

## Josh Aran

### BAND STORY

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With a rare combination of tenderness and outrage, singer/songwriter Josh Aran awakens the complacent while rejuvenating the weary. His new album *Water to Wash Water Away* draws deep from the wells of inspiration, from the pop sensibility of the Beatles to the lyrical subtlety of Bob Dylan, from the feel-good arena rock of Led Zeppelin to the disillusioned art rock of Radiohead. For Josh, songs are like small streams flowing into a mighty river, always moving and ever changing.

A native of the Twin Cities, Josh grew up singing and playing guitar. He attended a small liberal arts university where he earned bachelor's degrees in English and Art History, and returned to Minneapolis in 1999. In 2000, Josh recorded his debut album, *Sun Up*, a warm and loose acoustic album with Tom Herbers at Third Ear Studios. In 2002, Josh met and teamed up with producer and drummer Justin Korhonen. Together they recorded with a handful of musicians, engineers, and producers (including Alex Oana, Tom Herbers, and Erik Appelwick) to create the critically acclaimed 2003 release *Between Us There Arose Happiness*. In 2005 and 2006 Josh produced and recorded *Water to Wash Water Away* with friends from the previous album and a new arsenal of talent, including Zach Miller and Sam Keenan.

With a litany of gigs behind him, Josh is a standout live performer, both as a solo artist and with his band. He has that rare ability to command complete attention from a room full of people - and the lyrics and melodies, the sheer



### STATS

Visits	Plays
960	0
Streams	Downloads
0	0

### Featured Songs

songcraft, demand it. He has played clubs, colleges, and festivals from coast to coast in a variety of contexts: including the launch party for internet radio station Misplaced Music, benefit concerts for AIDS and Tsunami relief, and a bluegrass Beatles tribute night.

Josh is hard at work playing shows in support of Water to Wash Water Away and working with his new live band. Check out [www.josharan.com](http://www.josharan.com) for all the latest information and find out what Josh and his band are up to next.

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