

# Hayes shares his stories with his hometown



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Bryan Hayes stopped by Bob and Martha Lyle Ford's home for a "house concert" while on the road for his coast-to-coast tour. Pictured below, left to right: Bryan Hayes, Martha Lyle Ford and Bob Ford.

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Last Saturday night, Bryan Hayes stopped by his hometown Brownsville during his coast-to-coast tour. Brownsville residents filled the living room of Bob and Martha Lyle Ford's Faith, Hope, and Love House for a house concert. Hayes both writes and performs his music, which falls in the Americana genre. Three members of his band the Retrievers accompanied Hayes. With friends and family in the room, Hayes transparently shared his life, telling the stories behind the songs he wrote. Hayes often referenced

his experiences in Brownsville as the foundation for who he is, which inspires his music. *"It's like a reunion or a homecoming for me. So thank you for having us,"* stated Hayes. The concert, with such a small audience, was perfect for audience interaction, and Hayes encouraged guests to sing along, teaching them some of the songs from his new album "Farther Down the Line." Hayes also gave

glimpses of his military tour in Iraq, which shaped part of this album. In fact, Hayes is donating the proceeds from his single "I Wanna Run" to the Wounded Warrior Project.

*"The house concerts are by far my favorite to play,"* stated Hayes. With feet tapping in place of drums and smiles on every nodding head, the audience connected with this Brownsville native who now shares his music with the nation.

