

TOMCAT RECORDING ARTISTS
ROB McLANE *and*
AGAINST THE GRAIN

HMP MANAGEMENT

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The press clippings don't talk about the wild ride this young man has been on. Originally from a small farming community in Saskatchewan, Rob McLane began making a name for himself in the 1990s as the leader of a young country group called Against The Grain. Following an impressive release of some strong independent singles to radio and performances of key concert shows, they jumped quickly into the fast lane on their way to success...

These were heady times for Rob, with a Cadillac in the driveway, diamond rings on his finger and the song "I Sure Need Your Love Tonight" in the Canadian Top 16 and songs like "One Mile Closer" and "Let Me Know How He Feels" in the Canadian Top 40 along with concert appearances with the likes of Sawyer Brown, The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, and Carlene Carter. For a kid who had taken up the guitar only five years earlier, Against The Grain's success was a dream to good to be true. Then the big bus of life hit a sharp curve and went out of control.

A series of tragedies struck. McLane married an adoring young fan after knowing her little more than six months. Rob's longtime friend and manager suddenly quit working with the band, leaving all of the band's business in Rob's hands.

During the turmoil, Rob's father passed away and his new marriage failed and ended in divorce. It was like Rob was strapped in blindfolded at the wheel of a speeding career, careening wildly up a curving mountain road. Rob was forced to put music in the back seat while he got his life under control.

Over time, Rob reformed the group, composed a trunk full of new songs and dusted off some old ones. He was able to complete a new album and began the career building process again. New managers came on the scene, trying to convince Rob that they had the answers for his career and tried to get him to slug it out in the clubs while they shopped his new album and molded his career. He had done enough living at that point to know that without a vision and product in stores and at radio, the club circuit could be a downward spiral. They didn't manage him for long.



Rob McLane knows the taste of caviar and of Kraft Dinner. Today, he still has a Cadillac in his driveway but most of the other trappings of success have long since been used up. He plans on putting the roller coaster ride of his past to good use as the inspiration for more of the great songs we've come to expect from him at radio stations across Canada. Now, with a new manager, a Canadian

album entitled "Twenty Years Of Rock n' Roll Country Blues" available soon in record stores, and a healthy spiritual outlook on life, Rob McLane is ready to kick his career back into high gear. If a person's past drives their future, this man should be able handle all the twists and turns coming his way on the path to continued success!

- MAJOR PERFORMANCES -

In concert with David Lee Murphy
Concert opening for Pirates Of The Mississippi
Multiple concert shows with The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band
In concert with Sawyer Brown
Opening show for Radney Foster (Foster & Lloyd)
In concert with Carlene Carter
Opening show for Ian Tyson
In Concert with Marty Stuart at Casino Regina show room
Headline star at McPhillips Street Station Casino show room, Winnipeg, Man.
Two Pub 'n' Dance shows with The Good Brothers
Two consecutive live performances at CCMA Week & Awards Show
Two "Entertainer Of The Year" performances at SCMA Awards show
Two main stage performances at Dauphin Country fest, Dauphin, Canada
Two main stage performances for Big Valley Jamboree, Craven, Canada
Main stage performance at Camrose, Alberta, Big Valley Jamboree
Headline performance with Patricia Conroy for Provincial Ex. Assoc. of Manitoba
Selected to showcase for Canadian Association of Exhibition (CAE), Vancouver, B.C.
Selected to showcase Western Canada Fairs (WCF)
Showcase appearance for CCA (Canadian Cowboy's Association)
Headline show with One Horse Blue and Cassandra Vassick
Concert opening for The Kentucky Headhunters
Headline show for "Klondike Country Jamboree" Dawson City, Yukon Territory
Three headline appearances at "Hootenany In The Hills" festival - Maple Creek, Canada
Numerous major exhibition grandstand performances across Canada
Numerous rodeo show performances across Canada
Performances at Northern Lights Casino, Gold Eagle Casino, and Painted Hand Casino
Toured for two summers as stage band for Canadian country legend Ronnie Prophet

