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BIOGRAPHY

There's a new recording act on the rise and the name is Longshot!

Longshot has been performing for several years pounding out energetic shows across western Canada with a flavourful blend of country and rock. They have paid their dues playing various high profile events, cabarets, and nightclubs.



The next step was inevitable: Longshot sought to kick their career into high gear and take their music to the public! In 2007 the band entered the studio for the fourth time with a much more ambitious goal... it was time to craft an album.

On October 3, 2008, Longshot released their debut album "Road to Redemption" which received glowing industry reviews; leaving a lasting impression on many new fans.

Look for Longshot's debut CD

release called "Road to Redemption" in stores now!

Longshot's first four single releases (prior to album release) received generous radio play across Canada. Some radio request shows found these singles among their top 5 requests! Since this early success Longshot's later releases ("Closer to Home", "You Slow Me Down") continue to build momentum and enjoy widespread national airplay.



Longshot's music is the heart of this band. The live experience is the pulse. The stage is what this band lives for. Versatility and experience shine through the performances. This is where all the hard work comes together and music is shared with fans and newcomers in a very real way.

The sharing continues with Longshot's CD album release in October 2008. The new album saw admirable response in Canada and has sparked interest internationally. Since then Longshot released the singles "Closer to Home" and "You Slow Me Down" which has primed the band for ramping up their touring schedule.

For 2009 Longshot is hitting the stage with renewed vigor and hope to see some new faces in the crowd!

AT A GLANCE:

Nominated for SCMA "Group of the Year" Award 2009 & 2006

PERFORMED AT:

Craven Country Jamboree
Camrose Big Valley Jamboree
Dauphin Countryfest
Tim Horton's Brier

PERFORMED WITH:

Marty Stuart
Aaron Pritchett
Gil Grand
Blue Rodeo
Shane Yellowbird



ROAD TO REDEMPTION

Produced by Bart McKay

Big Dreams
Closer To Home
You Slow Me Down
Road To Redemption
Without Losin'
What I Wouldn't Give
One Of These Days
Lie Here Anymore
Ain't Got a Clue
Summer's Reign

- July 5, 2009** Main stage spot and Closing Act for Dauphin Countryfest
- March 2009** Nominated for SCMA "Group of the Year" Award
- January 2009** "You Slow Me Down" single released and awarded Facto Promotion and Marketing funding
- October 3, 2008** Release debut CD "Road To Redemption" and single "Closer to Home"
- July 2006 – 2009** Performance at the Craven Country Jamboree
- August 2006 – 2008** Performance at the Camrose Big Valley Jamboree
- May 12, 2008** Released fourth single called "Summer's Reign"
- Fall, 2007** Began recording at Bart McKay Productions for debut album
- October 15, 2007** Released third single called "Ain't Got a Clue"
- July 12, 14 & 15, 2007** Performed at Craven Country Jamboree sharing the stage with Aaron Pritchett and Marty Stuart
- June 30, 2007** Appear in Shane Yellowbird's video "I Remember the Music"
- July 2007** Awarded FACTOR Grant for Independent Recording Loan
- April 6 & 8, 2007** Junofest! Opening act for Chris Cummings; host for the Juno Corporate Business Party
- January 2006, '07, '09** University of Manitoba Cabaret
- September 30, 2006** Perform with Sean Hogan at the Saskatoon Stampede Pro Rodeo
- July 2005 & 2006** Closing Act for Dauphin's Countryfest
- May 15, 2006** Released second single called "Road to Redemption"
- March 2006** Nominated for SCMA "Group of the Year" Award
- March 2006** Performed at the 2006 Tim Horton's Brier in Regina
- October 10, 2005** Released first single called "What I Wouldn't Give"
- August 20, 2005** Perform with the Poverty Plainsmen in Lloydminster
- July 1 & 2, 2005 & 2004** Ponoka Stampede with Gord Bamford
- October 23, 2004** Perform with Gil Grand at CCA Finals Rodeo Saskatoon
- March 5, 2004** Perform with Blue Rodeo at the 2004 Nokia Brier Saskatoon

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MEET THE BAND

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We are Chad Gusikoski, Craig Swain, Lorry Noble and Garth Howell. Longshot is truly our home away from home and we have entertained crowds across Canada for over a decade now! Seems hard to believe how the time flies.

We have opened for many big acts such as Blue Rodeo, Brad Johner, Aaron Pritchett, Marty Stuart, Chris Cummings, Gord Bamford, Gil Grand, and the Sean Hogan. We've enjoyed headlining our own shows and continue having a blast playing to people at a variety of venues today. Our passion and enthusiasm for playing music has charged our performances. We love a good party and we party with music! We attribute the band's success to our live act, and now we are bringing our own music to you!



Our recently released CD has exceeded on expectations and our singles have played on radio stations all across Canada. We are thrilled to take our music beyond the stage and take great pride in our new album. The success of our CD and its released singles has contributed to our success on the road which has given us opportunities to perform at some great venues such as Dauphin Countryfest Main Stage, Craven Country Jamboree, Camrose Big Valley Jamboree and other exciting venues across Western Canada!

It is such a privilege to finally bring our own music to our fans. Thanks to everyone we've met over the years, for the overwhelming support everyone has given us, and the great times we continue to have! For those who don't know us, here's a little about ourselves...

