

Amanda Rose Riley

DIY Acoustic Girl-with-Guitar Rock

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Bio



Amanda Rose Riley has a special way of cutting through the noise of everyday life with her music.

Guided by a career-defining persistence, determination, and an appetite for making her dreams her reality, the New Jersey-born-and-bred artist has spent the last few years showing the world what she has to offer, creating eclectic acoustic songs and performing primarily in New Jersey, New York City, and England, her second home.

Armed with her guitar and the desire to touch the lives of her listeners through her songs, Amanda released her first studio album in March of 2018. Through her lyrics and melodies, she hopes to speak to her audience in a similar way to how her favorite artists have influenced her. “The idea of making people feel something and having a positive impact on them is the number one motivation that keeps me going,” she says. “Honestly when I daydream about ‘success,’ instead of picturing money and huge gigs, I’m always imagining the connections I will have with people. I see how much my favorite songwriters have inspired me and the people I know in so many ways: listening to those songs is cathartic, we get the words tattooed on us... it changes our lives. I think seeing and experiencing that kind of power that a song can have is what inspired me to make music the most, out of everything.”

Secrets I Told to a Sound Hole, recorded at Portrait Recording Studios in Pompton Plains, New Jersey, harnesses Amanda’s blossoming signature style and puts it on full display for listeners everywhere. Comforting and calming while embodying a lighthearted spirit that shines through in her lyrics and melodies, it is an insightful collection that draws on the experiences she has lived on her musical journey so far, a journey that has taken her on the seas three years in a row aboard the Flogging Molly Cruise, to the stage at Asbury Park’s famed Stone Pony, and that has allowed her to perform with one of her biggest artistic inspirations, Frank Turner.

“It’s an album about music, and specifically it’s mostly about this journey I’m on, and have been on,” Amanda says about *Secrets I Told to a Sound Hole*. “I just kept writing song after song about music and about following that dream, and I couldn’t stop...When I had all the songs, I was amazed by how many different insights I had inside me about music and following a difficult dream, and how much I had needed to share them without knowing it.”

Secrets I Told to a Sound Hole can be purchased and streamed from Amanda’s website and all major digital stores and streaming apps. She is currently working on her second album.

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Music

Listen to *Secrets I Told to a Sound Hole*

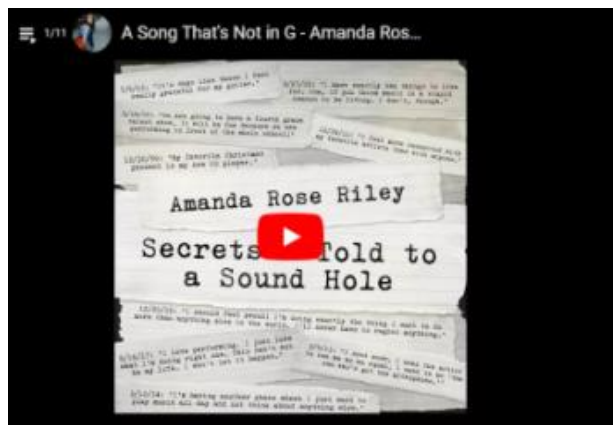
Debut, music-themed studio album (March 2, 2018)

Recommended Tracks: Scuffed Up Boots, Guitar Crucifixion, Secrets I Told to a Sound Hole, Music Is Enough, I Want It What I Wanted.

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Press and radio

- “Secrets I Told to a Sound Hole is a wonderful folk rock album with songs that often share Riley’s love of music with inspiration as a whole . . . It’s a fun, quirky look at the life of a musician from the very beginning of a career.” –Gary Wien, [New Jersey Stage](#)
- “Poppy, catchy, singer/songwriter tunes that are witty and personal.” –Lazlo, BlowUpRadio.com
- “Secrets I Told to a Sound Hole has fourteen songs that fill us with optimism and translate the love and dedication that Amanda Rose Riley feels towards music – an inclination that is pretty obvious, especially in the [title track of] the record.” –Acordes de Quinta blog
- “The young new voice people want to hear” –Frank Turner (English folk rock singer-songwriter)
- Played on the following radio stations/programs: BlowUpRadio.com, Asbury Music, Joltin’ Joe’s Radio Nowhere (WMSC), Acoustic Routes, Midnight Campfire, Cox Music Show, Readifolk Radio Show, Bandwagon Network Radio, Radio Crystal Blue, and BTD Radio.
- Appeared on the following websites/publications: New Jersey Stage, Infectious Magazine, Cliché, Concert Crap, Musical Notes Global, Rocky Boy, Acordes de Quinta.

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Performing experience

Amanda has experience performing in a wide variety of environments, having the ability to play anything from an unplugged show outdoors or in a small café to an opening slot for a rock band, and everything in between.

She can be found performing regularly at cafes and bars throughout New Jersey. Examples include The Fine Grind (Little Falls and formerly Wayne), Espresso Joe’s (Keyport), Java Love (Montclair), Rock ‘n’ Joe Coffee Bar (Union), Jiggs (Butler), and Clash Bar (Clifton).



Jiggs, Butler, NJ.



The Fine Grind, Little Falls, NJ.



Poor Henry's, Montville, NJ.

She plays at outdoor events in the fall, spring, and summer, and has regularly busked in public places, particularly at NJ Transit train stations through their Music in Motion program.



Lincoln Park Day (NJ) 2017.



Montclair Farmers Market, Montclair NJ. With a young fan sporting an "Amanda Rose Riley" sticker.



Lincoln Park Day 2018.

She has been unofficial itinerant musician on Flogging Molly's punk rock Salty Dog Cruise for three years in a row, which has led to some incredible adventures, including performing with and befriending her favorite artist, Frank Turner.



Guest spot during an informal acoustic set by Frank Turner on the Flogging Molly Cruise.



Serenading fellow cruisers in a cabana on Great Stirrup Cay.



Singalong at the cruise welcome party.

She has performed in nearly a dozen different cities across England (her second home) in every capacity from busking and house shows to open mic feature sets to opening for folk singers.



Headlining the official fan meet-up/pre-party for Frank Turner's Lost Evenings Festival in London.



Busking in Waterloo, London.



Bull Pub, Colchester, UK.

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