

Mark Cameron

BAND STORY

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Mark Cameron could be best described as “ COUNTRY FULL OF STYLE AND SOUL”. With an unmistakable voice that’ s strong, crystal clear and full of base, he was born and resides in Halifax, N.S. Mark has been gaining both experience and fans locally, since his first public performance in September 2004 at the Rodeo Lounge in Dartmouth, N.S. (CCMA nominated - “ Best Country Bar”)

Marks musical journey began very early in life. Born into a musical family, he quickly learned to associate song with serenity. Although Mark has been singing for as long as he can remember, he never really took his talent seriously until he had gained some life experience.

Mark spent his early years working with his dad and racing cars while developing an interest in big rigs and the open road. It didn’ t take long before Mark had completed his driver training, gained some experience and incorporated his own company. By 2002 Mark found himself traveling across the country, thinking and reconnecting with his musical roots. This new career choice had afforded him lots of time to reflect and has definitely been a catalyst for his new found love for song writing. The miles have allowed for many memories and much reflection. These life experiences have put Mark in a better place to enjoy and understand the run



STATS

Visits	Plays
1,266	74
Streams	Downloads
74	0

Featured Songs

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I Don't Wanna Go

Country

of recent opportunities and successes.

With a 1st and 2nd place finish, in two local singing contests in late 2004 and early 2005, Mark had gained enough confidence to enter the Rodeo Lounges “ Best of the Best Competition” in September 2005. After 12 weeks of competition, judged by JUNO nominated -John Gracie and ECMA winner- Audrey Alexander, and a host of guest judges, Mark was crowned “ The Best of the Best” in December 2005. This contest attracted many talented singers from all over Nova Scotia and Mark quickly realized he had the “ bug” only 14 months after his first public performance. He always loved to sing and now he loved the stage. This success also inspired Mark to head into a local studio to record 10 cover songs requested by family and friends. Marks first recording project, “ The Real Me”, was released shortly after winning the Rodeo title and the demand sent a clear message to Mark. People liked what they were hearing.

The timing was impeccable and 2006 would prove to be a busy and productive year. Mark had been driving, singing, thinking and writing, when the combination of raw talent and strong work ethic would rear its handsome head. On February 18, 2006, “ I Don’ t Wanna Go” would make its radio debut on Halifax’ s FX 101.9. The first single released from Mark’ s CD “ Get Er Done”, won 7 consecutive nights on the New Music Showdown and climbed to # 11 on the Top 30 Countdown in Nova Scotia. The title track “ Get Er Done” also won a full week on the showdown and made its way to # 18 on the Top 30 Countdown. Both songs finished in the Top 101 songs of 2006 on FX 101.9. “ Bring It On”

of 2006 on T-X 101.9. "Bring It On" and "I Met George Jones Today" have also been heard on the radio waves in Canada's ocean playground. The success of the first CD has encouraged Mark to continue writing and he plans to return to the studio in August 2007.

2006 presented many other fabulous opportunities for Mark to gain experience while working with great entertainers such as JP Cormier, The Ennis Sisters, Dave Gunning, Rylee Madison, Beverly Mahood, The Divorcees, Shirley Albert, Melanie Morgan, Aaron Prichett, The Road Hammers and Emerson Drive. While running his own company and performing with many of our local greats most people would have been busy enough but Mark's Get Er Done attitude...Got it done in 2006 as he focused the balance of his energy on completing his first original CD. The CD, appropriately entitled "Get Er Done", was produced by Scott Ferguson- Ferguson Music Productions and was released in December 2006.

As 2007 rolled in, Mark focused on working, playing, writing, building his own band and promoting his new CD. Mark continued to gain exposure and fans with his appearances during the 2007 ECMA Sponsored Showcases, Special Olympics Fundraiser- Rebecca Cohn, Music Festivals, Jamboree's, and most recently at the Wagons East Festival @ The Rodeo Lounge. The year was unfolding as planned when Mark heard CMT was holding open auditions for a reality TV show at the Rodeo Lounge in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. Though he vowed his contest days were behind him he just couldn't resist the temptation or the opportunity. With the largest turn out in all of the 6 major cities, Mark sang

his way past 120 singers during the 2 day audition process, to find himself the “ winner” of the CMT auditions and the judges’ choice to represent the entire East Coast.

The National search for Canada's brightest new country artist aired on CMT from Oct 10th to Oct 24th . Although Mark didn't bring home the top prize of \$ 10,000 he did however bring home something worth much more .

It's been an exciting two and a half years and Mark sees no end in sight now that he has embarked on this musical journey. He has already started recording a few songs for the new CD which will be out in 2008 .

For more information and upcoming showdates please visit his website at markcameronmusic.com

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