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**What: Make Poverty History Manitoba’s 3rd Annual Fundraiser**

Where: West End Cultural Centre, 586 Ellice Ave. Winnipeg, MB
When: Thursday, March 14, 8:00 pm (doors at 7:15)

Featuring: Sweet Alibi; Jaxon Haldane; Tuva Bergstrom; Nick Parenteau

Hosted by Michael Champagne

Tickets: $20 available at: [https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/west-end-cultural-centre-17906826450 o](https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/west-end-cultural-centre-17906826450)r at Make Poverty History Manitoba, 432 Ellice Avenue

Low-Income Tickets: Visit Social Planning Council of Winnipeg at 432 Ellice Ave, or at 204-943-2561

Make Poverty History Manitoba (MPHM) is harnessing the power of music to help drive social change. The coalition is holding a concert on Thursday, March 14 at the West End Cultural Centre featuring prominent local artists who share a concern about poverty. The purpose of the event will be both to raise awareness about poverty and to raise funds to support efforts to end poverty. All proceeds go to support the work of Make Poverty History Manitoba, which works towards a Winnipeg and Manitoba without poverty through public education and advocating policy change.

“We are incredibly excited about the artists we are bringing together for this event, both for their musical talent as well as for their commitment to fighting poverty,” said Michael Barkman, chair of Make Poverty History Manitoba. “Our event raises awareness about the serious issues of poverty that affect over 100,000 people in Manitoba, and also to celebrate our successes over the past year in organization and building a movement for social change. We join together to harness the power of music to help drive social change, raise awareness about poverty, and make it history.”

The concert will be headlined by Western Canadian Music award winning trio, Sweet Alibi. The Winnipeg-based folk/pop band infuse their signature harmonies with influences of everything from folk to country to soul. As in past years, the event will include a songwriters’ circle of up and coming artists: Jaxon Haldane; Tuva Bergstrom; Nick Parenteau. North End community organizer Michael Redhead Champagne will MC.

We are a volunteer-run coalition. Thanks to supporters, we have advocated for a provincial poverty reduction plan, a livable basic needs benefit, housing, childcare, mental health supports, adequate income supports, and more. As well, last year’s funds raised helped support the Winnipeg Without Poverty campaign, calling for a comprehensive City of Winnipeg poverty plan.

[More details on our Facebook event!](http://www.facebook.com/events/494991970905230/)