COUNTERMEASURE

the new sound in vocal music

Smooth harmonies. Joyful performances. Infectious energy. Get ready for next-level a cappella with Countermeasure!

Since forming in 2010, Countermeasure, has been earned standing ovations and critical acclaim worldwide. Led by award-winning composer/arranger Aaron Jensen, the group has shared stages with a cappella giants including Naturally 7 and The Swingle Singers and top 40 stars like Corey Hart and Blue Rodeo.

Countermeasure features 12 of Canada's top vocal talents, performing innovative arrangements of pop favourites, classic jazz standards, and original songs. Their diverse songbook has equipped the group to headline international choral concerts, play the main stage at jazz festivals, entice club-goers onto the dance floor. Incorporating innovative live looping, instrument imitation, and vocal percussion, Countermeasure enthralls their audiences worldwide with their dramatically choreographed shows and flawless harmonies. They have won multiple awards from Contemporary A Cappella Society of America, include Best CAL Album, best video, and for songwriting.

When they're not jumping onto countertops for flashmobs, or providing the live soundtrack to National Film Board shorts, Countermeasure can be seen at high-profile jazz festivals, concert series, and galas, as well as on CBC Radio and TV, Global Television, Rogers Television, City TV, and CP24. They are a founding artist of SING! The Toronto Vocal Arts Festival, Canada's premier a cappella festival. They have wowed audiences on two U.S. and several Canadian tours, and in the UK at London a Cappella Festival, Edinburgh Festival Fringe, London-area theatres, and Kennedy Center in Washington, DC.. They performed for an audience of 1000 at the opening concert at the world-renowned Vocalmente Festival in Italy and are returning to Japan, having sold out their previous tour.

Insanely talented, awesome and dynamic, infectious!
Skylar Astin, star of The Pitch Perfect movies

Their videos original songs, "Life is Fine" and "Fox in the Field", from their latest album release, "Made to Measure", have an aggregate of nearly half a million YouTube views.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AJ4Mm8alM6I
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=drJQ7SrKdyw

There is nothing as exciting or as exhilarating as watching dynamic singers in motion and listening to voices create ALL of the sounds, from drums to guitars and trombones, in full harmony.

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*****55 minutes of pure gold! If there was more than a five star rating, I would give it to these guys as they are literally superb!* East Coast 107.6 FM Scotland

*****Countermeasure is leading the pack in Canada and abroad with its unique, compelling, "genre-defying" complex arrangements combined with stunning choreography to deliver a hit show!

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*****Countermeasure delivered a remarkable show at Friday Night Live! The all-ages crowd loved the energy, the creativity, and the truly unique approach to a cappella. And, on top of that, the group are fun, charming, playful and authentic people! All together, totally delightful!* Shauna Grinke, Co-producer, Friday Night Live @ Lynn Valley United Church, Vancouver

*****I have seen 100s of a cappella shows but what these Canadians are doing here at #LACF2015 is unheard of. What a joy and a pleasure. You nail those speeches, you sing so beautifully, & you know how to put on a show.*- Florian Statdler, VocalBlog, Germany

Countermeasure singers are Gianna Antonacci, Taavi Burns, Arun Devdas, J-M Erlendson, Aaron Jensen, Marla Kishimoto, Qwyn MacLachlan, Nina Mason, Tara Park, Hayley Preziosi, Elana Steingart, and Jeremy Voltz.

Youtube: Promo video: **https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0N_AXFEx0Pg**
"London Bells": https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2hcRMtVG7yE
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/CountermeasureAcappella/
Twitter: @defygenre
Web: www.countermeasuremusic.com
Email: info@countermeasuremusic.com
https://www.youtube.com/user/CountermeasureMusic/subscribe
https://www.instagram.com/countermeasuremusic/

Achievements

- Best Contemporary A Cappella album for "Made to Measure", Contemporary A Cappella Recording Awards 2017
- 267,000 + YouTube views for "Life is Fine" video, 2017
- One of two spots in the Best Jazz Album category from the Contemporary A Cappella Recording Awards in 2016 debut CD, "14 Characters"
- finalist for two Toronto Independent Music Awards including Best Pop/Electronic Group
- Best Original Song (Fox in the Field) by a Professional Group at Contemporary A Cappella Recording Awards, 2017, tie with Pentatonix for runner up
- Best Contemporary A Cappella League (CAL) Song (Fox in the Field), runner up, 2017
- Best Electronic/Experimental Video for Opera Somnia, Contemporary A Cappella Society of America, 2017
- Best Contemporary A Capella League Video for Opera Somnia, runner up, Contemporary A Cappella Society of America. 2017
- Recorded A Cappella Review Board (RARB) Picks of 2016, "Made to Measure", Honorable Mention
- Inclusion in a cappella compilations Voices Only Forte and SING 13:Superstition

Workshops available in a variety of topics, including:

