

Acton band Wicked Truth makes appearance on CBC show

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Wicked Truth, a band hailing from Acton, recently appeared on the CBC show Land and Sea.

The band appeared in a recent episode focusing on Lee and Laura Keough, the couple whose family was behind the annual Lobsterfest in Acton for the past 20 years.

Wicked Truth has played the Lobsterfest for the past two years and are no strangers in Acton.

"Wayne Unruh (bass player) and his wife Bonnie are close friends and former neighbours of Lee and Laura," said singer Matthew Bunt. "Wicked Truth had played the Lobsterfest the previous year in 2016 and we were happy to return for the big final block party."

The 2017 edition, which took place Father's Day weekend, was the last Lobsterfest to be hosted by the Keoughs, who moved back

to their home province of Newfoundland and Labrador shortly after the event.

The two-part episode focused on Lobsterfest, while the second followed the Keoughs back to Newfoundland after living in Ontario for 30 years.

"As far as being on Land and Sea, it was really great. They asked us to pick a song to play for the show and I suggested In The Mood by RUSH, because of the Canadian content of the show; and it's a song/band not often tackled by bar bands. Which is what we set out to do from the start," said Bunt.

"It's not every day I get to do what I love on national television. It's pretty surreal. It's weird because the taping happened five months ago. We knew this was coming, but I didn't really think about it until it aired and I got a text from my friend saying her mom just called her 'wiggling out' because she saw me on TV.



Photo contributed by Wicked Truth

Acton band Wicked Truth is starting to make waves in the local music scene and on the small screen, with the band appearing in a recent episode of the CBC's Land and Sea.

"Now, I'm realizing that this 30 seconds of cross-Canada air time is probably one of the coolest experiences of my life, will only help the success of WT, and it wouldn't have happened if I had not bought Wayne that birthday beer," added Bunt.

According to Bunt, Wicked Truth formed after a chance meeting between he and Unruh two years ago

at a local pub in Acton.

"Back in December 2015, I was at The Red Harp in Acton and Wayne was there celebrating his birthday with his family. I didn't know him, but I bought him a birthday beer. I knew Wayne played bass in another local band and asked him if he was interested in starting a new project.

He said: 'Funny you

should ask that,'" said Bunt.

"He and some friends had been trying to get their band off the ground for about a year, but couldn't find the right singer. I auditioned in Jan 2016 and Wicked Truth was born," he added. The band's membership has evolved since the show was taped back in June, but Bunt says as long as he and Unruh are in the mix, Wick-

ed Truth will remain an ongoing concern.

"Shortly after the Lobsterfest, the band's lineup went through some major changes with some members deciding they didn't want to play so frequently and others wanting to play more. They decided to depart, but Wayne and I - the driving force behind the band - remained.

"Now, with a new lineup we are busier than ever and excited about pushing our success to the limit."

The band is currently booking shows into 2018 and will be playing at The Red Harp Pub's annual Ugly Christmas Sweater Night on Dec. 23.

Visit facebook.com/wickedtruthband/ or email mathew.c.bunt@gmail.com for more info. Visit cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/programs/landandsea to view the full two-part episode, which originally aired Nov. 14 and 20.

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