

# Sydney Riley

Sydney Riley is a singer-songwriter from Wasaga Beach, Ontario, currently residing in Midland, Ontario. Compared to both P!nk and Adele, with the musicality of Florence + the Machine, her thundering vocals, combined with heartfelt and emotionally-charged lyrics, pull from Folk, Rock, and Alternative music.

Her introspective thought process, coupled with captivating visual imagery, is captured in Sydney's recent single "Windowside Garden" (August 2021). Exploring a complicated relationship that many people experience, Sydney creates a space that acknowledges moments doubt and pain; "When writing this song I was thinking about how so many people find themselves in relationships that have a lot more take than give. Sometimes it feels like when you take a plant home with you just to let it die because you don't know how to take care of it. I tried to explore the idea that a lack of communication can be detrimental to any relationship, romantic or not."

Pre-dating COVID-19, Sydney has travelled across central Ontario, performing at events such as Georgian Triangle Music Fest, Kempenfest, the Collingwood Art Crawl. Through the Emerging Artist program with the Ontario Musicians Co-operative Inc., including a Program Coordinator position in Summer 2020, Sydney has performed 50+ shows in downtown communities each year, engaging with local patrons and residents, as well as having original music highlighted in the county-wide Emerging Artists Showcase Tour.

