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Chris Brodbeck remembers well the day he got the call to play at Sarnia Bayfest.

"I got an early morning call from our manager," said the lead singer of See Spot Run. "All she said was 'Bon Jovi' and I knew . . . It was a good day."

Like thousands of other bands, the Toronto-based group submitted their Bayfest application online, through a program called Sonicbids.

To their own disbelief, the guys made the cut, and will open for Bon Jovi on July 6, along with fellow Canadian rockers, Low Level Flight.

"I called our drummer to tell him and he nearly drove off the road," said Brodbeck, who joined forces with guitarist Randy Bowen to form the band in Montreal. Drummer Dave Fudge and guitarist Aaron Little completed the foursome. "We're stoked, to say the least."

While the group — known well for their 1999 hit single "Weightless" — has played for much larger audiences, they've never shared the stage with a group this big.

"It's going to be a thrill to be at this show," said Brodbeck. "I mean, who's not a fan of Bon Jovi? We're honoured."

And there's no place to play, like Sarnia.

The band has performed here a number of times, and has gained huge support, he said.

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"Sarnia is the perfect match for us, 'cause they're in to have a good time, just like us," he said. "It's like our party town."

"We have great fans in that area," he added. "And Bayfest is a great festival. People know what it's about."

See Spot Run's fourth and latest album, "Gonna Getcha," was released earlier this year, and the single's "Gonna Getcha" and "My ipod killed my girlfriend," receive radio play in Sarnia.

The title track was also picked up by the popular television series, "Deglassi: The Next Generation."

"We're definitely pushing our new album," said Brodbeck, noting that their 45-minute set will include hits from "Gonna Getcha."

"And we won't leave out the favourites."

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