

Jason Moon Bio

Jason Moon is a storyteller. His songs and performances make you feel like you are with a trusted friend reminiscing about the good old days. He invites you in, sits you down and makes you want to listen. Jason Moon is funny and wise, thoughtful and poetic, urgent and often heartbreaking. His gravelly voice is balanced by a unique flat picking guitar style evoking blues, folk and Americana genres. A winner of several awards and honors, Jason has been recognized for both his songwriting skills as well as his engaging performances. An evening with Jason Moon is always engaging and entertaining.

Jason Moon is also a veteran of the Iraq War, and the founder of the non-profit Warrior Songs, which brings healing to military veterans with PTSD through music and the creative arts. Based in Chandler, AZ, his folk/Americana musical style has been compared to the likes of: John Prine, Jim Croce and Greg Brown.

Jason began his musical career as a teenager playing around campfires in the Northwoods of Wisconsin. He later attended UW-Oshkosh and was a driving force behind the burgeoning Fox Valley music scene of the late '90s. During this time, Jason released his first album, *Naked under All These Clothes*, in 1998. He also hosted several open mics, wrote dozens of songs, and played hundreds of shows until he deployed to Iraq in 2003.

In Iraq, he performed frequently for his fellow troops, but for over five years after his return in 2004 he was unable to finish more than a single song despite songwriting being his greatest joy in life, the war had taken this simple pleasure away from him as emotions cut too deep to take pen to paper. During this dark time, Jason released an album of pre-war recordings called *Poverty* recorded in his home studio in 2006.

In 2010, Jason was interviewed for the documentary feature film *On the Bridge* (2011) and was asked to record one of his original songs for the film's credit roll, an experience that energized him to finally begin to write songs again in earnest, and which ultimately led to the release of *Trying to Find My Way Home* (2011). *Trying* is an "accidental concept album" based on Jason's own war experiences and on his attempts after his homecoming to regain the man he was before he was deployed.

Based on the success of *Trying* in the veteran's community, Jason founded the nonprofit, Warrior Songs, which seeks to heal veterans through music. Warrior Songs helps veterans heal from the wounds of war by turning their stories into songs. The first compilation *If You Have to Ask... Warrior Songs Vol. 1* released in 2016. *Women at War: Warrior Songs Vol. 2* is currently in production and is scheduled to be released November 2018. Jason also tours around the United States performing a musical/education performance titled, *The 7 Things You Never Say to a Veteran*.

Jason's most recent CD *Love and Light* (2014) is a departure from the weighty themes of *Trying*. Songs about love, family and reveling in life's journey triumph throughout. *Love and Light* was

funded entirely by a Kickstarter campaign, which further enhances its good vibe quality. Jason is back in the studio this year working on his next CD.

Jason has been featured by multiple media outlets, most notably Associated Press, National Public Radio, Public Radio International. He was also the subject of a news segment for the music channel Fuse in May 2013. He was awarded the Special Recognition Gold Medal in songwriting for the 2012 VA Creative Arts Competition in Boston, MA. He was recently awarded a WAMI for Best Singer/Songwriter in 2016. His song "Trying to Find My Way Home" won the 2016 Global Peace Song Award.

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