CHAD GUSIKOSKI

Lead and Harmony Vocals, Bass Guitar



I started playing music at the age of four on my Mickey Mouse drum set. My enthusiasm prompted my parents to buy me a "real" drum set less than a year later. My first gig was in my Dad's band when I was seven years old. I recall sitting on the couch one night watching the Tommy Hunter show when my Dad came barreling into the yard. He told me to pack up my drums because they needed a drummer for the night. From that night on I knew that music was going to be an important element in my life. I joined my Dad's band as a drummer but switched to bass guitar later on. I had a band in high school and then joined Longshot while attending university. I attribute my musical success to my Father who taught and encouraged me to play music, and my Mother who put up with all of the noise for so many years. Although there has been a long road of good memories behind me I look forward with anticipation to the road that lies ahead.

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CRAIG SWAIN

Harmony and Lead Vocals, Guitar, Keyboard



I was born and raised in Maymont, Saskatchewan. I led a typical small town life, with close friends and local activities such as sports and music. My musical journey started when I was four years old. My mother started teaching me piano which was all right, but I HATED practicing! I switched to guitar at the age of ten, and I have been practicing ever since! I've even gone back to playing the keyboards from time to time. After going through a few musical situations I helped form a serious touring band, and I toured across western Canada full-time for two years. Later I joined Longshot, where the camaraderie, successes and good times with the guys has kept me dedicated to the group now for many years.

LORRY NOBLE

Harmony and Lead Vocals, Drums and Percussion



I have been with Longshot now for about seven years. My enthusiasm and love of music has been well received by the band. As my mother can attest, I have been keeping a beat even before I was born. However I didn't start drumming until I was 12 years old. I started jamming in the first of many garage bands four years later. My first gig was in a local bar when I was still under the legal drinking age! After years of playing in various bands, I decided to front my own. My dream of playing guitar and singing lead continued for a number of years, until I returned to my passion of playing the drums. I have thoroughly enjoyed the professionalism and great friendships I have made since joining Longshot. With plans in place for Longshot to complete an entire CD album my musical goals that I set long ago will be complete.

GARTH HOWELL

Harmony and Lead Vocals, Guitar



I grew up in a musical household where my family and relatives would sing and play everything from spoons to guitars. As a kid I admired my cousin who played in a band and hoped to someday play guitar like him. My dream finally came true when I was given the opportunity to play with my cousin's band. I surely drove my parents crazy with the loud practicing at all hours of the night but they never once complained! I left home shortly after graduating from high school to travel with a band on the road... and the rest is history. Playing music has since allowed me to experience many good times, meet some great musicians and establish lots of great friendships along the way. I'm grateful for the opportunity to join Longshot and look forward to the many accomplishments that lie ahead for our band.

Longshot, Farideh launch new CDs

Compiled by Stephanie Classen

Though they have been gigging around Saskatoon and area for years, alt-country band Longshot will finally release its debut album Friday at the Long Branch.



Chad Gusikoski, one of the band's founders and its last original member, said the Road to Redemption CD release party will prove Longshot is a serious band "not just a bar band."

The event is also acting as a fund-raiser for breast Cancer, a disease that has affected women close to the band members.

Portions of ticket and CD sales as well as money raised by a silent auction will be donated to a breast cancer charity. Tickets can be purchased at the Long Branch. Fans can meet the band at 9 p.m., before the 10 p.m. show.

The Facts

Members: Chad Gusikoski, Lorry Noble, Craig Swain and Garth Howell.

Music style: Country, rock and pop all in one, with covers as diverse as Johnny Cash and Green Day.

We sound like: Keith Uban, Rascal Flatts, Diamond Rio, Johnny Cash, Eagles.

Fashion style: Do we have any? Comfortable, not trying to set any trends.

Favourite on-the-road meal: Noble — anything that casts a shadow. Gusikoski — pizza. Swain — Monte Cristo sandwiches. Howel — veal cutlets.

Most starstruck moment: Meeting Marty Stewart and seeing his \$10,000 original B-Bender guitar.

Band theme song: The Last Saskatchewan Pirate.

Tour transportation: Grey, 2007 Dodge quad-cab hemi truck with a trailer.

Our band in five words: Party, fun but serious, dedicated and hard-working.

Favourite song to play live: New single Closer to Home.





Longshot is a four-man band out of Saskatoon, founded around the lead vocal and songwriting talents of group leader, Chad Gusikoski. Road To Redemption marks the group's recording debut...an impressive one.

Longshot has seen the light and has dipped into the Canadian talent pool for much of this package. The album was produced by Bart McKay at his Sound Edge Studios in Saskatoon utilizing an array of top notch musicians including Murray Pulver (Doc Walker) on guitars. The material comes from some of Canada's top songwriters including contributions by Gord Bamford, Tim Taylor, Larry Wayne dark, Steve Pox, Colin Amey, Gerald O'Brien, Paul Sheremeta, etc.

The album has already served up a radio winner with the single Closer To Home (a tune co-written by Willie Mack); and there's several more entries here that have similar potential including Chad Gusikoski's self-penned bluesy ballad Lie Here Anymore; the Gord Bamford / Byron Hill / Tim Taylor fun tune Ain 't Got A Clue; and Without Losin', a tune written by Steve Fox.. Listen also for the inspirational What I Wouldn't Give, written by Larry Wayne dark and the punchy tune. One Of These Days.

Also featured here is the song You Slow Me Down, a tune that was also recently part of Jaydee Bixby's debut album.

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