

WINTERSTATE

BAND BIOGRAPHY

ALEX ORTBERG and **KELVIN KILLMON** both grew up in Southeast Minnesota - almost close enough to share an area code - but they were destined to cross paths 4,500 miles from home under the sun-bleached palm trees at **Berklee College of Music** in Valencia, Spain. The two became close friends while pursuing their Master's degrees in performance and production, and began working on original songs together.

When the pair graduated in 2016, Alex returned to Minnesota while Kelvin moved to Seattle, but their musical collaboration has continued to flourish. Connected by interstate 90, they chose the name **WINTERSTATE** as a reference to their long-distance work relationship and the icy climates of Minnesota and Northern Washington. Their debut album "The Ride" was recorded simultaneously in both locations - with musical ideas being developed and traded back and forth over the Internet. The result was a polished alt-rock record tinged with early-2000s nostalgia, but with a maturity and technical precision that is uncommon for the genre.

Joined by versatile guitarist **Joey Martin**, singer-songwriter and keyboardist **Amanda Jay**, and veteran bass player **Scott Strauss**, **WINTERSTATE** performed frequently in Minnesota throughout the summer of 2019. During that time "The Ride" received favorable reviews and consistent airplay on regional radio. The group is now recording their sophomore record, with an anticipated July 2020 release.

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