

# R RYAN SEATON



Those who knew Ryan Seaton as a small child would find it hard to believe he is now performing on stage night after night before thousands of people. This quiet, shy young man inherited a love for music from his mom, who sang in country Gospel groups and as a soloist most of her life. Ryan was always too shy to sing in public until a pretty girl coaxed him into joining the choir in the seventh grade. That pretty girl named Krista would later become Ryan's wife and serve as a constant encouragement to him as he continued to perfect his God-given vocal ability.

The Cynthiana, Indiana native joined a barbershop quartet as a sophomore in high school and fell in love with four-part harmony. Shortly after high school graduation, he had the opportunity to see his very first Gospel quartet, the Cathedrals, and instantaneously knew what he was destined to do. He met Ernie Haase, the tenor for the Cathedrals, and the two developed a friendship. Ernie encouraged Ryan to expand his talent and pursue his musical dreams. "I can still remember seeing this tall, skinny kid showing up at concerts and smiling real big the entire time," Ernie reflects.

After auditioning for several quartets, Ryan joined the Melody Boys Quartet. He traveled with the group for almost a year before receiving the call that would take Ryan's dream to the next level. "Ernie Haase called me and said, 'Are you ready to sing?' I didn't have to think about that question; I was ready," Ryan recalls with a big smile. Ryan went on to join Signature Sound Quartet where he continued to cultivate his music and vocal ability. This was the opportunity which opened doors to what God had planned for his future.

During his time with SSQ, Ryan fell in love and married Krista in December 2004, changing his life dramatically. In 2006, Krista gave birth to their first child, Olivia. The Seaton family was further enhanced by the addition of another member as Ryan and Krista welcomed the arrival of baby number two. On May 27, 2007, Ella Claire was born! When Ryan is not on tour, he enjoys the blessing of spending time with his sweet family. Ryan is a family man with a heart of gold and a passion for creating memories that his girls will remember forever.

In 2009, God began to reveal that He had a new direction for Ryan's life that included a departure from Signature Sound. It would be a new season of growth and a giant leap into the unknown, going from a quartet man to a solo artist! Ryan is currently recording a soon to be released debut solo project that is sure to be a fan favorite for many years! Plans are also in the works for Ryan's first solo concert tour.

## Career Awards

- Two Dove Awards for Recorded Song of the Year (from the albums *Get Away Jordan* and *Dream On* with EHSS)
- One Dove Award for Southern Gospel Album of the Year (for the album *Get Away Jordan* with EHSS)
- 2010 Grammy Nomination for Best Southern, Bluegrass or Country Gospel Album (with EHSS)
- Two Gold Certified Albums (from the album *Get Away Jordan* & from the self-titled album with EHSS)