- AWARDS-ACHIEVEMENTS-CHART HITS -

Previously signed to national record deal with national distribution
Four Canadian Top 40 Country Chart Hits
One Canadian Top 16 Country Chart Hit
Top 20 and Top 40 charting songs in Germany, Denmark, Sweden, France, and Austria
Nominated three times: "Entertainer Of The Year"
Nominated three times: "Group Of The Year"
Nominated three times: "Song Of The Year"
Album play-listed at 67 syndicated stations; Hollywood, California, USA

- TELEVISION APPEARANCES -

Featured for their own 1/2 hour TV special entitled "Against The Grain" produced by CTV
Two guest star appearances on Ray St. Germain's "Big Sky Country"
Two guest star appearances on CTV's "#1 West"
Two guest appearances on BBS "In Conversation" with Don Mitchell
Guest star on CTV's "Entertainment Saskatchewan"
Performed for live televised SCMA Awards Show

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GRAIN



GERMANY - COUNTRY HIT CHARTS

Sendung:
MODERATOR:

Country Jukebox
MAX W. ACHATZ

von 22.00-24.00 Uhr
Datum

HOT COUNTRY SINGLES

<u>ARTIST</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NR</u>	<u>LAC</u>	<u>LBL</u>	<u>TIME</u>
1) LET ME TELL YOU..	THE JUDDS	9595	A4	0316	3.00
2) KILLIN' TIME	CLINT BLACK 9668	A9	0316	2.48	
3) ACE IN THE HOLE	GEORGE STRAIT	4224	A4	1056	2.35
4) SAY WHATS IN YOUR..	RESTLESS HEART	8317	A1	0316	4.04
5) TWO DOZEN ROSES	SHENANDOAH 4446	A2	0149	3.42	
6) IF I EVER FALL IN LOVE	MURRAY & ROGERS	9257	A6	0322	3.36
7) THERE GOES MY HEART	HOLLY DUNN 9259	A1	0392	2.42	
8) THE RACE IS ON	SAWYER BROWN	9235	A3	0148	2.53
9) ACT NATURALLY	B.OWENS R.STARR	4440	S	0148	2.59
10) LONG WHITE CADILLAC	DWIGHT YOAKAM	9259	A1	0322	5.20
11) ITS LOVE THAT MAKES	DEAN DILLON 9207	A6	0148	3.05	
12) HIGH COTTON	ALABAMA	8587	A3	0316	3.00
13) ABOVE AND BEYOND	RODNEY CROWELL	4407	A6	0149	2.26
14) YOU WON THE BATTLE	EDDIE RIVERS 1312	A1	0326	2.20	
15) HOME IS WHERE THE..	EDDIE RIVERS 1312	A1	0326	2.46	
16) FINDERS ARE KEEPERS	HANK WILLIAMS JR	9268	A10	0392	3.42
17) HEART OF STONE	BAILIE & THE BOYS	8454	A4	0316	4.20
18) ITS JUST A MATTER OF TIME	RANDY TRAVIS	9259	A6	0392	3.42
19) DON'T YOU	FORESTER SISTERS	9258	A8	0392	3.56
20) LIVING PROOF	R.VAN SHELTON	4422	A5	0149	4.20
21) TIL LOVE COMES AGAIN	REBA MCENTIRE	6294	A2	1056	3.51
22) WRONG SEEMS SO RIGHT	CHRIS & HARLAN	8906	S	Roy.	2.04
23) I GOT DREAMS	STEVE WARINER	4227	A1	1056	3.51
24) CHEATIN' ON ME	AGAINST THE GRAIN	73	S	Wes.	3.00
25) A WOMAN IN LOVE	RONNIE MILSAP	9588	A3	0316	3.14
26) IF TOMORROW NEVER COMES	GARTH BROOKS	9089	A3	0148	3.37
27) YELLOW ROSES	DOLLY PARTON	4438	A2	0149	3.55

