

Entertainment

# Prairie Oyster slides into town this Sunday

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This Sunday (Sept. 11), Stouffville Country Flea Market is hosting a free concert featuring Canada's award winning group, Prairie Oyster.

"They were here in 1992 and it was our biggest concert ever, so we're expecting a good turnout," advised flea market manager Rob Shannon. Showtime is noon, and the concert will open with performances by acclaimed local artists Lawnie Wallace and J.K. Guley.

While Prairie Oyster has long been established as one of Canada's top country music bands, it has enjoyed a major resurgence of interest in recent times, said lead singer Russell deCarle. "The past couple of years have been pretty amazing."

The release of the breakthrough album, Everybody Knows, played a key role in the band's fortunes. It went platinum in Canada, producing a number of chart-topping singles and garnering many awards, including two Junos.

Prairie Oyster's main inspiration, however, comes from its interaction with fans at live concerts. "We've been picking up an incredible level of energy and support from our fans and that energy really carried over to the record-



Prairie Oyster and Lawnie Wallace will be playing at the Flea Market this Sunday.

ing of our new record," deCarle observed.

A richly eclectic album, Only One Moon is more representative of the music performed by the band at live venues than its previous work. "After an album that was more of a '60s honky tonk tribute, this stretches out a little more; the songs are quite different," he explained.

"This is more what people at Prairie Oyster concerts come to see. Actually, it's probably the most purely Prairie Oyster album we've done."

The band's versatility is evident throughout the recording, with moods ranging from a gentle country rocker, 'Don't Cry Little Angel,' to 'Louisette,' a fiery Cajun tune.

Much of the song writing

was done last winter, when the band took a break from touring to concentrate on producing Only One Moon. Of the 12 numbers, four are covers, including Lucinda Williams' 'Price to Pay'.

"It'll be interesting and just a little scary to see what people think of it," said Joan Besen. "It's kind of a sophomore effort for us, the first one after a very

successful record; the first where there are serious expectations." Local fans will get the chance to decide for themselves on Sunday at the flea market. The Lions Club will be running a beer tent and there will be a \$2 parking fee.

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