

Jake Is Lloyd is a Los Angeles-based duo consisting of Michael Edwards and Alex Arnaout. Walking the line between dance pop and alt-rock, their sound can be compared to that of Two Door Cinema Club, Walk The Moon, and The 1975. Yet with the unlikely combination of arena sized guitar and bass brightened by electronic production and catchy pop melodies, they manage to pull from their influences while creating a sound uniquely their own. Each member uses his own diverse musical background to complement and elevate the other, obtaining with two people the musical depth and knowledge usually only accessible to full bands.

Edwards, a native of Los Angeles, CA, grew up in a household dominated by classical music. By age five, he was playing classical piano and listening to Haydn and Beethoven with his father. In his teens, however, he found a passion for classic rock. Inspired by legends like Led Zeppelin, he picked up electric guitar, eventually playing on world renowned stages such as Lollapalooza in Chicago and the Troubadour in Los Angeles. In high school, Edwards decided to start writing his own songs, simultaneously beginning his singing career as well.

Arnaout, also a native of southern California, spent much of his childhood moving around various homes—but the one thing that never changed was his passion for music. He got his start at age six after enrolling in a music camp to play guitar. After switching to the bass, however, he immediately found his calling. In his teenage years, his love for pop-punk music propelled him to become the bassist for several bands on the Vans Warped Tour. Since then, he has worked with members of Guns N' Roses, Pearl Jam, The Elton John Band and lovelytheband.

After randomly meeting each other for the first time at a sandwich shop in Los Angeles just weeks before heading off to college, the pair were reunited as neighbors in the freshman dorms while studying at the University of Miami Frost School of Music. With Edwards still writing and singing songs and Arnaout looking for artists to play with and produce, they decided to combine forces—and thus became Jake Is Lloyd.