

# grace theisen

Grace Theisen is a queer Americana artist originally from Kalamazoo, Michigan. After graduating from Hope College in 2014 with a double major in Gender Studies and Psychology, Grace moved to Nashville, TN from 2015-2018 to run her nonprofit, ***Songs Against Slavery***, full-time. Their mission was to raise awareness and fight sex trafficking in the U.S. through benefit concerts. They ended up raising over \$375,000 to aid in the fight. In that time, she opened for Emmylou Harris, played the infamous Bluebird Cafe, participated in songwriter rounds at The Listening Room and opened for Matthew Perryman Jones at The Nashville City Winery.

She recently moved back to Kalamazoo in 2019 to pursue music full-time. Fairly new to the Michigan Music Scene, she has created quite the buzz since moving back. Grace won ***Cari Cole's Best New Artist of 2021*** and was named ***"Artist To Watch"*** by Michigan's Local Spins media outlet in January of 2022. In March, she released her 3rd EP, ***Dance With The Shadows***. From that EP, the ***Down To The River Official Music Video*** won *Best Americana Video & The Audience Choice Award* at the 2022 Michigan Music Video Awards. ***Behind the Rain*** and ***Wild Wild Woman*** were picked up by one of Spotify's official playlists, ***Home At Last***. In July of 2022, She was named by Revue as one of the ***"Top 10 Bands Heating Up The Summer."***



***"Grace Theisen is ready to burn down the patriarchy with powerful and evocative new single, Master of Fire."*** -KIMU Music Blog (Formerly part of the VICE Blogger Network and The Huffington Post.)



Her ***Master of Fire*** music video was nominated as a finalist in the Toronto Women's Film Fest and at the 2023 Michigan Music Video Awards. It was also just selected to be shown at the 2023 Hell's Half Mile Film & Music Festival this September in Bay City, Michigan.

In September 2022, Grace teamed up with world percussionist Carolyn Koebel, violinist Cori Somers, guitarist Adam Main and bassist Sarah Fuerst to bring her songs to the stage with a powerful presence.

They started off 2023 with a splash making their debut performance at the ***2023 WYCE Jammie Awards***. Grace was nominated for several awards including artist of the year.

This past summer her band played several huge Michigan venues and festivals including: Kalamazoo Pride, Frederik Meijer Gardens, Local Spins Fest, Bliss Fest, Buttermilk Jamboree, Dunesville, Soaring Eagle Arts Beats & Eats and Earth Works Music Festival.

In the beginning of June, she came out on her social media as queer alongside the release of her newest single, ***Honey's Dripping***. She wrote ***Honey's Dripping*** about her journey of falling in love with a woman. She also released a ***music video*** to go along with the song that features LGBTQIA+ dancers.

She is also 1/3 of the band, ***The Rebel Eyes***.  
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