

# TMSR talks touring, song inspiration and what's next

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**Where have you most enjoyed performing so far?**

**Adrian:** Europe, because of its history and the people we idolize. There's very lovely smells there as well.

**Ryan:** I love performing in Europe, especially the mainland. However, playing a big festival in Canada is like nothing else. The home team advantage is great.

**How do European fans differ from those in North America?**

**Nick:** I find the Europeans are more willing to come up and talk to you after a show. I've had a couple of nights where I've been out with random strangers that I just met at our show. We'll go out for Indian food at four in the morning.

**Ryan:** European and Canadian fans differ in a lot of ways, but are similar in one important respect, and that's their support for music they love. It's very important for people who enjoy music to support the music creatures they like. It's a dying industry and if people keep taking music for granted it will all be gone soon.

**What's the toughest part about an extended tour?**

**Nick:** Probably dealing with the small amount of sleep that you actually get when you're on the road. A typical touring day goes like this — wake up at 7 or 8, drive in the van for eight or nine hours, get to the venue by 5 p.m. Then you do a sound check at 6, the show starts at 9 or 10 and we go on around midnight or 1 a.m. Do that for 30 days and you tend to

get very irritable when you've been around the same people almost 24 hours a day.

**Where has your most unusual inspiration for a song come from?**

**Ryan:** For me, inspiration for songs always comes from day-to-day life and just living with yourself. There is no harsher critic or motivating factor. It's all viable fuel for creation.

**Adrian, what's the secret to maintaining a strong singing voice?**

**Adrian:** Not smoking. And being entirely present in the now, focusing on no other time except the word and the song.

**Which do you prefer, creating music or performing it?**

**Adrian:** Creating music. It's just you and your brothers talking on a different plane — in a purposeful, beautiful way.

**Nick:** I actually like both. With writing I find it lets me be way more creative. But I love performing as well. I love being able to share our art with as many people as possible.

**Ryan:** Performing and performing well is a rush like nothing else, but creating a song you're proud of is like giving birth to a new thing that wasn't a thing before.



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TMSR's (from left) Nick Greaves, Adrian Jewett and Ryan Lessen have a busy spring ahead, starting with Sunday's Junos.

**Nick, you play the banjo as well as guitar. Ever get any requests for the tune from Deliverance?**

**Nick:** Not really, but when I get it (banjo) out I tend to get a lot of requests for Foggy Mountain Breakdown.

**Who's most likely to forget one of your lyrics?**

**Adrian:** Sean (Woolven)

**Nick:** Adrian

**Ryan:** Ryan

**How are you at Guitar Hero?**

**Nick:** I'm actually pretty bad. I find it's nothing like actually playing guitar. I did, however, just recently beat Beatles: Rock Band.

**Besides music, who in the band has an interesting skill?**

**Adrian:** Nick manages the band and is into jiu-jitsu. He's training to eventually take down everyone he sees.

**Nick:** Adrian used to be in theatre and Ryan's produced four of our five albums. I tend to be a jack-of-all-trades. I do a lot of photography and my work can be seen on three of our album covers.

**Ryan:** Adrian can do great impressions.

**Your next album's due out pretty soon. What can fans expect from it?**

**Adrian:** I have no idea what anyone expects.

**Nick:** They can expect to hear a band that's more confident than ever, a band that once again is redefining its sound.

**Ryan:** The new EP will really take us back to our roots of songwriting and composition. We try to remain playful while we dance around tough topics that have weighed us down over the last few years. We try to be very honest and naked to the listener.

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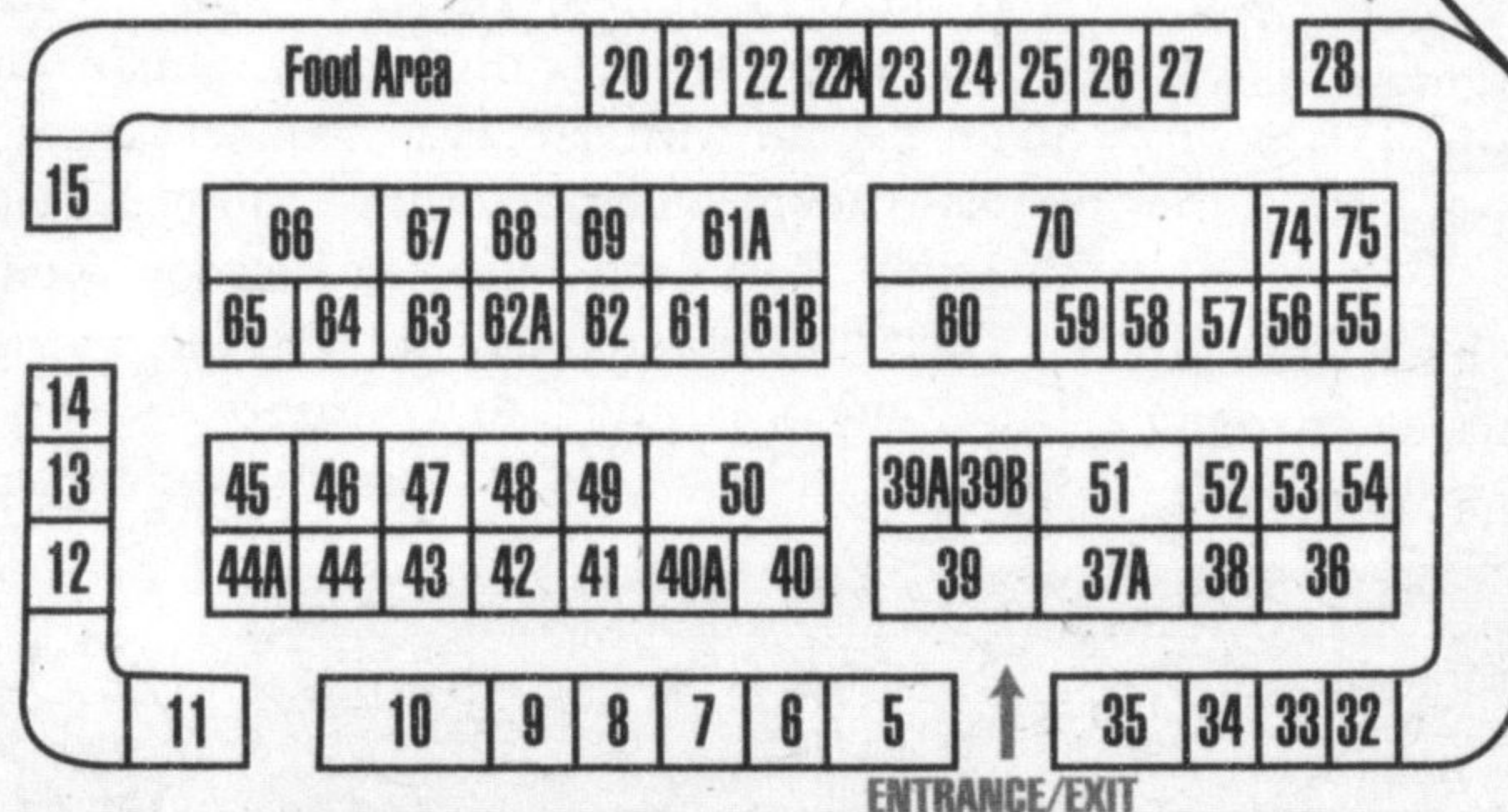
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