



Daniel Miller's songs feature country, jazz and folk music elements.

Get to know Idanha

Astoria musician debuts new project

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Though he's played in several local live performances with other Astoria bands and has been a professional musician for more than two decades, Daniel Miller has kept a low profile when it comes to his own music persona, Idanha.

Miller's latest musical "project," Idanha, features new songs he wrote and recorded by himself. He released the first Idanha album in March 2020. He has been releasing new singles on Spotify and other music streaming apps every month of 2021. Miller has his sights set on completing another full album and touring soon.

"I'll play out in town eventually, with my own stuff. But sometimes it's nice to keep it low key where you live," Miller said. "It's like a sense of normalcy."

Miller, 40, has played professionally since the early 2000s, often touring with bands or playing with friends in shows in Astoria. He joked that he finds it difficult to turn down a request to play live.

"I don't really say no. I end up playing with a bunch of different people doing other

things and that's always fun," he said.

Miller's musical interests date back decades. Miller first started playing guitar around age 7. Miller's grandmother taught him and his siblings to play piano.

Miller plays several different instruments, including guitar, drums and piano. He also sings. When he records songs for Idanha, he plays each instrument separately and records the vocals, then combines it all for the final song.

Where to listen

Listen to Idanha and see his social media accounts at idanha.net/

Switching between instruments is "definitely interesting" but not a challenge for Miller, he said. He attributes some of his musical talent to heredity.

"I've never had a problem picking up instruments. I had family members that were the same way, too," Miller said. "My

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