

AA Sound System

"Lilly Plain, You're Hardly Poor"

Why sing songs about driving on the washboard gravel roads of Saskatchewan, or a forests fire that almost took the farm or saying goodbye to your mom for the last time? Because **Saskatchewan is home**, the fire is real and so is dying. When Ayla needs to work this out, he sits cross-legged in the living room of the farmhouse in which he was raised, with guitar in hand and writes a damn good song.

AA Sound System is a simple three piece band that plays Ayla's songs the only way they know how; with all they got, every time because life is too short to listen to shitty music.

"It's about playing a good song end to end. That's about it."

Ayla Brook (guitar) and **Marek Tyler** (drums) have been playing music together since they were kids in Saskatchewan; driving from one small town to another; making enough to phone home with. They met **Lane Arndt** (bass, keys) in the hallway of the **apartment building they still live and rehearse in**; he wanted to play too.

Don't fear the reverb.

AA Sound System began to rehearse living-room-arena-rock in their pajamas when the neighbours were away; rocked their first show in the winter of 2002 to a crowd of 9; time went on; more people came; no one has left. There is no looking back or you might hit something

The summer of 2003 found **AA Sound System** back at Ayla's farm in an old wood room, looking over the fields, recording their own agenda with good wine, and better mikes. Their debut **"Lilly Plain, You're Hardly Poor"** was finished by Riverdale Records' Scott Franchuck (Corb Lund, Old Reliable, Jen Kraatz).

"Recording all alone on the prairies of Saskatchewan made it sound better."

Over the summer of 2004, **AA Sound System** will be touring in support of **"Lilly Plain, You're Hardly Poor"**; concentrating on churning good sounds into good songs; making their parents proud; having enough to phone home about.

Marquee Shows

Nextfest Showcase

Played with Spooky Ruben, Anne Vriend, Old Reliable, Jen Kraatz,

"One of the busiest bands in town." Jay Hannely CJSR

"They all have weird names." Mari Sasino - Edmonton Journal

"There's a real mix of urban and rural influences" Gary McGowan

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"Not really sure what this is about, you can never trust Marek Tyler, Ayla Brook and Lane Arndt to do the same show twice in a row."

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