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## Highlights of Venues Played

### Colorado

The Boulder Theatre.....Boulder  
Oddfellow's Hall.....Boulder  
The Redfish.....Boulder  
The Sandbar.....Vail  
Trilogy Lounge.....Boulder  
Sherpa & Yeti's.....Breckenridge  
Quixote's True Blue.....Denver  
The Soiled Dove.....Denver

### Connecticut

Choate Academy.....Wallingford  
Loomis Chaffe.....Windsor  
Pomfret School.....Pomfret  
The Skybox Cafe.....Fairfield  
Trinity College.....Hartford  
University of Hartford.....Hartford  
The Westminster School.....Simsbury

### Illinois

Hoghead McDunna's.....Chicago  
Lilly's.....Chicago  
University of Illinois.....Champaign  
Wise Fool's Pub.....Chicago

### Indiana

The Bluebird.....Bloomington  
Canterbury School.....Ft. Wayne  
Columbia Street West.....Ft. Wayne  
Covington Bar & Grill.....Ft. Wayne  
Depauw University.....Greencastle  
The Melody Inn.....Indianapolis  
Munchie's.....Ft. Wayne  
O'Sullivan's.....Ft. Wayne

### Maine

The Ale House.....Portland  
Gilbert's Publick House.....Camden  
The Higgins Beach Club House... Scarborough  
Mainely Brews.....Waterville  
Unity College.....Unity

### Massachusetts

Bishop's Lounge.....Northampton  
Bullfinch Yacht Club.....Boston  
Copperfield's.....Boston  
Cushing Academy.....Ashburnham  
Deerfield Academy.....Deerfield  
Governor Dummer Academy.....Byfield  
Groton School.....Groton  
Harper's Ferry.....Allston  
The House of Blues.....Cambridge  
The Middle East.....Boston  
Middlesex School.....Concord  
Mill Street Brews.....Southbridge  
Milton Academy.....Milton  
Miss Hall's School.....Pittsfield  
The Rack.....Boston  
The Rhumb Line.....Gloucester  
The Sky Bar.....Somerville  
St. Mark's School.....Southborough  
T.T. The Bear's.....Boston  
Tabor Academy.....Marion  
Tammany Hall.....Worcester  
Williston Northampton.....Easthampton

### Michigan

T.C.'s Speakeasy.....Ann Arbor  
Czar's.....St. Joseph  
5th Avenue Downtown.....Detroit

### New Hampshire

The Barley House.....Concord  
Biddy Mulligan's.....Dover  
Camp Belknap.....Wolfeboro  
Colby-Sawyer College.....New London  
Dartmouth College.....Hanover  
Holderness.....Plymouth  
The Lucky Dog.....Plymouth  
Murphy's Tin Palace.....Durham

### New Jersey

Princeton University.....Princeton  
New York.....  
The Alphabet Lounge.....New York  
The Bull & Bear.....Syracuse  
The Cutting Room.....New York  
Desmond's Tavern.....New York  
The Elbow Room.....New York  
ESPN Great Outdoor Games.....Lake Placid  
FEZ.....New York  
Knitting Factory.....New York  
Lilac Festival.....Rochester  
The Nines.....Ithaca  
Northern Lights.....Clifton Park  
Skidmore College.....Saratoga Springs  
Tobacco Road.....New York  
Tribeca Rock Club.....New York  
Whiskey.....Rochester

### Pennsylvania

ESPN X Games.....Philadelphia

### Rhode Island

St. Georges Academy.....Newport

### Vermont

Angela's Pub.....Middlebury  
Basin Harbor Club.....Panton  
Club Metronome.....Burlington  
Common Ground.....Brattleboro  
The Gailer School.....Burlington  
Green Mountain College.....Poultney  
Higher Ground.....Winooski  
Johnson State College.....Johnson  
The Lodge.....Jay  
Lyndon State College.....Lyndonville  
Mad Mountain Tavern.....Waitsfield  
Mad River Glen Ski Area.....Fayston  
The Matterhorn.....Stowe  
Middlebury College.....Middlebury  
Middlebury Union High School.... Middlebury  
Nectar's.....Burlington  
Otter Valley Union High School.....Brandon  
The Perfect Wife.....Manchester  
The Rusty Nail.....Stowe  
Saint Michael's College.....Colchester  
Stowe Ski Area.....Stowe  
Sugarbush Ski Area.....Fayston  
Two Brothers Tavern.....Middlebury  
UVM AEPi, FIJI, Delta Psi.....Burlington  
Valencia.....Burlington  
Vermont Academy.....Saxton's River  
Vermont Pub & Brewery.....Burlington

### International

Powerscourt Estate.....County Wicklow, Ireland  
Jimmy Buffet's Margaritaville....Negril, Jamaica



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## Fact Sheet

The Grift is a full time touring trio based out of Burlington, VT

A diverse set includes acoustic, electric, brass and electronic elements.

Tight vocal harmonies, clever lyrics, catchy melodies and often humorous covers in any musical style keep audience members dancing, cheering, singing along and wondering "what will they do next?"

