

be ALRIGHT!

SAMMY VOLKOV - RESUME

ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

Sammy Volkov is a singer-songwriter and actor-director based in Treaty 6 Territory. Years of obsessive record collecting have left him with a slightly warped brain; a flair for old-fashioned melodies paired with lyrics that are entirely present and personal. Sammy graduated from SUNY Purchase's Acting BFA Conservatory where he performed & trained under the direction of Tony-Award winning Trazana Beverley and many other leaders in the theatre, film & music industries. A dual citizen, Sammy has lived in a number of American and Canadian cities but his heart has remained tethered to his so-called Edmonton home.

Sammy's soulful, esoteric qualities shine through on his upcoming album "Be Alright!" - recorded at Edmonton's Riverdale Recorders and mastered by Grammy-Nominated Philip Shaw Bova. Jason Schneider Media has signed on as Sammy's PR team. They will support the release of three singles with accompanying videos leading to the full album release in late 2022. The video for his lead single "Weather Report" (directed by award-winning Edmonton filmmaker Anthony Goertz) will use classic style to subvert heteronormative narratives. As per mentor Chris Wynters' recommendation, Six Shooter Records' resident artist Lyle Bell will be directing one of the three videos. Sammy's music has been presented on the CJSR & CKUA radio networks. Sammy was honoured to have been selected by the Canadian Musicians Cooperative to work as an Emerging Artist & Program Coordinator for Summer 2021. Sammy has contributed vocals to albums by Jonathan Kawchuk and Emmet Michael. With grant support from the Edmonton Arts Council, Sammy is currently recording an album of original classic country duets with the multi-talented, veteran artist Dana Wylie.



QUOTES

“One of the freshest voices I’ve heard in over a decade, Sammy restores my faith that there is still much innovating and interesting music to be made, and that rock music is alive and well.”

-Dr. Daniel Levitin (New York Times Bestselling Author & Musician who has worked with Stevie Wonder, Steely Dan, Jonathan Richman & others)

“It’s not often, but every once in a while, someone I’ve never heard of walks in and blows my socks off. I felt a little like Sam Phillips last night.”

-Scott Franchuk (Sound Engineer, Riverdale Recorders)

“Heads up, here’s one to watch! Beautiful, absolutely beautiful!”

-Rhea March (Host of CJSR’s ‘It Takes A Village’)

“Gorgeous, heartfelt, soulful singing with such a lovely natural technique. Just absolutely stunning. Listen to Sam, follow him on Spotify and be transported. So beautiful.”

-Amy Van Keeken (Host of CKUA’s ‘Far Out’ and ‘Twilight’)

“As a veteran of this industry, I know that it is practically unheard of for an artist to burst out of the gate presenting the highest levels of artistic assuredness and eclecticism - but with “Be Alright!”, Sammy has done just that.”

-Chris Wynters (VP Artist Management - Six Shooter Records)

“Sammy’s voice is one I wish I had, his songs are ones I wish I had written ... If I owned a record label I’d sign him, if I had a radio station I’d play him, if I owned a paper I’d write about him.”

-Del Barber (5 time Western Canadian Music award winner, 3 Juno award nominations)

TEAM

Producer: Harry Gregg
Engineer: Scott Franchuk
Studio: Riverdale Recorders (Edmonton)
Mixing: Scott Franchuk
Mastering: Philip Shaw Bova
Album cover design: Morgan Melenka
Weather Report single cover design: Travis Salty
Photography: Daniela M. Roth
Videography: Anthony Goertz, Lyle Bell, Adam Kidd
Publicity: Jason Schneider Media





NOTABLE LIVE PERFORMANCES

- September 2021 – ICE District (“ICE Jam”) – Edmonton, AB*
- July 2021 – Festival Place (with Ayla Brook and the Sound Men) – Sherwood Park, AB*
- June 2021 – Heart of the City Music and Arts Festival (with Stem Champ) – Edmonton, AB*
- January 2019 – Rocky Mountain Ice House (with Amy Van Keeken) – Edmonton, AB*
- December 2018 – Rocky Mountain Ice House (Big Dreamer Jam) – Edmonton, AB*
- August 2018 – Americana Music Festival – Calgary, AB*
- August 2018 – The Kasbar (supporting Jey Witten) – Edmonton, AB*
- June 2018 – The Aviary (supporting Dana Wylie) – Edmonton, AB*
- March 2018 – House show (with Doug Hoyer & Cayley Thomas) – Edmonton, AB*
- February 2018 – Sewing Machine Factory (supporting Misery Mountain Boys) – Edmonton, AB*
- January 2018 – The Woodrack Café – Edmonton, AB*
- November 2017 – Live CKUA broadcast (with Jey Witten) – Edmonton, AB*



DISCOGRAPHY

- Coming soon - Dana Wylie & Sammy Volkov Sing Country*
- November 2022 - Be Alright!*
- September 2021 - Riding the Waves documentary (featured artist)*
- September 2018 - Sam Wolfe Sings EP*