

Brian Sharpe

The Usual Stories & Usual Lies.

"acoustic alternative urban folk rock"

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Artist Biography:

Brian Sharpe was born in Southern California, raised in Germany and grew up in Chicago after moving there to go to college. While studying acting at the prestigious Theatre School at DePaul University, Brian began being cast in roles that required his skills as a singer, composer and guitarist. This carried over into his professional career and after numerous gigs around the Midwest as actor/composer including writing music for Shakespeare and the award-winning indie film, *The Rest of Your Life*, Brian has finally recorded his first full-length album, ***The Usual Stories & Usual Lies.***

Brian's sound is a blend of many influences. His tough and throaty voice sounds weathered and wise beyond his twenty-something years. His inventive and expressive guitar playing has a percussive edge to it that sounds bigger and badder than a 6-string acoustic guitar ever looks like it should sound. His songs are at once both muscular and fragile and feel like a wisp of smoke inside a glass of whiskey at 3 am in the dead of winter. Supported by intelligent, witty and sometimes heartbreaking lyrics, Brian's music has drawn comparisons to **Peter Dinklage, Jeff Buckley, Shawn Mullins, Bob Schneider** and **John Mayer.**

Brian has performed around the Midwest from coffee houses to clubs and colleges. Chicago venues include: **Wise Fools Pub, The Red Line Tap, Joe's Sports Bar, DePaul University, The Tin Man Tap, Kitty Moon, The Space, Excalibur, Silvie's Lounge, Fizz, Friar Tuck's** and **The Red Lion.**

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