



litterbug:

formed at a time when the world trade centres still existed and cost \$15 u.s. to ascend, (“we’ll go next time.”) **litterbug** entered the musical landscape playing a stripped down indie rock that channeled folks like *jonathan richman*, *the feelies*, *camper van beethoven*, *half japanese*, and *the velvet underground*. in 2002, **litterbug** released its debut album **pablo** on its own label **monkey-bar-records**. receiving positive reviews and campus airplay, the band expanded from its core of **marc simao**, **janie cranfield** and **lonnie ouellette**, to include **justin harder** and **aileen rankin**. this lineup recorded and released the full-length album **kaiser** and the sort-of christmas ep **hollis** in 2004.

in early 2006, justin and aileen moved to saskatoon to pursue aileen’s medical studies, while marc and janie relocated to vancouver. later that year, **spencer rose** and **amelia mori** joined **litterbug** and the band began to work on new material. this lineup first recorded in the summer of 2007, contributing the track *rachel quinney* to *cjsr’s get out of your basement* compilation.

in the summer and fall of 2008, the band sequestered itself into vancouver’s fairview baptist church, where it recorded over 20 songs for the **zero hour** sessions. paring down the album to 13 tracks, **zero hour** was released in late april, 2009. **zero hour** starts off in a dark place in mexico and winds up in a brighter place in death. in between are stories of murder, loss, imprisonment, the retreat from life, and RVs. this swirling album is **litterbug’s** strongest and most artistic statement yet. featured guests include **larissa loyva** (*kellarissa*, former *p:ano*, *choir practice*), **brady cranfield**

(*womankind*, former *book of lists*), and **josh rose** (*cowards*, *robe & allied*).

at around the same time as the completion of **zero hour**, amelia left the band to go to medical school in australia (med school again!), and **david newberry** and **max boyle** joined the band for some shows to promote the **zero hour** album. **spencer rose** left the band in september 2009 to focus on other projects and in october 2009, **mouki k butt** and **stewart lampe** joined the band as **litterbug** began to work on new material for a follow-up to **zero hour**.

in 2012, **spring burke** joined the band as a violinist, playing guitar, bass, keyboards and drums as well. **mouki k butt** retired. former member **justin harder** rejoined **litterbug** in late 2012 as the band wrote many new songs in preparation for the **zero hour** followup.

in february 2014, the band released **stapler**, a 15-track album of **litterbug** outtakes, rarities, and lost treasures. the album, which contained **litterbug’s** first recorded track and outtakes from each of the three full-length albums, was met with a very positive reception.

in the fall of 2013, **litterbug** entered the studio to record songs for their next full-length album and an ep of cover songs. recordings finished in the spring of 2014 and then litterbug mixed and mastered the album in the fall of 2014. in february 2015, litterbug released the 16-track album **the scent of new skins**. a 5-song covers ep is planned for a release later in the year.

litterbug is also releasing several videos made in late 2014/early 2015. look for them on youtube.