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Lawrence band set their sights on green shores this July!

Carswell & Hope celebrate their debut album release with a crowd-funded tour to Ireland

Lawrence, Kansas – July 7th, 2014: Lawrence-based alt rock 4-piece **Carswell & Hope** release their debut LP **A Hunger**, and travel to Ireland, home of their front-man and songwriter Nick Carswell, on July 22nd. The national tour includes concerts all over Ireland, as well as visits to some of the Green Isle's most intimate venues and pubs, as the band bring their new breed of Irish flavored indie-rock to Ireland. On the tour, Carswell & Hope will also join forces with Carswell's former Irish outfit **The Elective Orchestra**, to create a 7-piece Irish-American amalgamation featuring choruses of vocals, violin and cello to add to the band's unique sound. The debut album is available from the band's website, www.carswellandhope.com.

A native of Limerick in the West of Ireland, Nick Carswell arrived in the US Midwest in July 2011 with guitar in tow. Soon upon arriving, he joined with Jason Slote (drums), Dan Hines (bass) and Austin Quick (keys) to form Carswell & Hope. Nearly three years later the band have just released their self-produced debut, **A Hunger** on the collective label *Silly Goose Records*. The record has already been hailed as "a breath of fresh air" (iheartlocalmusic.com) and "an audacious debut" (*The Deli Magazine*). Drawing from the world of The Beatles, Wilco and Glen Hansard, the music is a blend of psychedelic, Pink Floyd interrupting Motown, and channeling Van Morrison.

To launch the record and the international tour, the band raised over \$10,000 through a successful crowd-funding campaign and with funding from ArtsKC Regional Arts Council. Dates (outside of Lawrence and Kansas City) include Dublin, Limerick, Galway, Cork, Clonakilty, Dingle, Kilkee and Lahinch. Joining with Carswell's former Irish outfit, The Elective Orchestra, the band will play their new material as well as music from The Elective Orchestra's 2011 release, *The Word*, which was described by the Irish Times as "sincere, heartfelt musings on love, loneliness and longing . . . Carswell speaks from the heart. It suits him."

"Touring Ireland playing music is a pretty magical experience," says Carswell. "We are so excited to share this new music with Irish audiences. Carswell & Hope is so different to my previous bands at home, but there is also a common thread. I think it will probably all come full circle and fall together with some great gigs we have planned in some pretty amazing places in Ireland. Probably over a few pints of Guinness too, no doubt."

For a full list of upcoming tour dates, music, videos and more, visit www.carswellandhope.com

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Carswell & Hope Summer Tour Dates

Fri July 18th:	Jackpot Music Hall, Lawrence, KS
Sat July 19th:	Pre-Tour Party! Five Bar & Tables, Lawrence, KS
-- IRELAND DATES --	
Fri July 25th:	The Workman's Club, DUBLIN
Sat July 26th:	Dolans Warehouse, LIMERICK
Sun July 27th:	Kelly's Bar, GALWAY
Tues July 29th:	Crane Lane Theatre, CORK
Wed July 30th:	De Barra's CLONAKILTY
Thurs July 31st:	Dingle Record Shop, DINGLE O'Flaherty's Bar, DINGLE
Friday Aug 1st:	The Greyhound, KILKEE
Sat Aug 2nd:	Kenny's Bar, LAHINCH

About Carswell & Hope

From the Midwest seed-bed of indie-rock, Carswell & Hope bring vintage rock sounds and sensibilities together with big harmonies, carefully crafted textures and inventive songwriting. Songwriter Nick Carswell is originally from Ireland and has found a new home on the plains of Kansas. The tone is a blend of psychedelic, Pink Floyd interrupting Motown, channeling Van Morrison and Wilco. Think Mumford & Sons meets Sigur Ros, and Glen Hansard shows them around town.

EPK, Album Stream, Hi-Res Photos & more: <http://carswellandhope.com/epk/>

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YouTube: http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLf1UpbhyGBQMC3haAVi9ESwMB_LmKvDBC

About The Elective Orchestra (www.theelectiveorchestra.com)

Stirring strings, sweeping choruses, emotive and heartfelt lyrics and insightful songwriting combine to characterize The Elective Orchestra's unique sound. Following in the footsteps of Damien Rice and The Frames, the band inject a new lease of life to Irish indie-folk genre in the vein of Sigur Ros and Sufjan Stevens. Formed around the songs of Nick Carswell, The Elective Orchestra include Sian Murray, Deirdre and Kate Cussen, Bart Kiely and Colin Bartley. The band have been making music since late 2007 and have earned a reputation for impassioned and captivating live performances. The Elective Orchestra's last Irish performance was in December 2013 in Dolans, Limerick with The Brad Pitt Light Orchestra.