**NEWS**

1. The Ladies kicked off this month with some big Canada 150 celebrations in Toronto and Ottawa! Catch up on page 2.

1. After that, BNL hit the road for a bunch of music festivals across the US and Canada. Get our round-up of the best on page 3.

1. BNL’s first album *Gordon* is 25 years old this month! Along with news about the new LP version, I put together a little tribute of some *Gordon* fun facts on page 2 to celebrate.

1. New dates have been added to the autumn Canada 150 tour. For more details see below, or the final page for a full list of upcoming concert dates.

1. We got our first *Fake Nudes* hints in the last few days. Watch this space next month!

**Upcoming**

**It’s Touring Time, Oh Yeah**

Now the summer music festival season is over, next on the BNL calendar is their autumn Canada 150 tour. Three new dates have been added for British Columbia in mid-November. The full list of dates is on page 4 and BNL’s official website. Parry Sound are running a contest to win two tickets to BNL’s Oct 2nd show at the Stockey Centre in Parry Sound, ON. The deadline is August 7th so enter soon if you want to see them there!

**Solo News**

**Ed**

♪ As part of Canada Day, Ed chatted to Jeremy Bradley about what he loves about Canada, its place in the music world and some friendly teasing of Alan Doyle.

**Kevin**

♪ A very happy 48th birthday to Kevin! One day they’ll invent an instrument this man can’t play, but that day hasn’t come yet!
Happy Birthday Gordon!

As of the 28th of July 2017, BNL’s first album Gordon has officially hit a quarter of a century! I think I can safely say that we all feel very old with the announcement of that news.

BNL are releasing a 2-LP version of Gordon on October 13th in honour of this milestone. Find out more and pre-order now HERE!

To celebrate, here are some fun and lesser known facts about the album:

- Gordon has reached diamond status in Canada meaning it’s sold over one million copies! Only 10 other Canadian artists have ever achieved this.
- 80,000 of those copies were sold within the first 24 hours of release!
- Andy Creeggan is credited with 20 different instruments/vocal parts across Gordon’s 14 songs.
- Gordon had 42 guest musicians on it!
- The picture in the liner notes where Ed is dressed as an alien came before the Fox ‘Ballad of Gordon’ PSA featuring the alien.
- Ed brought 5 guitars to record Gordon. These days they bring around 80!
- Jim cross-country skied across a frozen lake each morning to the studio from where the band was lodging.
- A number of musical references are included in Gordon’s songs but the hardest to legally clear was the ‘Charlie Brown Theme’ in ‘Grade 9’.

Happy Canada Day!

BNL took part in two amazing shows to celebrate Canada’s 150th anniversary this month.

On the 30th of June they played Toronto’s Nathan Phillips Square. There were lots of fireworks and big, saggy balls to play with – I don’t know, ask Canada – Watch a video montage of the evening’s fun or relive the most Canadian way to celebrate: A massive ‘If I Had $1,000,000’ sing-along!

Then on July 2nd they took part in WE Day in Ottawa. The Ladies played a biggest hits set of ‘Pinch Me’, ‘The Big Bang Theory Theme’, ‘One Week’ and finally ‘If I Had $1,000,000’ with old friend Commander Chris Hadfield on guest guitar before ending with their current medley. You can watch the whole thing here (BNL’s part starts at around 1:36:00) or the highlight of If I Had $1,000,000 with Chris Hadfield. If you want to know more about the full WE Day event you can check out Ottawa Citizen’s article including some snaps of the band, or watch BNL discuss it with etalk.

Features

Jim

Jim had a very fun interview with News 1130 ahead of BNL headlining the 40th Vancouver Folk Festival on the 15th of July, discussing Vancouver, the band’s folk influences and things he enjoys doing there. I legit spat out the water I was drinking at that ‘wood nymph’ line.

Tyler

Ahead of BNL’s appearance at the Winnipeg Folk Festival, Tyler took a long reminisce with Winnipeg Free Press about the band’s history and the first time they played at the festival.

Tyler also spoke to Calgary Sun on similar legacy topics as well as giving a November release date for Fake Nudes.
Concerts

BNL really rocked it for summer this month with 12 concerts across Canada and the US at various music festivals! Here's our round-up of the best from this month’s shows!

