



## Barenaked Ladies

### Biography

Formed in 1988 in Scarborough, Ontario, the chart-topping Barenaked Ladies have been making music for three decades and have sold over 15 million albums worldwide. The band's style has evolved significantly over the course of their career, favouring acoustic in the early days and growing to encompass a mixture of genres.

The 1991 release of *The Yellow Tape*, initially meant as a demo cassette, would go on to become the first independent tape to ever achieve platinum status, with over 100,000 copies sold in Canada. Following multiple indie cassette releases, the band signed to Sire Records, with whom they released their first full album entitled *Gordon*. *Gordon* was a cultural phenomenon in Canada and was certified Diamond (selling over 1 million records). *Stunt*, released in 1998, would become the band's most commercially successful record, climbing all the way to No.3 on the Billboard album chart, anchored by the smash hit "One Week," which peaked at No.1 on the Billboard Hot 100.

The band has seen incredible success over their lengthy career with international tours including performances at Madison Square Garden, The Royal Albert Hall and Wembley. Known for such hits as "Pinch Me," "It's All Been Done," "Brian Wilson," "If I Had \$1,000,000," "Jane," "Odds Are" and many more, the band also penned the theme song for the hit CBS series, *The Big Bang Theory*. In 2013 Barenaked Ladies collaborated with Commander Chris Hadfield on the song "I.S.S. (Is Somebody Singing)," recorded while the Canadian astronaut was in orbit in the International Space Station. Later that year their 10th studio release, *Grimacing Streak*, debuted at #10 on the *Billboard Top 200* followed by 2015's *Silverball* and most recently *FAKE NUDES*, lauded as one of their most dynamic albums to date.

Praised not only for their palpable on-stage chemistry, camaraderie and characteristic improv style, Barenaked Ladies have been recognized for their ongoing philanthropic initiatives. The band was a founding member of Barenaked Planet – Powered by Reverb in 2004 and have since "greened" every tour date, offsetting over 300 metric tonnes of carbon. Barenaked Ladies have also donated their time and effort to Free the Children/WEday, ABC Life Literacy Canada, David Suzuki Foundation – The Blue Dot Tour, and Camp Oochiegeas.

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