1) Instrument Mimicry - making your voice sound like a variety of common orchestral instruments
2) Beatboxing and Vocal Percussion - the art of Mouth Drumming
3) A cappella arrangement and harmony - putting together the parts to make great arrangements for choral groups
4) Vocal improvisation and collective composition - creating original music for yourself and with others (circle-singing)
5) Rhythm fundamentals for groups - establishing the "pulse" for a choir, adapting to odd times and bar structures and staying in the groove
6) Vocal looping - creating layered sounds live using a loopstation or looping software
7) The "Tech" of a cappella - using microphones and effects to maximize your sound. Includes a technical workshop from our sound engineer.
8) Masterclasses / focused workshops - Countermeasure can sit in with your choir's rehearsal and provide feedback to help grow your sound.

Across the world, audiences, producers, and critics rave about Countermeasure

STELLAR MEDIA REVIEWS!

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FringeReview.ca

******5 Stars but should be 12 stars! Extraordinary group, unmissable concert, breathtaking talent, astoundingly good, world class. Superlatives abound.*
Andy Bungay, Wandsworth Radio, Croydon, UK

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Jamie Wells, East Coast 107.6 FM Scotland

*****Impressive stuff. This really is a show with everything.*
Edinburgh49+3

Class, charm, phenomenal stage presence, and an extraordinary mix of vocals. Truly spectacular.
La Fedeltà - Fossano, Italy

Highly Recommended. *An hour of music that was innovative, harmonically testing and wonderfully daring. Uplifting music from a bunch of real characters and very talented singers.*

Fringe Review, Edinburgh

Their music went straight to my heart. It's beautiful. This is a win for Canada.
Soul Jazz with Marion Rodrigues, G987fm radio, Toronto

I have seen 100s of a cappella shows but what these Canadians are doing here is unheard of. What a joy and a pleasure. You sing so beautifully, & you know how to put on a show.
Florian Statdler, VocalBlog, Germany

Great music. Really enjoyed the diversity.
Ecletic Avenue show, Croydon Radio, Croydon, England

Love me some @defygenre live now on CP24 Breakfast.
Nneka Elliott, TV host, CP24 TV, Toronto

The number one jazz a cappella group in Toronto. Phenomenal. Incredible.
Eva *D,* AM740 Radio, Toronto

Amazing vocals!
Vancouver Sun newspaper

The greatest group to come out of Canada since The Nylons. Insanely fun to watch. You guys are awesome! How fun is that!
CKNW Radio, Vancouver

I'm amazed! I'm very impressed!
Ted Woloshyn, Newstalk 1010, Toronto

The leading a cappella chorus out of Toronto
Washington, D.C., Examiner (U.S.)

Riding the hot a cappella singing craze, Countermeasure, is one of the hottest new vocal groups
Annapolis Patch (U.S.)

FESTIVALS AND THEATRES ARE THRILLED!

Spellbinding group with perfect harmonies, a pleasure to work with. The audience loved it and wanted more.
Theatre Utopia, Croydon, England

Countermeasure were undoubtedly a highlight for the festival - the favourite for many festivalgoers !
Vocalmente Festival, Fossano, Italy

Vocal blends ooze musical genius and demand your admiration.
The Edinburgh Playhouse

An absolutely incredible group. I'm so glad that they have been here at the Big Burns Supper festival and I really hope that we can get them back.
Big Burns Supper, Dumfries, Scotland

Great fun for the audience.
The Forge Venue, London, UK

Countermeasure simply blew us away.
Skinny Bananas Nightclub, Caterham, England

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Kelly Breaks, bluefrogstudios.ca, Vancouver

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Shauna Grinke, Co-producer, Friday Night Live @ Lynn Valley United Church, Vancouver

Countermeasure delighted our audiences with their stellar harmonies and innovative style. Their participation and collaboration in our festival was a big hit!
Berrie Center for Performing and Visual Arts, Ramapo College of New Jersey

Excellent performance!
Brantford International Jazz Festival

Countermeasure was simply OUTSTANDING and had so many people raving about them.
Rick Muller, Co-Producer, "It's Always Something" Gala for Gilda's Club at the Sony Centre

Jaws dropped, hands clapped. Enthusiastic. Polished. Professional. Imaginative, challenging , engaging vocal arrangements and choreography- that's Countermeasure.
Paul Sanderson, co-founder of Artists' Legal Advice Services (ALAS)

With Naturally 7

With Skylar Astin and Anna Camp from Pitch Perfect

KUDOS FROM CELEBRITIES!

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Treated to holiday tunes by the amazing Countermeasure.
Mayor John Tory, Toronto

Awesome!
Tyler Stewart of Barenaked Ladies

Remarkable!
The Honourable David C. Onley, The Lieutenant Governor of Ontario

Awesome!
George Stroumboulopoulos, TV and radio host

AUDIENCES DEMAND ENCORES!