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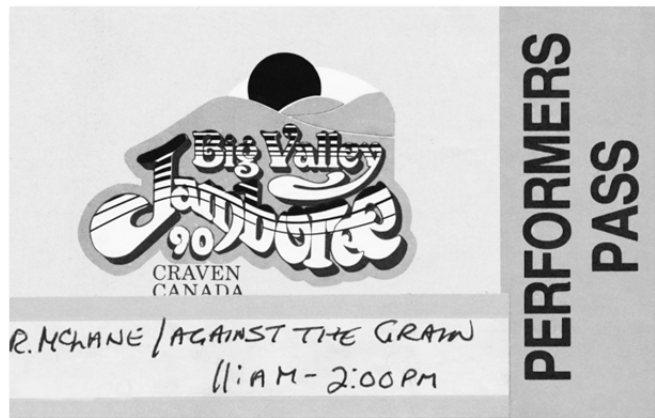
-CANADIAN COUNTRY HIT CHARTS-

<u>THIS MONTH</u>	<u>LAST MONTH</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>ARTIST</u>
1	24	The Trouble With Love	Joan Kennedy
2	3	With All My Might	George Fox
3	1	Bluebird	Anne Murray
4	28	A Heartbeat Away	Michelle Wright
5	7	Thrown To The Wolves	Sylvia Tyson
6	30	Take Me With You	Patricia Conroy
7	4	'Til I Am Myself Again	Blue Rodeo
8	25	Watch Love Grow Strong	Rita MacNeil
9	8	Dance With This Old...	Gary Fjellgard
10	26	Having A Lonely Time	Terry Sheridan
11	15	Still The One	Errol Ranville
12	21	Will My Heart Survive	The Debenhams
13	5	If You Let Me Down Easy	Colleen Peterson
14	7	Just Pretend You're...	Tim Taylor
15	11	A Fishing Day	Roch Voisine
16	20	I Sure Need Your Love Tonight	Against The Grain
17	6	Lonely You, Lonely Me	Prairie Oyster

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To Whom It May Concern:



Rob McLane and Against The Grain are certainly main stage, showcase material. Their show is original, professional and quite simply put, one of the most entertaining show I have seen in a long time. They left the audience toe tapping, dapping and hungry for more. These musicians are a combined musical talent bank, putting together a sound you can't quite defining or classify - but one that is like no other heard in country music today. Their music and spirit is nothing short of magic.

Sincerely,

Ria Kaal
General Manager Big Valley Jamboree

THIS STORY TAKEN FROM..

COUNTRY MUSIC NEWS

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Rob McLane and Against The Grain are alive and well and once again pelting out their own brand of country music. For their fans it has been far too long since the group charted with such hits as "One Mile Closer", "Let Me Know How He Feels" and "I Sure Need Your Love Tonight". But that will soon change. After a brief hiatus from the scene, Rob McLane and Against The Grain has regrouped and spent recent months touring again and are expected to explode on the music scene with a new sound, new look and a fresh new single slated for release. The Yorkton based group has also been in the Creative House Studios in Saskatoon recording a new album for release early in the new year. Once the album hits stands it shouldn't be long before Rob McLane & Against The Grain once again breaks into country's top 40.



Although the group had previously undergone some personnel changes since its inception eight years ago the current contingent has been intact for the past two years. "When the group started, we were playing small gigs," recalls Rob McLane. "Then I started writing songs and found a whole new world working with multi-track recorders. It got a little more interesting each time and from reactions to the material, realized that perhaps something was happening and decided to become a seriously rehearsed act and introduce some of our original material to radio stations with a record release.

Our first single was "One Mile Closer". The incredibly favorable response to that first single and the follow up "Cheatin' On Me", led the group in to the studio to work on an album. We released the singles and it all started happening. Both of them made the top 40 on Canadian charts with an incredible eight month stay on the charts," stated McLane. With the growing success of the group came opportunities to share the stage with some of the biggest names in country music. The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Carlene Carter, Pirates Of The Mississippi, Sawyer Brown and the Canadian Female Vocalist Of The Year, Patricia Conroy.

Rob McLane and Against The Grain completed their first album in the spring of 1990. "We released another single at that time that we felt was a strong crossover ballad called "Let Me Know How He Feels", and then we not only found ourselves doing well on the charts but we began to attract a lot of interest from some very prominent people in the business," acknowledges McLane, "but we also began to do a lot of guest appearances on television shows and working the festival and jamboree circuit, and

opening a lot of major concert shows for star attractions. So things were really going well for us.”

