

FAMOUS MUSICIANS: HOZIER

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Hozier, born Andrew- Byrne is both a thought-provoking and influential rock artist. His songs include "Take Me to Church", "From Eden", "To Be Alone", and "Work Song". Hozier, so far, has only produced one album, and yet he has still made a large impact in the music industry.

EARLY LIFE AND MUSIC CAREER

Andrew Hozier-Byrne was born on March 17th, 1990 (which actually was St. Patrick's Day) in Bray, County Wicklow, Ireland. His father being a local blues musician, he was surrounded to blues at a very young age.

Hozier was a student at St. Gerald's school, and then continued his education at Trinity College in Dublin. He was a part of the Trinity Orchestra, but eventually dropped out to record demos for Universal Music.

Hozier joined his first band when he was fifteen years old, and was gravitated towards the genres of blues, gospel, R&B, and soul. From 2009 to 2012, he joined Anúna, a choral group, and traveled internationally.



MUSIC

In 2013, Hozier created his first solo EP: "Take Me to Church". Along with this track came much controversy, as this song and the video posted with it directly confronts the discrimination towards homosexuality in Russia.

His second track, "From Eden", was created in 2014 and in that year Columbia released his debut album in September.

PERFORMANCES

Hozier has performed on television shows such as *Saturday Night Live* and *Late Night with Seth Myers*. He also performed for the 2015 Grammy Awards and the 2015 Billboard Music Awards. In addition, Hozier also performed at Glastonbury Festival.

AWARDS

Hozier has been nominated for countless awards, including the Grammy's Best Song of the year, MTV Music Video Awards, and MTV Europe Music Awards. He has won Billboards Music Award's Top Rock Artist and Top Rock Song, European Border Breaker Award's Album of the Year, and the Teen's Choice Award for Choice Rock Song.



Hozier, as well as vocals, plays guitar, bass, piano, and synthesizer.