

jonbryantmusic

BAND STORY

"Jonathan Robert Bryant grew up in a small town outside, Halifax, Nova Scotia. His father was a tradesman and gospel singer; his mother worked in the airlines. The second of five children, Jon was home schooled during the early part of his life. While studying under the family roof, he took the opportunity to begin piano lessons. A few years later, he taught himself to play drums and joined a hard rock cover band. Jon began writing his own music at 13 and has since written over 40 songs with the help of friend and former band mate Andrew Veysey. Throughout high school, Jon explored his love for music by joining choir and jamming with anyone willing to have a go. After this, He packed his bags and journeyed across the sea to Europe to travel and unravel the thread surrounding his purpose in life. Whilst backpacking across the hills of Austria and breaking the soles of his dirt-stained feet in Greece, Jon began to write some of the songs which would later end up on his debut album, *Two Coasts for Comfort*. Described as a phenomenal experience, Jon felt he was figuring out who he was in relation to himself, his place in the world and who he was before God. After this remarkable year, Jon moved to Seattle, to volunteer at various ministries and churches, where he was personally mentored by some proverbial wise men. While living in the city where it rains 265 days a year, Jon was inspired to live a life against society's expectations. Ever the traveler, Jon returned to Halifax and enrolled at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design. During his time of art education, the call to write music became even more daunting. After being asked to play a local show, Jon



STATS

Visits	Plays
650	0
Streams	Downloads
0	0

Featured Songs

being asked to play a local show, Jon decided that from now on he would only play songs he had written. He began practicing his songwriting by playing songs at the local farmers market with his fellow indie songstress Sheilagh McNab. The pair made enough spending money each time they played and incorporated older songs into their set list. In early 2009, Jon was asked by his sound engineer and longtime friend Cory Chaisson if he would like to record a few tunes. Jon emphatically said yes and with only two weeks to prepare, he rigorously refined his songs, bringing them to a stage he was comfortable with. The recording sessions went smoothly and Jon came out with a five track demo, which he immediately uploaded onto a makeshift MySpace account. Within three to four hours Jon's friend, Jordan Wiberg, a music producer, contacted him and invited the Haligonian bard to fly out to Calgary to record a full length album. The opportunity was extremely good news for Jon and so he packed his guitar, boarded a plane and headed out West. The Calgary recording sessions were successful and so, on October 28, an 11 track album was released. Jon performed with a full band to a tightly packed room at The Company House in Halifax. Fellow musicians and accomplished artists in their own right, Don Brownrigg and Andrew Veysey opened for Jon, setting the mood for the evening. Jon's band on stage included Matt Stride, Matt Kelbert, Lisa Francis, Jordan Stephens and Stacey Lake. Since then, Jon has been playing as many shows as he can, no matter the size of the venue. More recently, iTunes contacted Jon and told him that his song Deaf would be the featured "free single of the week" from December 29 to January 5; this amazing break came just weeks after the album release. Recently the Jon has been featured as the iTunes singer/songwriter indie spotlight featured artist of 2009 along with his

featured artist of 2008 along with his album which is garnering the same kind of attention. Jon' s goals are to become the best musician, artist and performer he can imagine. Ever the perfectionist, he will push and push until he' s happy with every song he writes. He' ll take no prisoners. There is no line drawn between his life and his music. His songs are an extension of who he is. Jon is currently playing anywhere from new york to toronto, writing new music and will be heading to Calgary in the new year to record a music video for his song The Hallelujah, due to be released in March. He hopes that by early summer he will be touring across Canada and showcasing a number of festivals during the summer. "

LATEST NEWS

For additional information please contact us
©2012 onlinemusicnetwork.ca