

BRYAN POPIN

LITTLE BOY WONDER MUSIC / DARKCHILD GOSPEL, RECORDING ARTIST

"I believe musicians have a duty, a responsibility to reach out, to share your love or pain with others."

-James Taylor

Classically trained pianist, lover of soul and R&B music, church boy and rising gospel star Bryan Popin (pronounced POP-in) got out, stepped in the name and now wants it ALL BACK! Stepping into his musical calling to share the love, the hurt, the pain, the loss and lack, as God turned his brokenness and insecurities into great strength. Ultimately lighting a fire within to encourage others straight from his own experiences. Popin's desire to assess his "next steps" after going through a series of difficult and unexpected life challenges that could have easily shaken his faith, he made a promise to God and to himself to not only be honest and transparent in sharing his struggles, but to ultimately be as intentional in celebrating his victories over all of them. The insecurities, the fear, the lack, the rejection, the questions of why, how, when... all of it. What should have broke him, actually did. But, instead of it taking him out, or making him burnt out and bitter, it made him stronger, wiser and even more determined to pursue his calling.

Popin has had to deal with insecurities his entire life. Not looking the part, not feeling like he belonged or was good enough. He's dealt with the highs and lows of life. From hanging and jamming with legendary singer Stevie Wonder and Justin Timberlake to almost losing it all... there have been quite a number of almost(s). Almost claiming bankruptcy, almost losing his marriage, almost losing his children, almost losing his ministry, almost losing himself. Much rejection, much confusion, frustration and loss. Yet God, through it all, was breaking him and making him stronger. Years of crying out to God on his knees, worshiping, praising, and finding his way, theme songs began being birthed. God gave Popin the grace to see his own faults and realign. Get his confidence back. Re-prioritize his life, his family, his values and re-discover his calling. Years later, God continues to use Popin to light a fire of hope and encouragement to others through his testimony and music. "There have been so so many ALMOST experiences in my life... I'm not who I used to be. That's for sure. I've learned so much, grown so much, both musically and spiritually, but more importantly internally. I've become more confident in who I am and in my calling. With all of that and after all I've been through, you better believe I'm taking it ALL BACK! All the hurt, All the pain, All the loss, All the lost time, All the fear, All the doubt, All the insecurities and feelings of not thinking I was good enough, not the right profile or not this or not that. All of it. I've got Jesus and a calling that burns within and that's enough. I'm going to walk in it. Walk in faith. Walk in favor. Walk in victory. I want my joy back, my peace back, my family back... Yeah, I'm taking it ALL BACK!", says Bryan Popin.

"All Back", Popin's brand new single for 2019 was recorded LIVE with Tennessee State University's award-winning New Direction Gospel Choir. Produced by Bryan Popin and AyRon Lewis, this driving old-school foot-stomping church song will definitely be another anthem from Popin we'll remember for a long time.

"*I Got Out*", the Album (released July 21, 2017), garnered Popin his first No. 1 on both the Billboard Top Christian and Gospel Albums sales charts under the umbrella of his own imprint label (Little Boy Wonder Music | Flaydo Music). The title cut and chart-topping radio single "I Got Out", a swingy congregational anthem with a contemporary edge that compels you to sing along, featured music production from super-producer AyRon Lewis (Kirk Franklin, James Fortune, Bishop Paul Morton Jr. et al.) and vocals from Pastor CeCe Winans' Born Again Church Choir. The sonic urgency of the track can be attributed to its overwhelming backstory. Four years ago, Popin's musical career suffered an unexpected dry season. As with any financial setback, marital and familial tension began to set in. With a possible bankruptcy on the horizon, he was forced to place the property he and his family hoped to build their dream home and recording studio on up for sale. At the end of his proverbial rope and nowhere to look but up, Popin began to shift his energy and focus to serving others. "I found myself willing to let go of me and care more about others, helping others more and living a life with a heart to worship through my mess," says Popin. "As soon as I stopped stressing about my situation and knew God was going to work it out, the song "I Got Out" was birthed in my heart spiritually as a message of hope before I even really got out of the situation naturally." The most exciting part of his testimony is that Popin shares this part of his story from his dream home and recording studio built on the very same property he almost had to sell. God did it, and yes, *Popin got out!*

2018 was a good year for Bryan Popin. As an Independent artist, he was awarded a top-notch award from his peers, receiving a 2018 ASCAP Rhythm & Soul Music Award for 1 of 2018's biggest gospel songs... "I Got Out!" In addition, Popin was nominated for his 1st ever Stellar Award at the 33rd Annual 2018 Stellar Awards® for Traditional Gospel CD Of The Year. His songs, usually birthed as words of encouragement to himself during his own trials and difficulties, quickly become theme songs to others. His singable melodies, soulful keyboard skills and rhythms seem to not only connect, but penetrate right to the heart.

With over 4+ million audio/visual streams for his last single release, "Step in The Name", Popin brought a diverse group of artists, actors, singers, choir members, dance teams and more together for one purpose... to step in the name of Jesus together in unity. From DeVon Franklin and Meagan Good, to Jekalyn Carr and Jonathan McReynolds, even David and Tamela Mann joined Popin in his music video. "I love diversity", says Popin. "I love the differences, the cultures... it's what makes us, us. I have a strong desire bring people together. I've seen music unite people like never before. Music brings people together and even crosses genres, language barriers and political views. I grew up in the NY/NJ area. I used to take a train from NJ to mid-town NYC and then the subway to Brooklyn. I started working with an R&B/Funk producer. NYC was this melting pot of different cultures. There was nothing like it. The food, the love, the people. One people. I was on my way into NYC the morning of 9/11 and will never forget how we all came together to help one another that day. It wasn't about race, or the color of your skin. It was about survival. Coming together as one people to help those in need, all those in need. We all bleed red. I get we are different. So many different opinions, beliefs, likes, dislikes, ideas. Different cultures. Different ways we were raised. Different upbringings. But, WE are all gentiles and WE are all in need of a Savior."