The efforts were also acknowledged by the SCMA with nominations for the group in five categories for two consecutive years. Late in 1991 Rob McLane and Against The Grain released their most successful record with their single “I Sure Need Your Love Tonight”. Rob McLane remembers the moment dearly – “Nothing happened at first and we began to be concerned that we had misjudged the interest in the song. Then the song made it to the charts and made a huge jump and continued to climb until it became top 16 hit on Canadian charts and topped many European charts. We were really overwhelmed.”

Amidst all of the pressures, it was then that Against The Grain decided that it needed a period of time off to write material and refocus their path. Look for Rob McLane and Against The Grain’s new single “Where There’s Smoke There’s Fire” in January. If you watch networks you will soon be able to see Rob McLane and Against The Grain via their new video which is expected to coincide with the release of the album. Despite all of the setbacks in the past years, Rob McLane and Against The Grain are hoping they can make an impression once again. “We’re going to give it everything we have and hopefully go all the way this time,” says Rob, “and I think I can say that once you’ve tasted success, the determination to do it again is even stronger than it was the first time around. The band is even stronger than it was the first time around. The band is more solid musically than it ever has been and everyone has a great attitude. Now we just need some help from God above, the radio stations and the fans who supported us so well before.”

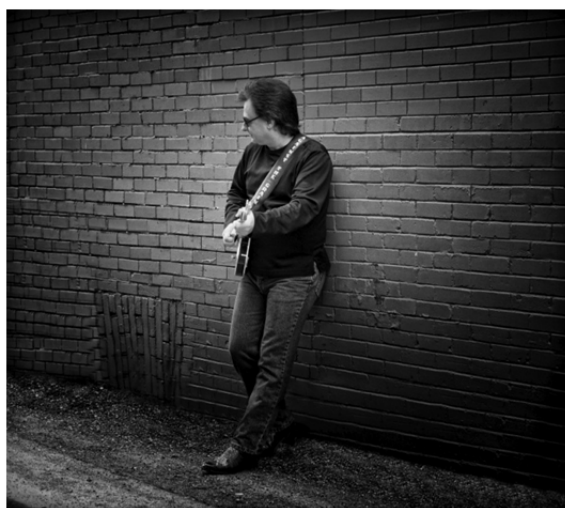
- REVIEWS AT A GLANCE -

YORKTON THIS WEEK & ENTERPRISE
YORKTON, SASKATCHEWAN
CALVIN DANIELS _____

“Sawyer Brown has made it. Rob McLane & Against The Grain are getting started. From Sunday’s performance they may not have to wait too long. The talent is there to make it.”

THE CAPITAL NEWS
KELOWNA, B.C.
MAEV BRENNAN _____

“Vocalist Rob McLane provides strong, if not outstanding lead vocals and is a hot country rock guitarist. I thoroughly enjoyed their excellent, closely harmonized ensemble of vocals. Rob McLane and Against The Grain definitely live up to their name.”



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BIG VALLEY JAMBOREE
CRAVEN, CANADA
RIA KAAL _____

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RADIO PROGRAM DIRECTOR
SWEDEN
OLOV LINDGREN _____

"I just would like you to know I really enjoyed the song from Rob McLane and Against The Grain, "Let Me Know How He Feels". It is play listed at our stations. The song is excellent and the production is a real killer. Keep up the good work."

YORKTON EXHIBITION
ASSOCIATION
YORKTON, SASKATCHEWAN
SHAUN MORIN _____

"It is with great pleasure that I recommend to you the musically acclaimed country show band Rob McLane and Against The Grain. We have worked with them on many occasions and they can play to just about any age group and any size crowd."

KLONDIKE COUNTRY JAMBOREE
DAWSON CITY, YUKON
TERRITORY, CANADA
SHOW ORGANIZER JOE
MUUNSEN _____

"I was amazed at the quality of Rob McLane and Against The Grain and the caliber of performers they are. It was a great show that helped make our festival a success."



BACK STAGE AND ON STAGE

ROB McLANE WITH
SAWYER BROWN
LEAD SINGER MARK
MILLER
OUTSIDE AFTER
SOUND CHECK



DAUPHIN COUNTRYFEST
ENTERTAINER'S
STAGE ACCESS PASS



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