

# BRAD FILLATRE

Brad was born in the small mill town of Corner Brook, Newfoundland.

His earliest memories involve traveling the province with his parents as they tended to their funeral business. With each journey, the rugged coastline, and vast uninhabited landscapes entangled themselves into Brad's creative conscience.

From a young age, Brad was drawn toward sound and all things musical. From the dusty, untended keys of the old piano at his grandmother's cabin, to the sea of sound offered up by the second hand instruments in the local pawn shop. His unwavering curiosity finally persuaded his mother to purchase his first guitar. Immediately, Brad took over the rickety shed, set among the trees of his backyard. A place of solace, the shed was where he began timidly writing his first songs.

He threw himself into numerous bands, enjoying being a part of something with friends, and breaking out of his shell. This moment in time also served as a crucial learning period where many tough lessons would be taught - some filled with disappointment, others with inspiration. Despite his friendships, family, and heart being in Newfoundland, he couldn't shake the constant pull of big city life.

In 2005, Brad took a leap of faith and relocated to Toronto. With a collection of songs already written, he soon formed a band with other newly relocated Newfoundlanders called The Evelyn Room. They recorded and independently released a self-titled EP in 2008.

Off the strength of the EP and their intensely charismatic live show, The Evelyn Room went on to showcase at NXNE and made the short list of top 60 bands to watch for that year. The band also received several nominations at the XM Radio Verge Awards. Despite this early success, Brad had lingering doubts.

So in February 2011 Brad set out on his own yet again, and began recording his first solo EP **For Your Weakness**. He secured a deal with Sparks Music and released the work in 2012 to eager anticipation.

Brad never dreamed that one of his biggest supporters would be MTV in Los Angeles, where over the next two years his music would be used in numerous globally syndicated programs, bringing him international attention. For the first time in his career, fans began sharing their stories with Brad, explaining how deeply they had been touched by his songs. From comments to personal messages, he witnessed first hand the impact he could have.

This feedback inspired confidence, and played a key role in propelling him forward towards shaping a new album. For the next year writing became the focus, readying himself for recording. Finally, during the winter of 2015, Brad enlisted the help of Adam Ferri to co-produce a new body of work.

The result of these sessions is **Strangers**. An eight song album that has been described as both sonically rich and emotionally driven.

The new album was released via Sparks Music/Universal Music in Canada, and internationally via INgrooves Music Group on August 12, 2016.

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