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# ABOUT

For as long as he can remember, pop/soul singer, Rayvon Owen has dreamed of a life dedicated to music. Born to be on stage, the Richmond, VA., native began his music career at a very young age - singing in choirs, touring with gospel musicians and performing in local musicals. Influenced by artists such as Lionel Richie, John Legend, Troye Sivan and Stevie Wonder, Rayvon has developed his own voice as a powerful performer and reflective songwriter.

By the age of 18, he relocated to Nashville, TN., to study Commercial Music at Belmont University. While in Music City, he pursued a performance career by writing with local musicians and performing at local events, venues, clubs and showcases. Shortly after graduation, Rayvon made his way from Nashville to Los Angeles, CA., where he continued to write and craft his sound. In 2014, he released his debut EP, "Cycles," which includes the hit single "Sweatshirt." In the past year, Rayvon took his talent on the road - performing at over 60 colleges across the United States.

Already having a fan base across the U.S., he became a household name and "Twitter Save" champion as a Top 4 finalist on season 14 of "American Idol." While on "Idol," Rayvon performed with the likes of Jamie Foxx, Rickey Martin, Boy George and many others. Receiving rave reviews from major outlets, including People Magazine, USA Today and Billboard, he is noted, not only for his star quality and beautiful vocal tone, but for his ability to bring authenticity and emotion to his performances.

Following his journey on "American Idol" and performing on the 38-city "American Idols LIVE!" tour this past summer, Rayvon shared his new creative direction and collaborative spirit with the September 2015 release of his "Air EP." The 2015 L.A. Music Award's "Rising Star" recipient recently wrapped recording on his new EP -- set to release late 2016. His lead single, "Can't Fight It," premiered exclusively on Huffington Post. The music video was released on Valentine's Day through Billboard, along with an exclusive interview that shared a part of Rayvon's story publicly for the first time. Rayvon continues to strive to entertain his listeners and create an immersive and inspirational experience.



# HIGHLIGHTS

- The Huffington Post exclusively premiered new single "Can't Fight It" and Billboard premiered the single's music video
- Winner of the Rising Star award from 2015 LA Music Awards
- Performed on last summer's 38 date American Idol Tour
- Performed at over 60 colleges nationwide
- Sang the National Anthem at games of the San Diego Chargers, Carolina Panthers, Kansas City Chiefs, Los Angeles Clippers and Phoenix Suns
- Named one of BuzzFeed's "37 Bands You Need To See at CMJ"
- Featured in many other publications including: Just Jared, J-14, Examiner, AXS, Out, Bustle, and PopWrapped
- 55K+ monthly listeners on Spotify

## PREVIOUS PRIDE EVENTS

- Virginia Pride 2015
- POINT Foundation Annual Gala
- World AID's Day Benefit Concert
- LA Music Awards 2015 Rising Star Award
- American Idol XIV Finalist
- American Idols Live! Tour
- National Anthem for NFL, NBA, MLB games
- Featured on Postmodern Jukebox's iTunes #1 Jazz album debut, "PMJ And Chill"
- Grand Marshall of 2015 Virginia Christmas Parade
- Pittsburgh Pride 2016
- Stonewall Columbus Pride 2016
- Stockton Pride Festival 2016
- Virginia Special Olympics

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- JAMIE FOXX

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- BILLBOARD

# PRESS

Billboard

"'American Idol' Alum Rayvon Owen Opens Up About His Sexuality in New Video, 'Can't Fight It': Exclusive"

Human Rights Campaign

"Rayvon Owen to LGBTQ Youth: Be Proud of Who You Are"

People

"American Idol: Rayvon Owen Performs A Soulful Version of 'Need You Now'"

USA Today

"Rayvon Owen gets no rest after 'Idol' exit"

Bustle

"7 Reasons Rayvon Owen Should Win American Idol"

Good Grit Magazine

"Man on the Rise"

OUT

"American Idol Finalist, Rayvon Owen Comes Out"

Huffington Post

"'American Idol' Finalist Rayvon Owen Comes Out In His New Music Video"

J-14

"'American Idol' Star Rayvon Owen Comes Out in His New Music Video"

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- USA TODAY

# VIDEOS



CAN'T FIGHT IT



SWEATSHIRT



I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE





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