

BRAD COLE



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"There are some performers who seem born to command a stage. That's how it is with Brad Cole. His voice has a sharp, unerring, laser like quality, homing in on those uneasy truths most of us evade." - Richard Cuccaro (Acoustic Live)

"*Lay It Down* masterfully takes listeners from the familiar spaces of reflective, lyric-driven folk music to the expansive reaches of Bossa nova jazz. It's a beautiful album." - No Depression

The songs of Brad Cole address the ups and downs of the human condition with both wit and raw insight. His passionate and distinctive delivery of roots-based folk music glides on an eclectic mix of old school jazz, rhythm & blues and rock, moving listeners in a direction that is both unexpected, yet perfectly familiar.

Touring consistently over the last 11 years has brought Cole to many great stages such as Lincoln Center, Wrigley Field, City Winery (Chicago, Boston, Nashville), The Hotel Cafe, The Ark, Rockwood Music Hall, The Cutting Room, The Steven Talkhouse, including numerous festivals including recent tours of the UK and Ireland. Cole has shared the stage with many marquee performers such as: Chris Stapleton, Ingrid Michaelson, Hothouse Flowers, Shovels And Rope, The James Hunter Six, Dave Davies of the Kinks to name a few.

Cole's early days of performing were in the Chicago club scene, initially performing along side artists that make up the fabric of the city's musical legacy such as Junior Wells, Otis Rush, Uncle Tupelo and the Smashing Pumpkins. He also led several Chicago-based bands including *Treatment*, *The Second Story*, *Psycholove*, and *Check with Lucy*.

Cole's numerous side projects include: the jazz / blues cover project [Bossa Blue](#) and the acclaimed singer/songwriter trio [Cole, Nakoa & Treacher](#). In 2016, his life and music became the main subject of a short film titled [Cole Soul](#) by award-winning filmmaker Steven Weiss. In 2021, Cole launched his Sci-Fi musical [Songs From The Moon](#) as a podcast series, a 1 man theatrical show and as a full length album. Currently based in New York's Hudson Valley, Cole tours extensively as a solo acoustic performer, with his trio and with his full band.