Most recently, Popin was nominated for two Stellars for the upcoming 34th Annual 2019 Stellar Awards held LIVE in Las Vegas on March 28, 2019. Popin is nominated for "Producer Of The Year" for his song, "Beautiful Savior" on BET *Sunday Best* Winner Tasha Page-Lockhart's "The Beautiful Project", co-produced by super producer AyRon Lewis (Kirk Franklin, James Fortune, Bishop Paul S. Morton) and "Special Event CD Of The Year" for his song "Step In The Name" on WOW Gospel 2018.

Bryan Popin has appeared at Bishop T.D. Jakes' Megafest as well as the International Pastors' & Leadership Conference. He's shared his music around the country in churches and before thousands. Popin has also had numerous television appearances including a memorable performance of his timely song "Such A Time As This" on BET's *Joyful Noise*, hosted by Tye Tribbett.

A philanthropist and humanitarian, Popin especially lends his support to three notable charities. "The Sphinx Organization" is a national arts and youth development organization based in Detroit, Michigan dedicated to transforming lives through the power of diversity in classical music. They fulfill their mission through artist and ensemble development, national and city-wide music competitions, and through educational programs, like Sphinx Overture, offering introductory music education, free violins, and free group lessons to students in underserved communities. "Lifewater" helps to provide and establish clean water wells to much needed communities around the globe. Their vision is a world where every person has access to safe water, improved health and sanitation, with the knowledge and understanding of Jesus' love and compassion. "Compassion International" is a Christian child development organization dedicated to releasing children from poverty. They work through local churches to provide child development programs to deliver children from economic, physical, social and spiritual poverty, enabling them to become responsible, fulfilled Christian adults. They speak out for children in poverty – informing, motivating and equipping others to become advocates for children.

Bryan Popin is a native of NJ. He is married to his wife Susan and they reside in a suburb of Nashville, TN where together they raise their 6 children.

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BRYAN POPIN HAS RELEASED THE FOLLOWING 6 SINGLES TO GOSPEL RADIO:

"BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR" (#18 on Billboard Gospel Radio Airplay Chart)

"I GOT OUT" (#4 on Billboard Gospel Radio Airplay Chart)

"ALL BACK" (#19 on Billboard Gospel Radio Airplay Chart)

"STEP IN THE NAME" (#21 on Billboard Gospel Radio Airplay Chart)

"SUCH A TIME AS THIS" (#17 on Billboard Gospel Radio Airplay Chart)

"I CAN MAKE IT" (#21 on Billboard Gospel Radio Airplay Chart)

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Started his own imprint record label, Little Boy Wonder Music (a nick-name given to him by the legendary singer Stevie Wonder)
- 6 Top 25 hits on the Billboard Gospel Radio Airplay Chart
 - "Beautiful Savior" (#18 peak)
 - "All Back" (#19 peak)
 - "Step In The Name" (#21 peak)
 - "I Got Out" (#4 peak)
 - "Such A Time As This" (#17 peak)
 - "I Can Make It" (#21 peak)

- Garnered his first #1 on Billboard with the album release of "I GOT OUT" on July 21, 2017 topping the Billboard sales chart on both the Top Christian and Top Gospel categories
- Over 3+ million audio/visual streams for Popin's single "I GOT OUT"
- Over 4+ million audio/visual streams for Popin's single "STEP IN THE NAME"
- Nominated for 1 (one) 2018 Stellar Award*
("I GOT OUT" | Traditional Gospel Album Of The Year)
- Honored by ASCAP & received a 2018 ASCAP Rhythm & Soul Award
("I GOT OUT" | Top Gospel Song)
- Nominated for 2 (two) 2019 Stellar Awards*
("Producer Of The Year" | Tasha Page-Lockhart's "The Beautiful Project" for Popin's song "Beautiful Savior",
Produced by Bryan Popin and AyRon Lewis)
("Special Event CD Of The Year" | WOW Gospel 2018 for Popin's song "Step In The Name")

ABOUT BRYAN POPIN:

#1 Billboard artist, three-time Stellar Award* nominated and recipient of a 2018 ASCAP Rhythm & Soul Music Award, rising Gospel star Bryan Popin is just that... Popin! Born in Middletown, NJ, Popin was a piano protégé by his early teens. Later in his career, the legendary Stevie Wonder nicknamed him the "Little Boy Wonder" and he's continued to impress with his soulful keyboard skills, melodies, songwriting, music production and vocal flow. He's appeared with Bishop TD Jakes numerous times and was featured at both MegaFest and Bishop Jakes' Pastors & Leader's Conference. He's written with R&B legend Chaka Khan, opened for Tye Tribbett, Israel Houghton, Deitrick Haddon, Tamela Mann, Tasha Page-Lockhart, Jermaine Dolly, Donnie McClurkin, Marvin Sapp and even American Idol alum Danny Gokey to name a few. At the height of their popularity, Justin Timberlake's *NSYNC recorded one of Popin's songs for their multi-platinum album, Celebrity & performed the song during their final stadium world tour. To-date, Bryan Popin has earned six Billboard Top 25 songs, a 2018 ASCAP Rhythm & Soul Music Award, a #1 Billboard album (I Got Out, 2017) and three Stellar Award* nominations. All as an Independent artist.

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