Influences include (but are not limited to) The Beatles, Stevie Wonder, Paul Simon, U2, Counting Crows, Phish, Pink Floyd, Dispatch

Original music has been aired on radio stations from Vermont (WRMC 91.1 FM, WNCS 104.7 FM The Point) to Indiana (The Edge 96.3) to Los Angeles (WCLA 99.3), including live performances.

750+ gigs since 2000

The Grift has shared the stage with such bands as: The Motet, Dispatch, Grace Potter & The Nocturnals, Max Creek, Zox, and Liquid Soul. They played for ESPN at both the 2002 Great Outdoor Games in Lake Placid, NY and the 2002 X Games in Philadelphia, PA. In March, 2006, they were the house band at Jimmy Buffet's Margaritaville in Negril, Jamaica.

Grift lead guitarist Clint Bierman co-wrote "I'm On My Way" with Rich Price, which was included on the Shrek 2 soundtrack (released in 2004).



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## **Band Bio**

Formed: 1999 in Boulder, CO

## **Group Members:**

Clint Bierman: Guitar, vocals

Jeff Vallone: Drums, Programming, Vocals

Peter Day: Bass, Trumpet, Vocals

Genres: Rock, Pop

Styles: Eclectic Vermont-Rock

Tones: Party/Celebratory, Playful, Bright, Popular

Labels: GlennSource (5)

**Albums:** \$6 Sunglasses (1999), Hotel Gillaspie (2000), Sleeping Policeman (2001), The Free Disc (2002), Live 2003 (2003), Life Beyond Aluminum (2004), Au Naturel (2006)

## **The Buzz**

The Grift, from Burlington, VT, delve into a variety of musical genres. Their energetic live shows weave tight vocal harmonies and catchy guitar hooks over tasty grooves. The Grift sound includes drums, bass, guitar, trumpet, and programming—no small feat for a trio! The band is comprised of talented multi-instrumentalists who have been known to swap instruments during the show, and occasionally play two at once. Their versatility and command of a wide range of musical styles is at once eclectic and endearing. What keeps people coming back to the shows, however, are the songs. Original, catchy, clever and memorable, Grift songs cover everything from finding new life in the Witness Relocation Plan to tracking down the UPS man who stole your last girlfriend to finding inspiration on a rural Vermont highway (Route 22A, better known as the deuce-deuce). They have played over 150 shows a year for roughly the last five years, and are equally at home playing rustic Vermont ski lodges as they are rocking out for 2,500 spring breakers in Jamaica.

## **The History**

Originally formed in the summer of 1999 in Boulder, Colorado, for a solo recording project by guitarist Clint Bierman, friends and associates quickly joined on and soon evolved into Sunday Slide, which nearly as quickly evolved into The Grift. After two years playing in and around Boulder, the comings and goings of personnel finally gelled into a regular quintet with Bierman on guitar and vocal, Jeff Vallone on bass, Ben Lively on violin, Rian Alfiero on keyboards, and Chris Misner on drums and percussion. This lineup released the 16-cut album *Sleeping Policeman*. In 2002, Bierman was then lured back to Middlebury, Vermont, by fellow Middlebury College alumnus Neil Matthews. Vallone, himself another alum, soon followed. With Matthews now on drums, constant touring throughout the northeast and midwest honed the chops of the trio. Multi-instrumentalist and fellow Middlebury alum Peter Day joined the band in October of 2003, moving Vallone to turntables and programming. After two years of touring as a quartet, the group once again became a trio when Matthews left to pursue life as a family man. This lineup shift brought Vallone home to drums (his first instrument) and Day to bass/trumpet. A frequent special guest and fellow Vermont musician joining the band on stage is drummer Russ Lawton (Trey Anastasio Band, Strangefolk).



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## Indelible Ink

“With a stunning, energetic live performance that encompasses elements of hook laden jam rock, classic, wrinkle your nose funk, and clever, singer songwriter sensibilities, The Grift is quickly making a name for itself in the Northeast and Beyond.”

Wil Rothman: freelance writer from NYC  
(NY Times, Chicago Tribune, Time Magazine, etc.)

“The Grift is one of those bands that throws everything at you: solid songwriting, radio-ready tunes with big, happy hooks, strong melodies and Beatlesque harmonies. The music and the writing on ‘Life Beyond Aluminum’ is utterly subversive. The tunes sneak up on you and get under your skin... you’re humming the tunes before you even know them.”

JC Lockwood: North Shore Sunday, Boston, MA

“Funk rockers, The Grift, from Addison, VT, offer fresh faces to the local scene. Road tested with gigs from Colorado to Maine, the trio combines long, lyrical jams and fiery funk with memorable melodies, creating catchy, booty shaking songs.”

Ethan Covey: Seven Days, Burlington, VT

“Here’s one band that begs to differ from mainstream radio hits and, unlike a large majority of indie rock artists that will only get played on [college radio], also manages to bring a high level of musical talent to their records.”

Penny Chen: Middlebury Campus, Middlebury, VT

“The live record is a fusion of funky rhythms, whirlwind guitar licks and jazz inflicted (sic) drumming. In a word: unique.”

Mike Schaefer: The Stowe Reporter, Stowe, VT



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