

SHIFTY MORGAN

For more than a decade, Shifty Morgan has been entertaining audiences across the prairies. Their sound is a blend of country tradition and driving rhythm, giving them that edge that defines new country. With a wide variety of country/rock cover tunes and strong, well crafted original songs (all written by lead vocalist/guitarist Anthony Kelly), Shifty Morgan appeals to a wide range of country music fans.

Although the band has experienced many highlights throughout the years, 2001 was a defining year for Shifty Morgan. This was the year that the band captured the title of regional winner in Project Discovery, a nationwide talent search, which took the band to the national finals at Country Music Week in Calgary. Since then, the accomplishments just keep on coming:

- Debut CD, "Anything But Easy", which was into production in 2000, was completed and released in 2002, produced by Kevin Churko (engineer for Shania Twain's "Up") and Bart McKay (producer for Brad Johner, Gord Bamford, Heather Dawn), distributed by Royalty Records of Edmonton. The CD has produced six singles – Hasn't Been Me, Closer to Blue, She Ain't Lonely Yet, Old Man in the Mirror, Now That Day is Gone, and A Hundred Years From Now - all Top 100 Cancountry hits.
- Numerous Saskatchewan Country Music Awards nominations and winners of the "Rising Star" award in 2003 and "Group of The Year" in 2004
- Nominated for Independent Group of the Year at 2004 CCMA awards
- Opening shows for legendary acts like Ian Tyson and new country stars like George Canyon and Aaron Pritchett
- 2006 main stage appearance at the Craven Country Jamboree

The bands lead singer Anthony Kelly was honoured with a 2006 SCMA award , "Song of the Year" for his debut solo single, "You Belong Here". He continues to front Shifty Morgan on the club, casino, rodeo and cabaret circuit across the prairies as he pursues his song writing career with several cuts recorded by Canadian artists in 04, 05, and 06. The band remains committed to providing high-quality music to audiences for years to come.

The members of Shifty Morgan include Anthony Kelly (lead vocals, guitar, mandolin), Guy Wall (guitar, vocals), Blake Kelly (acoustic guitar, vocals), Neil Coghill (drums), and Vern Nixon (bass guitar).



Cool places we've played:

Craven Country Jamboree Main Stage and Beer Gardens Stage
SI GA Casinos across Saskatchewan
The Pump, Regina, SK
The Ranchman's, Calgary, AB
Casino Regina Show Lounge, Regina, SK
2001 Project Discovery Finals, Calgary, AB
Big Valley Jamboree Beer Gardens, Camrose AB

Cool people we've shared the stage with:

The Johnner Brothers	Lisa Brokop	I an Tyson
The Poverty Plainsmen	Aaron Pritchett	Blackhawk
Jason McCoy	George Canyon	Jimmy Rankin

Cool things people have said about us:

"...the group is sure to cause some waves in the country music scene.. one of the best new acts to hit the scene in some time."

Country Music News, Aug., 2001

"First out of the gate on Saturday night at the Palace Theatre in Calgary was Shifty Morgan who represented themselves and their region with a strong, entertaining set."

SCMA Newsletter on PD Finals, Fall 2001

"...so many people predict great things for this band..."

Moosomin World Spectator, Oct. 1997

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