

William Kuklis

(Pronounced "Koo-Klis")



Prolific singer-songwriter William Kuklis has been gripping audiences with his powerhouse vocals, emotion and charisma for over 20 years. Kuklis has taken his musical inspiration from a wide array of genres and artists and has been compared to greats such as Matt Andersen, Van Morrison, Steven Page, and John Popper.

He began his life in music as a founding member of the Vancouver-based eclectic folk band *Cultured Cowboy*. Over four years the band released two full-length studio albums *Cultured Cowboy* and *Cultured Cowboy Live at Orphan Studios*. In 2001, Kuklis branched out on his own releasing his first solo album titled *The Price We Pay*. This tribute album to a lost friend was received with great acclaim and enjoyed much praise for the depth and composition of his performance and writing. With extensive live performances and appearances on radio and

television, William shared stages with such artists as Craig Cardiff, David Ross Macdonald, The Be Good Tanyas, and John Bottomely.

Cultured Cowboy was reformed in 2004 under the new name *Willie Kuklis and the Disappointments* and they released their 2006 album *The Hand That Pays*. *The Disappointments* enjoyed many successes performing together. Highlights included shows for the Vancouver Grey Cup, and the Vancouver Sun Run playing for an audience of over 50,000 people.

More recently, Kuklis relocated to central British Columbia to focus on multiple projects including music for several independent film and television productions. In addition to his music, William continues to pursue his other passions as a professional actor and writer for indie film, television and theatre. He has writing and acting credits in several indie film and television productions including *X Spots the Mark* for *The Vancouver Film School*, *Quickies* for *Moviehouse Pictures*, and *The Distance of Truth* for *Pageturner Productions*, among others. In addition to his film credits, Kuklis has been active in theatre throughout BC for many years as an actor, writer and director.

In 2014, William Kuklis released his second solo album *I've Heard That Before*. The album was lauded by his fans and media for its honest lyrical content and powerful vocal performance, and received radio play in both Canada and the United States. After the successful launch of *I've Heard That Before*, Kuklis was invited to play on the main stage for the 2015 Canada Winter Games.

Kuklis' latest project and third solo album *Save Me*, was released in 2017. He describes the process of making this latest LP as "a grueling experience," spending the last two years creating and blending every component of the album, writing, recording, and selecting every line to capture "the un-edited feeling in each track." The final result brings the audience through William's journey characterized as "a measured walk through longing, pain, and love - just not as depressing or as Danielle Steel as that sounds." *Save Me* is another bold demonstration of music and song writing that listeners have come to expect and relish from William Kuklis.

William opened his boutique recording studio, Vinyl Deck Studio, located in in Prince George BC, and since its inception in 2013, he has worked with and produced several artists including Juno Nominee Marcel Gagnon.

Kuklis continues to play live shows, and he is currently working on new material for further albums and upcoming projects.

Selected praise:

"His voice is one of those rare instruments that could sing a grocery list or the ingredients in a soup can and make it sound delectable."

Frank Peebles - Prince George Citizen

"What a voice!"

Sheryl Mackay - CBC Radio

"He projects vocal sound like an athlete projects balls over home run fences, the lyrics are clear and well enunciated but he can whip your hair straight back."

Frank Peebles - Prince George Citizen



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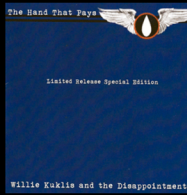
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Discography



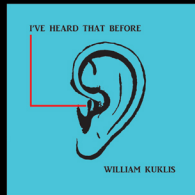
Save Me William Kuklis - 2017

1. Home
2. Save Me
3. It Tears Me Up Inside
4. Let It Burn It Down
5. Somebody Put Me Down
6. Take Me Away
7. Dominoes
8. Emily Anne
9. Chances Are
10. The Show



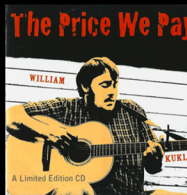
The Hand That Pays Willie Kuklis and the Disappointments - 2006

1. Another Man Down
2. I Want My Way
3. Sail Away
4. She Ran Away From You
5. I Wait
6. You Cut Me Down
7. There's A Page Missing
8. It's Too Much
9. Leave your Message After The Tone
10. Where's The Outrage
11. Life Without Rage
12. The Hand That Pays



I've Heard That Before William Kuklis - 2014

1. I Feel Free
2. I'm Lost
3. When You Run
4. Home Again
5. How Do You Do
6. Let Me Breathe
7. You Cut Me Down
8. Goodnight
9. I've Heard That Before
10. Skeleton Bird



The Price We Pay William Kuklis - 2001

1. Dear World
2. Bad News
3. Thank You
4. The Price We Pay
5. I Wish For You
6. A Hole In The Ground
7. Sweet Slumber
8. Pray My Friend
9. Sweet Rain
10. What Happened To Me
11. untitled
12. Goodbye



Cultured Cowboy Live at Orphan Studios Cultured Cowboy - 2000

1. Rain For A Sunny Day
2. Bad News
3. Buttercup
4. Assembly
5. Fall To Pieces
6. Cliffjumping
7. Take Me Home
8. GNILY
9. Me To You
10. Break The Broken
11. Sweet Rain
12. Fistfull
13. AJ Polka Waltz
14. Goodbye



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Selected Live Appearances

2015 Canada Winter Games (Prince George BC)

Vancouver Sun Run (Vancouver BC)

Smithers MidSummer Music festival (Smithers BC)

The Media Club (Vancouver BC)

The Roxy (Vancouver BC)

Lucky Bar (Victoria BC)

Vancouver Grey Cup (Vancouver BC)

Artswells Festival Of All Things Art (Wells BC)

Edge Of The World Music Festival (Tlell BC)

The Railway Club (Vancouver BC)

Garfinkel's (Whistler BC)

The Backstage Lounge (Vancouver BC)

Social Media and Links

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Spotify: <https://open.spotify.com/artist/0CvuBY2QNVNskaLaNwMn0G>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/williamkuklis/>

YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCp87y_NQiOad6COeWB8tPCw

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