

Phil Hyland began performing as a teenage stage actor at the Virginia Repertory Theatre in Richmond. Phil then appeared in a CBS Schoolbreak special with Chandra Wilson as well as an appearance in "Hellraiser III: Hell on Earth".

After his time in Hollywood, Hyland moved to New York City in the early 1990s and honed his craft as a singer-songwriter.

Starting out with open mic nights in SoHo and the Village, Phil eventually co-founded the band, Girlfriend, with singer Robin Cryer establishing a popular residency at the infamous Augie's on 106th St and Broadway and at the legendary Irish coffee house, Cafe Sin-é on St. Marks Place, where Jeff Buckley recorded his *Live at Sin-é*, EP.

Broadway producer, James Simon, and Nancy Shefts, signed Girlfriend to a recording deal with John Morand producing their debut album, Girlfriend, *The New Me* in Phil's hometown at Richmond VA's Sound of Music Recording Studios.

Girlfriend dominated the NYC indie band scene from 1993 to 1999 opening for New Wave icon Howard Jones and performing at Woodstock reboot, A Day in the Garden in 1998. Post gig Phil and Robin sat down for a radio interview with legendary Ramones frontman, Joey Ramone, on WDST FM, Radio Woodstock's live broadcast from Yasgur's Farm.

Hyland continues to write and record in Los Angeles CA.

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