

## **EVAN ROTELLA**

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Evan has been playing music live for nearly a decade already and has been writing songs for almost that long. In 2020 he released a vinyl 45 of his song "(If I Was A) Rockstar" which featured well-known Pittsburgh musicians, guitarist Danny Gochnour and keyboardist, Joe Munroe. In 2021 Rotella released a CD of acoustic songs written when he was 12 to 14 years-old, entitled "The Demo Tapes".

For the last 4 years he's honed his musical chops playing festivals, theatres, patios, bars, and parties across the Niagara Region. He's also had the privilege of playing at the iconic Stone Pony in Asbury Park, New Jersey where Bruce Springsteen started his career.

Evan has opened shows for Stephen Page, The Wilderness, Miss Emily, Honeymoon Suite, Wheatus, Road Waves, Stephen Stanley, Willie Nile, Joe Grushecky, Bobby Mahoney & The Seventh Son, Joe D'Urso, Southside Johnny, and the great Steve Earle. He has played with Teenage Head's Dave Rave, Rick Rose, Bobby Mahoney, Astrid Young (Neil's sister), the Lowest of the Low's Stephen Stanley, and more!

On September 28, 2023 Evan released his debut album with an all-star line-up entitled "Happy To Be Here" which is a collection of 10 original songs produced by Mark Rogers (LMT Connection) and Myles Rogers (Jin The Band).

Evan completed 2 successful residencies at both Hamilton's legendary Casbah Lounge, as well as The Cameron House in Toronto in 2024. He opened for Steven Page (Barenaked Ladies) and the 2024 Canada Rowing Celebration and for The Wilderness and Miss Emily in Kingston for a fundraising festival for the Kingston Humane Society.

On December 1, 2024 Evan released his sophomore album, "Last Train Home", an acoustic record, recorded live-off-the-floor to give it a raw sound that mirrored the starkness of the lyrics and songs.