



BLAKE WILDER



Country and Americana pulled straight from real life.

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SHORT BIO

The Artist

Blake Wilder writes country and Americana pulled straight from real life — family, resilience, love, regret, and the everyday fires we all walk through.

Born in Wisconsin and raised in Nashville from age twelve, he picked up a guitar around the time he arrived and never put it down. The songs still start the way they always have: lived first, written honest, played raw on an acoustic before anything else touches them.

Blake Wilder is a pen name — a way to let the music stand on its own. The emotions are real. The stories are real.

QUICK FACTS

BORN	Wisconsin
RAISED	Nashville, Tennessee — from age 12
BASED	The Lowcountry, South Carolina
GENRE	Country / Americana
DEBUT ALBUM	<i>Walk Through Fire</i>
RELEASED	June 19, 2026 — ten tracks
PRESS	press@blakewilder.music

The Full Story

Most artists race to release their first album. Blake Wilder took his time.

For decades the songs started the way they still do: lived first, written honest, played raw on an acoustic during late-night sessions. Most were written in the margins of a demanding career and a full family life — carried through marriage, fatherhood, divorce and rebuilding, and never released until they meant something true.

Walk Through Fire arrived June 19, 2026. Ten songs about things that actually happened: a blue-collar week ending at a bonfire by the river, a father's letter to a daughter who survived more than her share, a relationship he fought for and lost, a door left open for someone who stopped speaking to him.

The title track is the thesis — that “I love you” doesn't always say enough, and telling someone you'd walk through fire for them leaves less room for interpretation.

Wisconsin-born, Nashville-raised, and now writing from the South Carolina Lowcountry, Wilder makes honest country music for people who have lived long enough to know that resilience isn't about never falling down. It's about what you do after.

I didn't write these songs last year. I've been carrying them for most of my adult life. They weren't ready — or maybe I wasn't ready — until now.

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On How the Record Was Made

In a genre that prizes authenticity above all else, admitting you used AI could feel like a risk worth avoiding. Wilder states it plainly instead.

He wrote every song and recorded the original guitar and vocal takes himself. AI tools were used as a finishing layer — rendering the final vocal performance and parts of the production — with every pass directed by him until it matched what he heard in his head. The writing, the arrangements and the stories are entirely his.

The full account is on his website, in his own words, at blakewilder.music/about.

I wrote these songs. I recorded raw versions. I uploaded my own lyrics and guitar tracks. Then I spent countless hours directing the AI until every pass matched what I'd been hearing in my head for years.

The tool doesn't make the song real. The decades I lived before writing them — that's what makes them real.

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ARTIST POSITIONING

Unique Position

Blake Wilder occupies a space few can claim: a lifelong songwriter who spent decades living the songs before releasing a single one. His music speaks to listeners who value authenticity over hype, depth over immediacy, and stories earned through experience.

BASED

The Lowcountry
South Carolina

GENRE

Country
Americana

DEBUT ALBUM

Walk Through Fire

RELEASED

June 19, 2026

THREE HOMETOWNS

Born in Wisconsin. Raised in Nashville from age twelve through high school, where his parents still live in the house he grew up in. Now writing from the South Carolina Lowcountry.

FOR EDITORS

High-resolution photography, album artwork and the full lyric sheet for all ten songs are available on request, or at blakewilder.music.

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LATEST RELEASE

Walk Through Fire



RELEASE DETAILS

RELEASED	June 19, 2026
GENRE	Country / Americana
TRACKS	Ten
FORMAT	Digital — all major platforms

Written and carried for decades, *Walk Through Fire* is Blake Wilder’s most honest work. Each song reflects real battles fought and real ground regained — no posturing, no borrowed pain.

01 **Friday Night**

Hard week behind you, tailgate down, bonfire by the river.

02 **Movin’ On**

The moment enough is enough — and whatever has its hooks in you.

03 **We Make Our Own Luck**

A beat-up truck, an open road, the right person riding shotgun.

04 **The Light in the Darkness**

For anyone at a crossroads, haunted by old scars.

05 **One Last Mile**

A raw plea for strength when the weight feels unbearable.

06 **Walk Through Fire**

A love song with teeth. I’d walk through hell for you, and do it again.

07 **I’ll Leave the Light On**

A kid who wasn’t your blood and never needed to be. The most personal song here.

08 **Big Orange Country**

Game day in Knoxville, and pride that doesn’t wash off.

09 **Not the Man I Used to Be**

Higher ground after a long road. The work done, the peace earned.

10 **Watch Your World Burn**

Whatever’s seducing you doesn’t love you. The album’s darkest corner.

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PRESS-READY STORYTELLING

Media Angles

THE DECADES WAIT

Most artists can't wait to release a first album. Wilder waited most of his adult life, writing in the margins of a career and a family, releasing nothing until the songs were ready.

THREE HOMETOWNS

Born in Wisconsin, raised in Nashville from age twelve through high school, now writing from the South Carolina Lowcountry. A songwriter who grew up in the country music capital and waited thirty years to make a country record.

WRITTEN WHILE LIVED

These songs were written during the events they describe — marriage, divorce, fatherhood, rebuilding. The record is sequenced as that arc, opening on a Friday night bonfire and closing on its darkest corner.

TRANSPARENT ABOUT AI

Plenty of artists are quietly using these tools. Almost nobody says so on their own website. Wilder discloses exactly what the tools did and what he did — an unusually direct answer to the question the genre is currently arguing about.



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