

SAMMY DUKE

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“...will raise the little hairs on
the back of your neck.”

— No Depression

“...Duke's bluesy voice will get
you.”

— CBC Music

“...Canada's highest-profile
one-man-band...”

— Cashbox Magazine Canada

BIO

You'd never mistake Sammy Duke for anyone else the moment he starts performing onstage. He's the gentle giant playing up to EIGHT instruments at the same time!

Described as a "troubadour prog-rock[er]" (No Depression), Sammy Duke simultaneously sings, plays guitar, bass synthesizer pedals with his foot, percussion with his other foot, beats on a drum with an occasionally liberated hand, and even performs with his elbow - as in the case of his famed “elbow chimes.” Almost as impressive, during his live shows, is his extremely lively energy, self-deprecating charm, spontaneous spurts of audience participation, and witty humour. With his

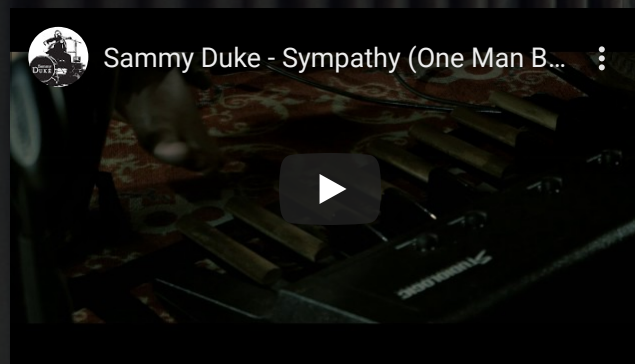


musical diversity and engaging stage persona, Duke entrances and comforts audiences of all kinds.

In addition to his solo work, Sammy Duke can also be seen recording and touring as a sideman for other artists. Most notably, he tours with Indo-Tanzanian Canadian artist Alysha Brilla playing bass, cajon, shakers, and tambourine, all the while singing harmony. Duke also recorded percussion on all three of her JUNO-nominated albums (In My Head, Womyn, and ROOTED, all nominated for Adult Contemporary Album of the Year). He's appeared both solo and with Brilla on Rogers TV, Global TV, Breakfast Television, CBC Radio One, and CP24 Breakfast Weekend - the last of which tweeted "Our jaws are still dropped from the incredibly talented @sammydukemusic performance this morning!"

Sammy Duke released his first full-length album "Terminus" in 2018, with funding from the Waterloo Region Arts Fund. He recorded the album with Ian Graham at Small Dog Studios in Kitchener - an off-the-grid, solar powered recording studio. The first single "Save It" made it's debut on CBC Radio's Fresh Air in Toronto.

With a growing reputation for an "unorthodox playing" of instruments, thoughtful lyrics, and an absolutely unmistakable live show, Sammy Duke will be recording new material in 2020. "And if you're still not convinced, Duke's bluesy voice will get you." (CBC Music)



SAMPLE MUSIC



SAVE IT - SAMMY DUKE (MP3)

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