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Toronto, Canada - What do you get when you cross three amazing saxophonists dressed in wacky clothes, a crazy dancing drummer and a killer upright bass player and have them sing songs about Buses, Roaches and Hockey and spend half their time playing in the audience? The Shuffle Demons, that's what.

Now they're back! It's been 20 years since The Shuffle Demons rode the Spadina Bus. The band is celebrating their 20th Anniversary with a Greatest Hits CD scheduled for release on June 15th, 2004 plus hitting all the Canadian Jazz Festivals from June through September. (see tour dates below)

BUT THE MOST EXCITING PART..

The Demons are kicking it all off by attempting to shatter the Guinness Book of World Records record for most saxophones playing one song. They'll attempt to have over 350 saxophonists performing "Hockey Night in Canada" in Toronto's Dundas Square on Sunday, May 30th. (see event details below)

Twenty years ago the Shuffle Demons captured the imagination of a generation with their antics, amazing no holds barred playing and stopped traffic on a regular basis. The Demons return to form with a greatest hits album, a DVD (Fall release) and a whole lot of demonic attitude.

This is the legend of the Shuffle Demons: After drawing hordes of hipsters to their Toronto street gigs on Yonge and Bloor with their wild playing and exotic wardrobe, the original Demons (Mike Murley, Dave Parker, Rich Underhill, Stich Wynston, and Jim Vivian) took their caustic collection of musical majesties and travesties indoors to begin pleasing bunches of boppers in Canadian clubs and at Jazz Festivals. Inspired by these fashion assassins and original street hits 'Spadina Bus', 'The Shuffle Monster', 'What do you Want?', and 'Out of My House. Roach,' large delirious audiences began experiencing the early stages of shuffle rapture.

Then things got really crazy! 'Spadina Bus' became a MuchMusic hit, and was quickly followed by the hilarious 'Out of My House, Roach'. The Demons caught fire, sold more independent albums than anyone up to that point, were nominated for a Juno, won 5 CASBY Awards, toured like mad and released their 2nd album (Bop Rap which featured a very popular rendition of 'Hockey Night in Canada'). More touring and more albums soon followed and the Shuffle Demons were playing to packed houses around the world with a new line-up featuring Perry White and George Koller.

The Shuffle Demons released six albums and seven videos in their thirteen year career. They played thousands of shows at every major jazz and folk festival in Canada during fifteen Canadian tours. They toured Europe fifteen times playing from Estonia to Italy, Netherlands to Norway, Switzerland to Sweden, and Germany to Belgium. All the while they kept audiences excited and dancing as they built up a solid fan base that, to this day, will never forget the music and the antics...stopping traffic with the famous 'Spadina Bus' walk around, playing a Mingus tune and really meaning it, thrashing around the stage in crazy interpretive dance, delivering the classic poem 'What do you Want'. They were a band that captured the imagination of a generation with their antics, amazing no holds barred playing and stopped traffic on a regular basis.

The Shuffle Demons are calling all saxes!
Come help the Demons BREAK THE WORLD RECORD
SUNDAY, MAY 30TH, 2004 in Toronto's Dundas Square.

Join Toronto's famed Shuffle Demons and special celebrity guests as we attempt to shatter the Guinness Book of World Records record for most saxophones playing one song. On May 30th the ground will shake and ten city blocks will hear all of us playing the legendary "Hockey Night in Canada" theme. In fact, the whole world will be watching as over 500 sax players blow their way into the record books and help put Toronto back on the map.

Sax players of all levels and ages playing saxes of all types are welcome. We also need volunteers and camera people to help document this historic event. Come have a blast as we blow them away!

All saxophonists and volunteers must pre-register online at:
<http://www.shuffledemons.com>.
Sheet music will be e-mailed to you when you sign up.
Registration starts at noon. World Record Attempt at 2pm.
noon - DUNDAS SQUARE (corner of yonge and dundas)

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Shuffle Demons 2004 National Tour Schedule

May 20th - Toronto - Distillery Jazz Festival
May 30th - Toronto - World Record attempt in Dundas Square
June 18th - Edmonton - Sidetrack Cafe, Edmonton
June 19th - Calgary - Night Gallery
June 23rd - Medicine Hat Jazz Festival
June 25th - Duncan - Garage Showroom - www.duncangarageshowroom.ca
June 26th - Victoria - International Jazz Festival
June 27th - Vancouver - International Jazz Festival
June 28th - Toronto Downtown Jazz Festival - Hummingbird Centre
June 29th - Ottawa International Jazz festival - Confederation Park
July 2nd - Kingston Jazz Society - Free concert downtown
July 3rd - Montreal -TBA
July 9th - Uptown Waterloo Jazz Festival
July 10th - Halifax Jazz Festival
Sept 11th - Guelph Jazz Festival
Sept 15th - Fredericton Jazz Festival
More date TBA.

Don't miss the return of THE SHUFFLE DEMONS