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FIRST NEIGHBOURS

- 1. The Battle of Duck Lake** - On March 26, 1885 Métis and aboriginal fighters stood together for the first time against the Mounted Police and won.
- 2. First Neighbours** - Susanna Moodie (1803-85) settled near Peterborough, Upper Canada and documented her experiences in the young colony.
- 3. I Heard There's Proof** - A song about the jarring discrepancy between rich and poor in our city's neighbourhoods.
- 4. Unreunion** - For the little deaths: Love, sex, breaking up.
- 5. A Year Between the Wars** - During the Great Depression one third of the Canadian workforce was unemployed, forcing huge migrations from rural to urban centres.
- 6. Frank Slide** - One hundred million tons of limestone slid from Turtle Mountain and buried the town of Frank, Alberta on April 29, 1903. It was over in 90 seconds and killed 76 people.
- 7. Bachelors, Unite!** - Young Saskatchewan farmer leaves to find work in the city and dreams he was back on the land.
- 8. Hallmark Poultry Ltd.** - About the sex trade in east Vancouver.
- 9. My Teenage Best Friend's Death In Welland** - True story...
- 10. Laura Secord** - Laura Secord walked 30kms to warn Canadian forces of a planned American attack during the War of 1812. She lived in poverty and received no recognition for her pivotal role in the war until her 85th year.
- 11. Quarters to Wholes** - High school crush!
- 12. Louis Riel Leaves the Collège de Montréal** - After his father died and his engagement was broken by his fiancée's racist parents, Riel left the College and returned to St. Boniface.
- 13. Spanish Dance (Poland 1942)** - There were 440 labour camps, 8 concentration camps, and 7 extermination camps in Nazi-occupied Poland.

Portico is a hard-working band. They formed in June 2004, played their first show 3 weeks later, and recorded their first full-length album *Shape To Form* in October of that year. *Shape To Form* was released in November 2005 and chosen as one of 2005's best records by Vancouver's entertainment weekly, *The Georgia Straight*. In 2006 they recorded their second full-length, *Progeny Blues*, and released it in 2007 to wide acclaim including "Critic's Pick" lists in *NOW*, *Zunior*, and *Wolves, Hawks and Kites*, and 12 weeks on the *CBC3 Top 30*. They've toured extensively in Western Canada, crossed the country twice, played Calgary's *Sled Island* festival 2008, and have shared the stage with favourite bands both little- and well-known including *Chad VanGaalen*, *Mother Mother*, and *Pinback*.

Portico is - Lyn Heinemann (guitars + vocals), Mimi Mahovlich (bass + vocals), Greg Murray (drums)

"Portico are simply one of the best Canadian bands working today. With *Progeny Blues*, Portico surpasses their jaw-dropping debut and sets the bar high for any that try to follow them up." - **FFWD Magazine**

"Portico's second full-length is definitely worth a trip to the record store." - **NNNN - NOW Toronto**

"*Progeny Blues* is a rock solid recording of a band that just has it. The songs are big and modest at the same time, and the vocals and lyrics are engaging and mysterious. This album has everything I love about top shelf independent music." - **Zunior.com**

"What a blessing Lyn Heinemann's voice is, sweet enough to grab the attention, but with enough husk and edge to know that she means business." - **Exclaim**

"Some music seems to come from nowhere and everywhere at the same time, rooted no place in particular but stretching its tendrils in all directions. Such is the case with Vancouver's Portico." - **The Georgia Straight**

"The rhythm section of this band is tighter than a hipsters pants." - **Hero Hill**

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