

Kings of the strings

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Profile

THE SULTANS OF STRING are floored with appreciation about how their world-jazz-flamenco music has been received around the world.

Fiddler Chris McKhool said not only is it rewarding that the music is something people can relate to and enjoy, but it just reinforces the reasons why its members say they play.

“It’s really, really exciting. I mean you make art that’s really close to your heart that tells your thoughts and your feelings and your musical ideas and you wonder if people are going to be there listening to it,” McKhool told Metro, ahead of the band’s gig at Ten Feet Tall on Sunday. “It’s thrilling for us that people are actually re-



Sultans of String play at Ten Feet Tall on the Danforth Sunday.

sponding the way they are.”

Sultans of String recently shot to No. 1 on national campus radio charts with debut album *Luna*.

In addition to success at home, the group, which also includes, Kevin Laliberté on guitar and Drew Birston on bass, can be heard on radio stations in Greece, Germany, Italy, Argentina, France, Australia, Switzerland and the United States.

The band has also won an Ontario Independent Music Award, been nominated for a Canadian Folk Music Award and is up for the award for favourite world artist/group or duo of the year at the eighth annual Indies, which will be decided Saturday at the Fairmont Royal York Saturday as part of Canadian Music Week.

For more on the band visit sultansofstring.com.