



VILLAGES

Reviving the Cape Breton sound of their ancestry and mixing it with contemporary influences and instruments, Villages are an intriguing case study in cultural identity. Escaping the trad-inspired sounds in their younger days through their acclaimed indie rock band Mardeen, the group has assuredly found their way back to their roots.

Their self-titled debut took a deep dive into the haunting and meandering melodies of the Cape Breton Highlands and presents them through atmospheric arrangements that recall the influence of groups like The War on Drugs and Fleet Foxes. *Villages* won Folk Recording of the Year at the 2019 Nova Scotia Music Awards.

The group's 2020 EP, *Upon the Horizon* built on the unique sound of their debut and was mixed by Phil Ek (Fleet Foxes, Band of Horses). The group recently completed work on their sophomore full length album with producer Joshua Van Tassel, which will be released in early 2023.