

SUNSHINE MAKERS BIO

Sunshine Makers is a phenomenon of little elements joining together to create something big. As the name suggests, Sunshine Makers create music that radiates warmth. The songs are oriented around positivity and hope with themes of love, peace, and unity the forefront. Featuring a bouquet of buttery vocals, funk-infused basslines, and hypnotic rhythms, the sonic appeal is an amalgamation of new and old with deeply rooted in R&B, funk, jazz, and neo soul.

Sunshine Makers began in 2017 as a Toronto-based project led by Brent Jackson (The Junction) in partnership with producer Ben Fox. The project was rooted in collaboration, diversity, and creative freedom, which opened up opportunities to work with creative gems in the Toronto scene such as, Julien Barbagallo (Tame Impala), Odario Williams (Grand Analog), Aquakultre, Chester Hansen (BADBADNOTGOOD), Caitlin Woelfle-O'Brien (Blunt Chunks), keyboardist Jem Roberts, and saxophonist Dennis Passley (Arkells). Jackson and Fox released two singles independently in 2018, receiving CBC radio airplay and gaining opportunities to grow the project.

After a move to London in 2018, Jackson reconstituted the live band to include a fluid collection of players, instruments, and voices that aim to inspire movement, evolution, and collaboration. Sunshine Makers has now solidified as a 6-piece London-based band featuring Jackson on lead vocals and guitar, Imogen Wasse on vocals, Thomas Perquin on drums, Shayn Barnes on percussion, Aidan Wasse on bass, and Tina Powell on keys and vocals.

In February 2023, Sunshine Makers released their first EP *A SIDE* with support from Flying Colours Records, La Mission (France), POPUP Records (Germany), and the Ontario Arts Council. EP singles 'The Dream' and 'Got to be Good' were well-received critically and added to the regular rotation on CBC radio, France's FIP Radio, and editorial streaming playlists. The positive reception and widespread airplay helped the band in its mission to connect with people, build community, and spread peace, love, and sunshine.

The band is currently preparing for the June 2024 release of their follow up EP *B SIDE*, which will be paired with *A SIDE* as their first full-length album. It will be released under independent label and artist collective LOVETOWN Records. Released singles from the EP have reached top 10 spots on over 20 charts, spanning Europe and Canada, including a number 1 spot in France's Frequency K Radio and a number 5 spot on CBC Radio One flagship station CBLA FM. With support from the London Arts Council, Sunshine Makers have already started recording their next full length album set for release in 2025.

Sunshine Makers has shared the stage with a remarkable collection of bands including The Delvon Lamar Organ Trio, King Pari, Too Many Zooz, JayWood, Shad, Dwayne Gretzky, LTtheMonk, SHEBAD, Odario Williams (Grand Analog), My Son the Hurricane, and King Cruff. They have been included on exciting festival rosters such as, Liquid Arts Festival, Sunfest, Riverfest, Paris Drinks Fest, Supercrawl, VenueXVenue, & NXNE. The band will be embarking on their first Eastern Canada tour in Summer 2024 to support their second EP/first full length release.