listeners through disco-infused peaks and dreamy, ethereal valleys."

Glenn Anderson, RANGE Magazine

"Wolfe was incredibly captivating in front of a band, with a stage presence that brings to mind notable "can't take your eyes off of them" singers like Amy Winehouse, Courtney Love, Karen O, and Beth Ditto."

Gregory Torwalt, Cups N Cakes

"A Dump Babes live show is engaging and electric. Aurora is a force."

Megan Nash, SK Arts 75

"Waste no more time in checking out this hot new group that are making landfills sexy again. The self-titled debut EP from Saskatoon's Dump Babes is littered with dirty riffs and melodies you wouldn't believe people were throwing out."

Jeshaiah David, Cups N Cakes

"Proving you can't always judge a band by their name, Dump Babes were an absolute highlight."

Daniel McIntosh, RANGE Magazine

RANGE - *Dump Babes Show Their True Colours With "Citronette"*

<https://readrange.com/dump-babes-citronette/>

Exclaim! - *8 Emerging Canadian Artists You Need to Hear in December 2023*

https://exclaim.ca/music/article/8_emerging_canadian_artists_you_need_to_hear_in_december_2023

Exclaim! - *Saskatoon's Dump Babes Announce New Album 'Known Liar,' Share "Citronette"*

<https://exclaim.ca/music/article/saskatoon-s-dump-babes-announce-new-album-known-liar-share-citronette>

Canadian Beats - *DUMP BABES SHARE NEW SINGLE, "CITRONETTE"*

<https://canadianbeats.ca/2024/04/05/dump-babes-share-new-single-citronette/>

Notable Past Performances

Nov 15, 2023- M for Montreal, Montreal, QB

Sep 23, 2023- Langbrett Store, Presented by Devil Duck Records, Hamburg, Germany

Sep 21, 2023- Canada House, Reeperbahn, Hamburg, Germany

Jul 21-23, 2023- Gateway Music Festival, Bengough SK

Jul 13-16, 2023- Ness Creek Music Festival, Ness Creek SK

Jul 7-9, 2023- Salt Shaker Music Festival, Manitou SK

Jun 20-25, 2023- Sled Island, Calgary AB

Jun 12-18, 2023- NXNE, Toronto ON

Jun 9-2023- Maltby National, w/ The Wont's, Regina SK

May 20- 27, 2023-Cathedral Arts Festival, Regina SK

April 3rd, 2023- Amigos Cantina, Saskatoon SK, w/ WARES

Feb 17-25, 2023- Downhill Fast Western Canada Tour (Calgary, Golden, Revelstoke, Silverstar, Fernie, Rossland, Lethbridge) w/ Grimelda

Jan 29, 2023- Winterruption, Saskatoon SK w/ The Garrys

Jan 28, 2023- Winterruption, Edmonton AB

Jan 26, 2023- Big Winter Classic, Calgary AB

Dec 11, 2022- Sask Music Awards, Darke Hall, Regina SK

Oct 1, 2022- Amigos Cantina, w/The Pack AD

Aug 5-7, 2022- Regina Folk Fest, Regina SK

Jul 14-17, 2022- Ness Creek Music Festival, Ness Creek, SK

Jun 22-26, 2022- Sled Island, Calgary AB

Nov 26-27, 2021- The Exchange, Regina SK & Amigos Cantina, Saskatoon SK, w/ Megan Nash and the Best of Intentions

Sep 10-11, 2021- Chesterfest, Prince Albert SK

Mar 23, 2020- The Sask Sampler, Regina SK

Jan 11, 2020- LUGO, Remail Modern, Saskatoon SK

Videos

- 'Citronette' Official Music Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=raBd1p7jvgw>

- 'Bitter', Live session at Rec Hall Studios

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YmL7wEYyAlE>

- 'It's Too Much', Live at Amigos 2022

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p9siE6hj6VM>

- 'Bath With Friends', Live at Amigos

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P-jTM9Bfx9g>

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