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Sweet home, Alabama

Winnipeg singer-songwriter
found kindred musical souls
in southern town

Mutual admiration society

SCOTT Nolan acted as producer on William Prince's new debut album, *Earthly Days*, and will be part of Prince's band at the CD release party Monday, Dec. 7, at the West End Cultural Centre. The pair have known each other for years, and just happen to be releasing albums in the same week.

NOLAN ON PRINCE:

"William and I met, he introduced himself to me and we became friends, and he asked if he could drop by and visit. We'd sit out back of my studio and just hang out and talk and play songs a bit. The one thing I think we did right was, just as friends, we took time off the clock to... you know, here's this remarkably talented guy, I didn't want to rush him or start suggesting I record him.

"From the minute I had him on at a show of mine — he had to borrow my guitar because he didn't even have a guitar at the time — he really knocked 'em dead. And I've had him up six or eight times at shows since. He's strangely fully formed in that his presentation and delivery belies his age, and I think it's his deep First Nations roots. I can hear and see his father in what he does in a way I don't see in people all the time. It's a tradition that I think he's even just tuning into.

"He's a real dynamo. It's something special there for sure. I don't produce a lot — a few things come my way a year, so it's gotta be a real harmony. I can't work and produce music that my heart's not completely invested in, and that said, I can't work with someone who is wildly talented and an asshole. It's gotta be all the ingredients in one, and William exemplifies that to me. I really feel like he's gonna take the Canadian music scene by storm pretty quick. He's the real deal, that one."

PRINCE ON NOLAN:

"He really allowed me to see what I was working with. He brought that out of me because he's so nurturing and patient, and when it comes to music, he's a songwriter that is truly unparalleled. He has a great work ethic and when things weren't really clicking... that's where I tend to think we're