

Play that funky music...

By DONNA DANIELLI



They met as students at Brookville Public School and went on to create their first band, the Spastic Attack Dogs when they went on to Acton High School. Fast forward not so many years to the present, and Julian Sark and Eli McIlven are taking Toronto venues by storm as *Flickershow*. "I just happened to be watching *The Green Mile* and one of the characters dying wish is to see a flicker show," says Julian, explaining the origins of the band's unusual name. "I thought it was an interesting word. It matched the tone of our shows. My music is cinematic in style. I unfold my songs, I set the scene and I do a lot of word-play."

Flickershow was recently honoured as one of the top ten of over three hundred entries in the TVO Studio 2 Ontario Song Contest. "It was a really cool experience," says Julian, going on to joke that "it's like Canadian Idol on public television. Everyone is a winner and there are no prizes."

Flickershow is beginning to gather quite a fan base in Toronto; largely in part to the original music they play. "It's an eclectic, folksy, poppy, jazzy mix of music," explains Julian. "It's the kind of stuff that you play in an intimate setting, it's acoustic and the lyrics are important."

They already have a five-song ep available, but Julian and Eli plan to record their first full-length cd later this summer. As well, they have shot their first music video which will soon be available for viewing on their website at www.flickershow.com.

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