

## Pete Samples: Biography

*Pete Samples* is a young and talented musician who has spent the last few years perfecting his craft as a sample artist and solo instrumentalist. Pete, who plays the guitar, the piano, and the turntables, combines sample driven grooves to create music that is fuelled with hip hop, jazz, and rock influences.



*Pete Samples* began his journey in music at a young age. While growing up in Winnipeg, Manitoba, he learned an array of musical instruments and gained an appreciation for multiple musical styles. He has delved into rock music, playing guitar, as well as hip hop music, playing turntables and samplers. Pete's fascination with sound grew larger and he began buying recording equipment to produce beats. "The day I bought a four track was the day I realised there were no limits to this music." He then began producing hip hop beats and experimenting with using the turntables as a musical instrument. He recorded an album entitled "Practice Swings." "I never set out to make a certain genre of music. I wanted to leave all doors open to walk through at any point. Music to me is about experimenting and expressing myself. My music changes day to day as my influences change each day."

Soon after, *Pete Samples* decided to experiment with instrumental music. He took an audio production course and began using his computer as his primary tool. The music was formed from a long winter, vinyl samples, and included input from both him and other musicians. He recorded an album entitled "May Evenings." The album includes elements ranging from Jamaican ska, to banjos, to bagpipes. The album tells a story from start to finish. One should never expect to hear the same thing twice when listening to his music.

Pete's sound was soon after recognized by a new Canadian record label- *Vinyl Republik*. Shortly thereafter, he was signed to the label and recorded the album entitled "An Unsent Letter." The album contains ten tracks mixed into eight songs. A four track 12" EP entitled "Unsent Letters", which includes a remake of the track "Lady Luck", was also released.

Although originally from the prairies, *Pete Samples* now takes residence in Montreal where he is pursuing a fine arts degree and doing what he does best- music. He is currently preparing for live appearances across Canada to take place in November and December, 2004.