

## MEDIA ALERT

### THE COUSINS (KEVIN HEARN AND HARLAND WILLIAMS) UNLEASH NEW LP *RATTLESNAKE LOVE* MARCH 17, 2017

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(Toronto, ON - February 06, 2017) - The Cousins, featuring actual real-life cousins **Kevin Hearn** (Barenaked Ladies) and actor/comedian **Harland Williams**, will unleash their new LP *Rattlesnake Love* to the world on March 17, 2017. The album features 11 eclectic, intense, fun, romantic and diverse tracks written and recorded in The Purple Pineapple Studios with Hearn at the production helm. Title track “Rattlesnake Love” features JUNO and Genie Award-winning “agent provocateur” Carole Pope, lending her legendary voice to the song. Listen + share the track [HERE](#). Hearn and Williams, whose mothers are sisters and who forged a strong family and musical bond starting when they were kids, last released an EP together in 2004 titled “The Love Song Years”.

Harland and Kevin have been kindred spirits, and collaborators on many different projects over the years. They have always enjoyed creating songs together and decided it was time to share their music with the rest of the world. The new album also features two songs from their 2004 EP, making them available online for the first time. Says Kevin Hearn, “It’s fun to make music that doesn’t have to fit a certain criteria, whether it be regarding the style or sound, or who is going to be performing it,” says Hearn. “I’m inspired by the adventurous works of artists such as David Lynch and Sun Ra. Harland and I go all over the musical map, from country to electropop.”

Hearn is best known as a multi-instrumentalist from **Barenaked Ladies**, the multi-platinum selling band he’s played with for almost two decades now. One of the most respected Toronto musicians of the past 25 years, Hearn’s solo albums always attract equally brilliant collaborators including singer/songwriters **Ron Sexsmith** and **Dan Hill**, drummer **Rob Kloet** (the Nits), **Joan as Policewoman**, and producer **Gavin Brown** (Metric, Tragically Hip, Sarah Harmer), not to mention his 22-year-relationship with the rhythm section of **Chris Gartner** and **Great Bob Scott**. One of Hearn’s closest relationships, both musical and personal, was with the late, great **Lou Reed**, for whom Hearn acted as keyboardist and musical director from 2007 up until his passing in 2013. Hearn is currently performing with Gord Downie in support of his Secret Path project.

Comedian and actor Harland Williams is known the world over for his hilarious movie roles and outlandish stand-up and sketch comedy routines. He has starred in numerous unforgettable roles including the pee-drinking cop in "Dumb and Dumber", the loveable horse-killing stoner, Kenny in "Half Baked", the hitchhiking serial killer in "There's Something About Mary", the silent motorcycle stud Slater, in "Superstar", and the goof-ball astronaut Fred Z. Randall in "Rocketman". He has done solo stand-up comedy specials for HBO, Comedy Central, CTV, and CBC, and is also seen regularly on **Late Night with Conan O'Brian**. In addition to his on-screen roles, Williams is now working behind the scenes as creator of the Disney Jr. animated show Puppy Dog Pals.

Adds Williams, "Making music is like boiling a cob of sweet summer corn. You watch it roll around in the bubbles and scream in the steam until at last you think it is cooked. You grab it with tongs, smother it in butter, smear it all over your face and jam it in your crooked teeth. These songs came from deeply emotional places as well as insanely ridiculous places. It all has merit as long as you love the songs you create."

### **Rattlesnake Love Track List**

01. Behind The Glass
02. Rattlesnake Love
03. Bikini Baby Breakdown
04. Broken Angel
05. Tropical Horizon
06. You Can Lie
07. Power Pound
08. The Clown
09. Attention Earthlings
10. Lemonade
11. Lover's Heart

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