Tweets and postings

Absolutely brilliant. Of the 22 shows and events we experienced during our Fringe visit, this was head and shoulders the most entertaining.
Bill

This show was utterly brilliant!! I took my 8 year old daughter & we couldn't believe that the entire show was created by the voices of 14 super talented individuals. I bought the CD after & now want to visit Canada!!!!! Do all Canadians sound this good??? I need to find out!!!!
Lucy

SO brilliant, upbeat, heartwarming and funny. /Combining old styles with new, classical with beat boxing - just genius. Fabulous to watch, listen and enjoy. A complete MUST SEE.
Nicky

Thanks for restoring my smile and for joining the largest a Cappella Showcase in the world, I just wish you weren't 'Takin' It Home' so soon.
Mr. LinEd

So great to hear @DefyGenre again!! Sounding wonderful guys
Jo Goldsmith-Eteson, Swingle Singers

***@DefyGenre** Thanks for making this old guy's day. First class.*
RT **@Hoglinewamphray**

Absolutely brilliant. Flawless vocals in an intimate setting, exactly what I was hoping for and more.
Alistair

CD REVIEWERS HEAP PRAISE!

Countermeasure is a rising star in the Canadian music and recording scene. They create a mind-boggling array of sounds from harmonic lyrical choral to rocking percussive to instrumental sounds. Exciting and groundbreaking.
Wholenote Magazine

Vocal harmony in a pristine incarnation by fourteen singers who can make any note hummed, whistled, scatted and sung come alive – as if by magic – with exceptional finesse and urgency, with a sophistication that hasn't been heard in a very long time.
jazzdagama.com

SAMPLE REPERTOIRE

Song	***Composer/Original Artist***
London Bells	Aaron Jensen
Fox in the Field	Aaron Jensen
I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles)	The Proclaimers
Unravel	Bjork
Copacabana	Barry Manilow
Life is Fine	Aaron Jensen
Lovers in a Dangerous Time	Bruce Cockburn
I Saw Her Standing There	Lennon-McCartney
Takin' it Home	Aaron Jensen
Never Been Better	Aaron Jensen
Train the A Take	Aaron Jensen
Something	Lennon-McCartney
Carry Away	Aaron Jensen
I Got You Under My Skin	Cole Porter
Hit Me Baby One More Time	Britney Spears
The Weight	Robbie Robertson
TANK!	Yoko Kanno and the Seatbelts (Cowboy Bebop)

SOME SELECT PAST PERFORMANCES

Vocalmente Festival, Fossano, Italy
Hounslow Performing Arts Centre, Hounslow, England
The Forge, London, England
Theatre Utopia, Croydon, England
Edinburgh Festival Fringe, Edinburgh, Scotland
The Art, Caterham, England
John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Washington, DC (two seasons)
Festival Hall, Osaka, Japan
Takatsuki Jazz Street Festival, Japan
JK Ibaraki Club, Osaka, Japan
Asahi Theatre, Obama City, Japan
Ontario Place
Brantford Downtown Jazz Festival

Rose Theatre, Brampton
Hugh's Room
Lula Lounge
Sony Centre
SOCAN Gala
True Patriot Love Gala
Young Centre for the Performing Arts
Jane Mallett Theatre
SING! The Toronto Vocal Arts Festival (2012 through 2018)
Beaches International Jazz Festival (five years)
Hart House
Stockey Centre, Parry Sound, ON
Al Green Theatre
Park Avenue Church for Arts in the Park, New York City
Harbourfront Centre
Green Door Cabaret
Rogers TV Studios
Burlington Park for Canada Day
Horseshoe Resort for Canada Day, Barrie, ON
Canadian Embassy, Washington, DC
Port Hope Bandshell
Koerner Hall
Crossroads Television Christmas Special
Jazz Bistro
Toronto Pearson Airport
Factory Theatre
Ramapo Performing Arts Centre, New Jersey
Woodbine Racetrack for Queen's Plate
Mohawk Racetrack
Nathan Phillips Square
Rosedale United Church Gala
Taste of the Kingsway
Welland Port Colborne Concert Seeries
LIMITLESS Gala
Le Grand Bal
Jazz on the Mountain at Blue, Collingwood, ON
Rochester Institute of Technology, US
Bill's Bar, US
Betty Olephant Theatre
Hard Rock Café, Philadelphia, US
Acre 121, US
London A Cappella Festival, London, England
St. Bride's Church Concert Series, London, England
Oxford University, Oxford, England
Varsity Theatre
Brantford International Jazz Festival, Brantford, ON

CP24 Breakfast Television, Toronto
Canada AM for CTV
City of Brampton for Canada Day
CBC Radio and TV for Sounds of the Season, Toronto
Toronto City Hall
Southcoast Jazz Festival, Port Dover, ON
Ten Feet Tall Jazz Club
Weston Concert Hall, Toronto
Big Burns Festival, Dumfries, Scotland