

## **Full Biography**

Zachary Outman is an American indie singer-songwriter whose music blends raw storytelling with heartfelt melodies, rooted in the spirit of resilience and self-discovery. Currently based in Louisville, Zach's journey to the stage has been anything but ordinary, shaped by a love of baseball, an unshakable bond with music, and an unwavering determination to turn life's setbacks into art.

Born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri, Zach grew up with baseball at the center of his world. Music, however, was always in the background, whether through his father's record collection of Rock 'n' Roll and Motown or the car rides that became impromptu concerts. Too shy to perform in public at first, he found his voice privately, long before he would take the stage.

In 2009, Zach's athletic dreams took flight when he was drafted by the Toronto Blue Jays during his junior year at Saint Louis University. But when a lifelong medical condition ended his career just 2 years later, he was left to rebuild his identity outside the game. Completing his degree in Leadership and Change Management, he leaned into the service industry to get by, but music steadily began to take hold.

In 2016, a move to Louisville sparked a deeper connection to music as Zach surrounded himself with local musicians. Teaching himself guitar and the art of singing while playing, he soon found himself gigging regularly, performing over 50 shows in 2019 alone. By then, songwriting had also taken root, laying the groundwork for the voice he now shares with audiences.

The pandemic years brought both stillness and unexpected inspiration. In isolation, Zach penned nearly 50 songs, many of which revealed his evolving sound and lyrical honesty. Though a band formed briefly around this momentum, life's detours once again put music on pause. For several years, he focused on personal health, financial stability, and reflection, until a transformative vacation in early 2025 rekindled the spark he had been missing.

That moment of clarity has fueled a new chapter. With his debut single *Warning Label* set for release on November 11, 2025, and a forthcoming EP in development, Zach is leaning fully into his calling. His selection to perform *Warning Label* at the Nashville Music Awards at year's end marks not only a milestone but a full-circle reminder of how far he's come.

Today, Zach writes from experience, drawing on triumphs, heartbreaks, and everything in between, to create music that resonates across generations. His songs speak to anyone who has wrestled with change, endured setbacks, or found themselves searching for meaning. And while his journey has taken him from the baseball field to the stage, one thing remains clear: *music is no longer just part of Zach's life, it is his life.*