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Alex Winters Shines



Alex Winters Playlist

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Our first Shining Star contest winner is **Alex Winters!**

Her day job? She works a help desk supporting accounting software for convenience stores. From that relative obscurity we're proud to see her shine. Play her songs while you read her story.

In Her Own Words

Being in a band was something that never even crossed my mind when I thought about what I wanted to be when I grew up. Problem is, once I got a taste of what it was like to work with other musicians and songwriters, I was hooked...

I have been writing for more than 20 years. Ever since I can remember, music

has moved or touched me every day of my life. My grandmother gave me my first guitar when I was 12 years old. I had no idea what to do with it, but I did it anyway. Mostly, I just kept it to myself, but over time people started finding out. When I was 17, my uncle requested a private concert; afterwards, he promptly offered to pay for guitar lessons. All throughout school, I was in band, choir, and various writing groups. I had no idea I was training myself for this, but hindsight is 20/20, as they say. Whoever “they” are. I love discovering new music, new artists, and actively seek inspiration every day.

Fast forward a few years, and a friend of mine started putting together this “original band”, he called it. He comes to me one day, hands me a guitar, and starts teaching me this song he wrote. Shortly after that, I was bringing him songs I had written. Next thing I know, I’m in the band. I only wrote two songs on that first album, but by the time it came for us to put the next album together, it was decided (not by me) that I would write most of the songs for it. No pressure, right? Over the next four-and-a-half years I wore several hats. Since I had no idea what I was getting myself into, I ended up volunteering for many of the administrative tasks that go along with a band, such as, managing, booking, graphics design, art direction, distribution, packaging, copyrighting, etc. on top of the writing, producing, collaborating, practicing, recording, and gigging that one does when in a band. Since then, I have worked as a producer and engineer. I have recorded, mixed, and engineered commercials for radio. I mixed and produced two other indie artists, and have worked as a collaborator on several different projects.



Originally from Washington State, I am now located in Austin Texas, the live music capitol of the world. I had come here for training back in 1999 and when I got off the plane, it just felt like home. I knew I had to move here one day, so when the time was right, I quit the band, quit my job, sold my house and moved. Although I didn't have a job lined up, I'd kept in contact with a former employer and was hired on. I've worked here ever since. Moving to Austin was one of the best choices I ever made.

You can find me online here:

Youtube: youtu.be/gSBAIOabjRc (video for the song "Turn Out the Light")

Band Profile: reverbnation.com/alexwinters

Facebook: facebook.com/pages/Alex-Winters/148807331797263

iTunes: itunes.apple.com/us/album/starting-over/id381243926

In closing, I would like to thank you for taking the time to have a look and, most importantly, a listen.

~Alex Winters



Alex plays Luna's acoustic electric Fauna Phoenix.
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