Videos

# Gordon Lightfoot & Ed’s aunt story – Mariposa Folk Festival, July 7th

♭ ‘If I Had $1,000,000’ w/ Alan Doyle & the Beautiful Gypsies – Thunder Bay Blues Fest, July 8th

# ‘Easy’ – Thunder Bay Blues Fest, July 8th

♭ ‘Life, in a Nutshell” w/ Eric McCormack (Partial) – Vancouver Folk Music Festival, July 15th

# Flying adlib – EAA Airventure, July 24th

Reviews & Galleries

♫ Gallery – Vancouver Island MusicFest, Courtenay July 16th

♮ Review & Gallery – Frederik Meijer Gardens, Grand Rapids July 19th

♭ ‘Life, in a Nutshell” w/ Eric McCormack (Partial) – Vancouver Folk Music Festival, July 15th

# Flying adlib – EAA Airventure, July 24th
Upcoming Dates

To get tickets visit BNL’s official website

♫ Sep 3 Naperville Last Fling - Naperville, IL
♫ Sep 10 Markham Civic Centre - Markham, ON
♫ Sep 30 Capitol Centre - North Bay, ON
♫ Oct 2 Stockey Centre - Parry Sound, ON
♫ Oct 3 Oakville Centre for Performing Arts - Oakville, ON
♫ Oct 4 Oakville Centre for Performing Arts - Oakville, ON
♫ Oct 6 Rose Theatre - Brampton, ON
♫ Oct 10 FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre - St. Catharines, ON
♫ Oct 11 Imperial Theatre - Sarnia, ON [Only VIP tickets left]
♫ Oct 12 Sanderson Centre - Brantford, ON
♫ Oct 14 The Grand Theatre - Kingston, ON
♫ Oct 16 Confederation Centre of the Arts - Charlottetown, PE
♫ Oct 18 Rebecca Cohn Auditorium - Halifax, NS
♫ Oct 20 Queens Place Emera Centre - Liverpool, NS
♫ Oct 21 Casino New Brunswick - Moncton, NB
♫ Oct 23 The Empire Theatre - Belleville, ON
♫ Oct 24 Showplace Performance Centre - Peterborough, ON
♫ Oct 26 The Burlington Performing Arts Centre - Burlington, ON
♫ Nov 1 E.A. Rawlinson Centre for the Arts - Prince Albert, SK
♫ Nov 2 Jeanne & Peter Lougheed Performing Arts Centre - Camrose, AB
♫ Nov 3 Dow Centennial Centre (Shell Theatre) - Fort Saskatchewan, AB
♫ Nov 6 Red Deer Memorial Centre - Red Deer, AB
♫ Nov 7 Charles Bailey Theatre - Trail, BC
♫ Nov 8 Key City Theatre - Cranbrook, BC
♫ Nov 9 Vernon & District Performing Arts Centre - Vernon, BC
♫ Nov 11 Sagebrush Theatre - Kamloops, BC
♫ Nov 12 Clarke Theatre - Mission, BC
♫ Nov 13 Port Theatre - Nanaimo, BC
♫ Nov 15 Cowichan Performing Arts Centre - Duncan, BC

Fun and Games

Can you work out this BNL anagram?

♫ STONY GLINT TILE

Answer next issue!
Last issue’s answer: ‘Forget the caffè latte, screw the raspberry iced tea’

Fog of Writing

Behind the song: ‘Take It Outside’

“That song, Steve and I were trying to get across a message about, emotionally, sometimes you have to fight for what you believe in and that’s important, and I’ve avoided that too much in my life. You’re often wondering if the message [of your songs] is getting out there. First time we ever played that song, two guys got into a fight in the crowd.”

(Source: Ed Robertson, 11-13-03)

Did I Say That Out Loud?

“Jim Creeggan has a nice butt to the touch. It’s totally firm. Jimmy ‘Muscle Butt’ Creeggan, I call him.”

- Tyler Stewart

That’s it for this issue! Send feedback, ideas and contributions to newsletter@getbarenaked.net or tweet @Mil_Feirn

Photos, videos, fanart, reviews, fanfiction - if it’s got something to do with BNL, we want to see it!