

JOSAPHINE LEONE Biography

Named after front woman Valerie-Josephine and the Latin word for lion, Ottawa-based band JOSAPHINE LEONE pulls their influences from bands like Nirvana, Beth Hart, and The Black Keys. With some blues, soul and funk thrown in the mix, they describe their sound as Scrunge Rock. Gritty vocals, swampy funk grooves and fuzzy riffs permeate their songs.

JOSAPHINE LEONE has been gaining recognition in their hometown since 2015. They've performed at venues and festivals across Ontario and Quebec, sharing the stage with great talent such as Bif Naked and The Pack AD as well as performing in front of over 10,000 people with Trooper and Loverboy at Kemptville Live Music Festival.

Their first release, a self-titled EP recorded and produced entirely by the band members, came out in 2016 with several songs earning plays on Ottawa's alternative rock station Live 88.5 FM as well as rotation on numerous campus stations. Next, the band released a series of singles with accompanying music videos in anticipation for their first ever full length album "Gold In The Fire" released October 19, 2019. The first taste of this album was a live off the floor version of "Never Satisfied" which landed plays on radio and podcasts around the world and in late 2018 the album's first official single "Watch Out" was released. Next they released "Vice Grip" followed by "So Fine" in spring 2019, both receiving enthusiastic feedback with their accompanying provocative music videos.

After a successful Ontario tour in fall 2019 that was topped off with the "Gold In The Fire" album release party, the band was gaining incredible momentum. JOSAPHINE LEONE was scheduled to play at the Ottawa Bluesfest in the summer of 2020 and anticipated a busy year playing festivals and venues across Canada. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic caused the cancellation of all major shows and forced the band to delay their plans to tour the country. However, with COVID-19 restrictions finally appearing to ease up, the members of JOSAPHINE LEONE are very excited and optimistic about getting back on stage this summer.