

Ten Second Epic halfway through their musical odyssey

After topping the charts and having their video on rotation, TSE are still pushing themselves forward

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From being a high-school band to becoming a nationally renowned music group, Ten Second Epic has hit some impressive benchmarks. But their latest album, *Count Yourself In*, vaulted the band to a new high within the music industry, when the new album started topping the charts.

"We were hoping for that with the new album, but we know just as well as everyone else that even if you put out a great album there's a lot of factors involved in getting the attention that it might deserve or might not deserve," says lead singer Andrew Usenik. "Luckily for us, the right

people got behind it and the right mediums started playing our music and people have reacted well to it and it caught on. We are obviously really happy and we want to keep pushing it as far as we can go with it."

Playing national tours and having their music broadcast on national radio and television stations is quite a change from playing shows at local Edmonton venues. However, reaching new audiences is always a challenge, and Ten Second Epic plans to much to promote their music by touring within Canada and the States—that is, with the help of a crew that never ceases to provide constructive feedback or down a few beers once in a while.

"We're all best friends and best friends with the guys on our crew so it's kind of like a road trip with buddies every time," Usenik laughs. "Beyond music, it's important to be on



the road with people you like. We're pretty social guys and it's very important for us to be playing with bands we are friends with and bands we get along with and bands who don't have a huge ego."

All of the unique situations that the

band has experienced while on the road haven't diminished their enthusiasm for playing shows in their hometown. According to Usenik, the band has a great core of support and an awesome fan base in Edmonton. They especially love seeing people who possess

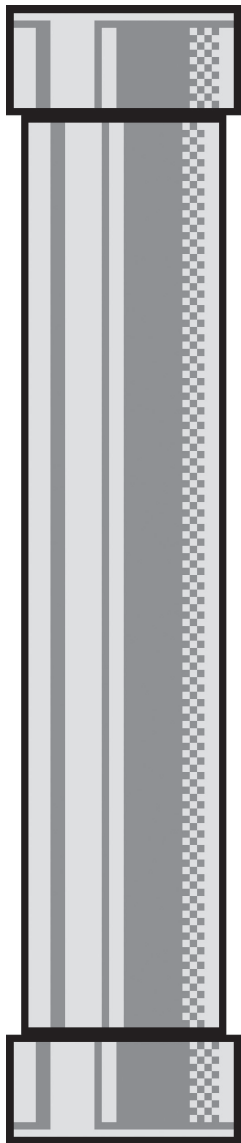
completely different musical tastes coming to their shows.

"Every time we play [in Edmonton] it's just saying thank you because, realistically, we would have never gotten to where we are today without that initial support."

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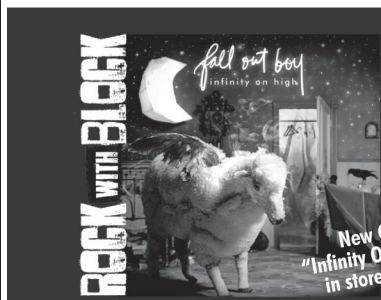
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