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# The Empire strikes here

## DAVE WHITFIELD BANFF

➔ Most Canadians are aware that this country is considered a premiere destination among those looking for new experiences, a new start or an entirely new life.

It's no surprise then, really, that when Ozgu Ozman and Ozan Boz were casting about for a new direction in their life a decade ago – outside their native Turkey – they looked west toward Canada.

The pair, the heart of seven-piece Toronto band Minor Empire, will be in the valley to play The Banff Centre's Club Series, July 27.

This time around, though, they're hoping for a little better result than their first experience a decade ago.

Not long after moving to Canada, the Rockies called and the pair answered.

They found themselves in Banff, out on a trail, but then they found themselves turned around, lost and wondering what to do next. But then, like a nicely scripted plotline that could be used for Parks Canada advertising, a warden rode up on her horse and escorted the pair to the nearest trailhead.

"We were in Banff in the woods and we lost track of the time," said Ozman, "there were no signs, it was getting dark and I saw some animal bones. I thought we were going to be food for animals, but out of nowhere a woman rode up and led us out. I really thought we were going to be food for other animals."

This trip, said Boz, they'll pack along a GPS unit to avoid a similar incident. "We're going to get there a day or so early and do some excursions – and we'll try to get back for the show."

Minor Empire's The Club gig is one of several in




Western Canada the band will play, including in Vancouver Island, the Lower Mainland, Edmonton, before they head back east.

The tour is in support of the band's album, *Second Nature*, and to expose Western Canadian audiences to the Minor Empire blend of Turkish and western folk music

– avant garde folk, as Ozman said it's been described. The album received airplay on CBC and college radio, and reached the number one spot on National Campus and Community Radio World Music Charts.

**EMPIRE**

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