

# BARBAROSA

Electronic Press Kit

## Biography

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Music came as a welcome surprise to **Barbarosa** singer-songwriter, **Patrick Beedling**. After graduating from Yale and spending two years cyber-slacking for a New York pharmaceutical marketing firm, he moved back into his parents' basement in St. Catharines to pursue a career as a fiction writer.

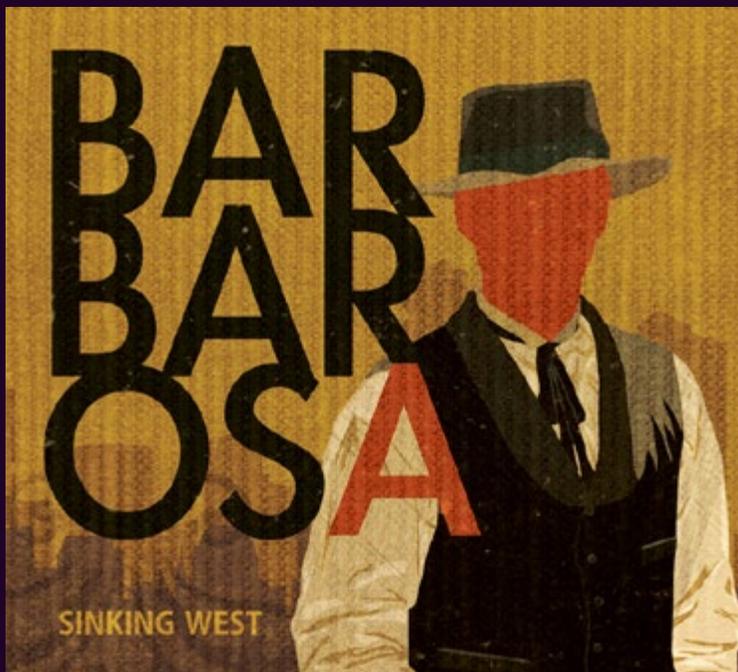
Though he penned a few stories, it wasn't long before Beedling had dusted off his old acoustic and started to convert prose into lyrics. What ensued was perhaps a familiar story. Open mics begot indie shows. Indie shows begot interest from players in the community. A band was formed, and that band's name cycled awkwardly through references to downtown streets, cult artists and—perhaps most wincingly—the Ninja Turtles.

In early 2012, **Barbarosa**, the current incarnation of singer-songwriter Patrick Beedling's project, took form. **Max Holten-Andersen**, a classical guitarist from Argentina, joined in 2012 when Beedling sought a soloist for the song, *Sinking West*, a dark and psychedelic romp through a world with no new frontiers. Shortly thereafter the rhythm section—composed of longtime Niagara players **Bob Goodall** (drums) and **Joseph Stracuzzi** (bass)—came together.

In 2013, **Barbarosa** released the ***Sinking West EP***, and they've spent the better part of a year performing and promoting the record in cities across Ontario. Steady gigging at Toronto venues like the Horseshoe Tavern and within Niagara's winery circuit has made the band—whose members live in Niagara and Toronto—a tight and polished outfit. With sonic debts to the folk, western and art-rock genres, the *Sinking West EP* has served as **Barbarosa's** membership card into Ontario's flourishing indie rock scene.

## Sinking West EP

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The album is the culmination of two years of writing by frontman Patrick Beedling. With dark acoustic textures underpinned by a pop sensibility, the songs call forth images of frontier lifestyles, modern progress and romance.

*Click hear to listen to the single*  
**“Sinking West”**

*“The title track of Barbarosa's debut EP calls up images of the Wild West- rugged, romantic, ruthless and without rules. Sinking West's menacing undertone is brightened by modern pop sensibilities, and the playing is fast and fierce.”—Quick Before It Melts*

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