



# COUNTERMEASURE

the new sound in vocal music

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# biography

Countermeasure is the new sound in vocal music, known for their sophisticated arrangements, seamless harmonies, lively performances and infectious energy. Their dramatically choreographed show, where every song tells a story, has received standing ovations and critical acclaim worldwide. Featuring 14 of Canada's top harmony singers, their genre-defying contemporary sound takes a cappella to the next level.

Formed in 2010, Countermeasure is led by award-winning composer/arranger Aaron Jensen. The group performs original songs and reimagined standards ranging from Cole Porter to the Beatles, with a strong accent on pop and jazz arrangements. It's a cappella singing at its best, incorporating innovative live looping, vocal percussion, and instrument sounds made by the voice. Their broad-based musical eclecticism has opened doors for the group to headline international contemporary choral concerts, play the main stage at jazz festivals, coerce club-goers onto dance floors and collaborate in esoteric interdisciplinary art projects. They have shared stages with hitmakers from a cappella giants Naturally 7 and The Swingle Singers to top 40 stars Corey Hart and Blue Rodeo.



Countermeasure has been featured at high-profile jazz festivals, concert series, and galas, as well as on CBC Radio, Global TV, Rogers TV and City TV, and CP24 TV. 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 more. They performed the opening concert at the world-renowned Vocalmente Festival in Italy.

debut CD

# 14 CHARACTERS



"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 SOPHISTICATED THAT HASN'T BEEN HEARD IN A VERY LONG TIME."

–jazzdagama.com

"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

# MADE TO MEASURE

The ensemble was awarded one of two spots in the Best Jazz Album category from the Contemporary A Cappella Recording Awards for their debut CD, "14 Characters", which has also been featured on three compilation albums: "Sing 11: One Louder" (CASA) and "Forte IV" (Voices Only), "From Sea to Sea" (Centrediscs/NAXOS), and nominated for an Independent Music Award. Their second release, "Made to Measure", was nominated for two Toronto Independent Music Awards. The albums are played on syndicated radio stations worldwide.





FESTIVALS AND THEATRES ARE THRILLED!

An absolutely incredible group.  
– *Big Burns Supper, Dumfries, Scotland*

Countermeasure simply blew us away.  
– *The Arc, Caterham, England*

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





# reviews

★★★★★

A stunning hour of world-class a cappella music. If singing at the Edinburgh Fringe were an Olympic sport, Countermeasure would be a hands-down gold medal winner.

– *FringeReview.ca*

★★★★★

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!

– *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*

Their music went straight to my heart. It's beautiful. This is a win for Canada

– *Soul Jazz with Marion Rodrigues, G987fm radio, Toronto*

**ACROSS THE WORLD, AUDIENCES,  
PRODUCERS, AND CRITICS RAVE ABOUT  
COUNTERMEASURE**

★★★★★

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*

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.

– *Eclectic Avenue show, Croydon Radio, England*

The leading a cappella chorus out of Toronto

– *Washington, D.C., Examiner (U.S.)*

The number one jazz a cappella group in Toronto. Phenomenal. Incredible.

– *Eva D, AM740 Radio, Toronto*

Riding the hot a cappella singing craze, Countermeasure, is one of the hottest new vocal groups

– *Annapolis Patch (U.S.)*

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*



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

*Theatre Utopia, Croydon, England*

Vocal blends ooze musical genius and demand your admiration.

*The Edinburgh Playhouse*

Skylar Astin, star of THE Pitch Perfect movies

**"INSANELY TALENTED, AWESOME AND DYNAMIC, INFECTIOUS!"**



Vocalmente Festival, Fossano, Italy  
Hounslow Performing Arts Centre, Hounslow, England  
The Forge, London, England  
Theatre Utopia, Croydon, England  
Edinburgh Festival Fringe, Edinburgh, Scotland  
The Arc, Caterham, England  
Hugh's Room  
Lula Lounge  
Sony Centre  
The SOCAN Awards  
True Patriot Love Gala  
Young Centre for the Performing Arts  
Jane Mallett Theatre  
SING! The Toronto Vocal Arts Festival  
Beaches International Jazz Festival (three years)  
Hart House  
Stockey Centre, Parry Sound, ON  
Al Green Theatre  
Park Avenue Church for Arts in the Park, New York City  
Harbourfront Centre  
Rogers TV Toronto  
Burlington Park for Canada Day  
Horseshoe Resort for Canada Day, Barrie, ON  
Canadian Embassy, Washington, DC  
Port Hope Bandshell Summer Concert Series, Port Hope, ON  
Koerner Hall  
Crossroads Television Christmas Special  
Jazz Bistro  
Toronto Pearson Airport  
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 Series  
LIMITLESS Gala, Royal York Hotel, Toronto, ON  
Jazz on the Mountain at Blue, Collingwood, ON  
Rochester Institute of Technology, US  
Bill's Bar, Boston, MA  
Hard Rock Café, Philadelphia, US  
Acre 121, Washington, D.C.  
London A Cappella Festival, London, England  
St. Bride's Church Concert Series, London, England  
Le Grand Bal, The Fermenting Room, Distillery District, Toronto, ON  
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  
South Coast Jazz Festival, Port Dover, ON  
Weston Concert Hall, Toronto  
The Kennedy Center, Washington, D.C.  
The Bitter End, New York, NY  
Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto, ON  
Burlington Performing Arts Centre, Burlington, ON



SOME SELECT PAST

# performances

Countermeasure was simply OUTSTANDING  
and had so many people raving about them  
after the show.

*Rick Muller, Co-Producer,  
"It's Always Something" Gala for Gilda's Club  
at the Sony Centre*



# “AWESOME”

Tyler Stewart of Barenaked Ladies



# sample repertoire

## SONG

## COMPOSER/ORIGINAL ARTIST

London Bells.....	Countermeasure Original
Fox in the Field.....	Countermeasure Original
I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles).....	The Proclaimers
Best of My Love.....	The Emotions
Copacabana.....	Barry Manilow
Life is Fine.....	Countermeasure Original
Lovers in a Dangerous Time.....	Bruce Cockburn
I Saw Her Standing There.....	Lennon-McCartney
Takin' it Home.....	Countermeasure Original
Jump Back.....	Countermeasure Original
Train the A Take.....	Countermeasure Original
Something.....	Lennon-McCartney
There Will Never Be Another You.....	Harry Warren
I Got You Under My Skin.....	Cole Porter
Experiment.....	Cole Porter
The Weight.....	The Band

Countermeasure delighted our audiences with their stellar harmonies and innovative style.

*Berrie Center for Performing and Visual Arts,  
Ramapo College of New Jersey*



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