

# Amanda Rose Riley

## DIY Acoustic Girl-with-Guitar Rock

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### Bio



All Amanda Rose Riley needs is a guitar in hand and her poignant voice to take you on a beautiful, authentic journey through her love for music. Having performed at a wide variety of venues and festivals across the US East Coast and the UK, Riley prides herself on an honest song, an open heart, and above all, creating connection.

During the songwriting process, she always thinks about how her songs can touch the lives of others or have a positive impact, for example, by inspiring or comforting listeners. Riley says the highest compliment she receives is when fans tell her they listen to her music during stressful or discouraging times.

Ever since deciding to pursue music in 2016, Riley has been the epitome of DIY gusto. Along with releasing albums on her own, she has successfully executed tours overseas and at home in the States, never hesitating to organize a house show, busk in a public place, or hit an open mic to fill in any gaps. Notably, she has established a tradition of performing informally all over the Flogging Molly Cruise for three years in a row, despite never having been officially booked, though it has been a big hit with her fellow shipmates. Her persistence has enabled her to perform alongside the likes of Frank Turner and the Bouncing Souls.

Influenced primarily by quirky indie folk music as well as punk rock, Riley's songwriting style is honest, unfiltered, and has a raw storytelling quality that is rare to see in artists today. *Secrets I Told to a Sound Hole*, her 2018 studio album, featured a collection of songs that served as a diary documenting her artistic journey. Now a year later, Riley has a new, self-produced release tackling further self-reflective themes, but this time centered around what it means to be a "mid-range millennial" in today's world.

"I'm excited to be releasing songs on a broader range of ideas and experiences than the last time, while still remaining firmly rooted in my quirky, personal storytelling style," says Riley, who's looking forward to fans hearing this shift, and hopefully relating more to it. "Personally, I find this much more interesting than the tired old love and breakup songs that still seem to dominate every genre of music."

*Millennials Are Going Gray* is available now from her website and all major platforms, with more new music to follow in the fall. Fans will be able to catch Riley this November on the Flogging Molly Cruise once again, as well as on the road back up the East Coast to New Jersey from the cruise's port in Fort Lauderdale. She also has plans for a European tour next spring. In between, of course, she continues to perform constantly in New Jersey, and on Facebook Live for her non-local fans about once a month.

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# Music

## Listen to my latest original songs

My most recent, self-produced, acoustic album, *Millennials Are Going Gray*, came out on July 19th.

Click on the image to listen on Spotify:



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## Press and radio

- “Poppy, catchy, singer/songwriter tunes that are witty and personal.” –Lazlo, BlowUpRadio.com
- “*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](#)
- “*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
  
- 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, at home anywhere 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), Espresso Joe's (Keyport), Java Love (Montclair), Rock 'n' Joe Coffee Bar (Union), Jiggs (Butler), and the 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 regularly busks in public places, particularly at NJ Transit train stations through their Music in Motion program.



Lincoln Park Day (NJ).



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



Tri-County Fair, Rockaway NJ.

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 pubs and cafes 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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