

# Kyle Rightley

A native of the Four Corners region, Kyle Rightley is no stranger to crossroads. A trained classical musician with a jazzman's flare for improvisation and a folk singer's love of storytelling, Kyle stands at a unique junction. Currently residing in Madison, Wisconsin, he has built a career as a singer/songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, and all-around musical chameleon.

His first full-length solo acoustic album, 2017's [Making Home](#), "casually conjures rolling, green pastures and lonely, late-night interstates" (John Noyd, Maximum Ink). The release was preceded by the solo EPs [Raven Steals the Moon](#) and [The Bleak, Barbarian Pines](#) in 2014.

In addition to his solo exploits, Kyle is a member of award-winning groups The Big Payback, Driveway Thrift dwellers, The Civil Engineers, Beefus, Five Points Jazz Collective, and other area ensembles.



## Achievements

- Wrote the 2017 Madison Area Music Award (MAMA)-winning Rock Song of the Year, "Running with the Fire," for The Big Payback
- Contributed as songwriter and performer to the 2017 MAMA award-winning Jazz Album of the Year, Country/Bluegrass Album of the Year, and Rock Album of the Year
- Won the 2017 Wisconsin Area Music Industry (WAMI) award for Country Artist of the Year with Driveway Thrift dwellers
- Finalist for the MAMA Country/Bluegrass Performer of the Year in 2016 and 2015 as a solo artist

## Press

"a talent for spinning honest tales from clear-eyed lyrics" – John Noyd, [Maximum Ink](#)

"traditional Americana that resembles political forebearers like Joan Baez or Willie Nelson" - [Isthmus](#)

"windswept folk guitar trimmed in mandolin and graced with a clear calm voice" – John Noyd, [Maximum Ink](#)

"Low guitar notes cut through the sound of falling rain in the opening lines of 'Song for the Flatirons,' a pretty and wistful highlight of Kyle Rightley's latest EP. Titled The Bleak, Barbarian Pines, the album is the Madison artist's sophomore solo release, but it doesn't sound like the work of a green musician." – Julia Burke, [Isthmus](#).

## Music

Stream Kyle's music online at [Bandcamp](#) and [Spotify](#).

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