

David Harsh

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David Harsh: Biography

David Harsh is a native Washingtonian who is committed to glorifying God with his music. He began his serious musical study in college, where he learned to sing classically in six languages. However, David soon discovered a desire to proclaim God's truth in his native language, and began writing his own music. He studied acoustic guitar with a private instructor during college, and is now in his fifth year of full-time music ministry.

Since college, David has gone on to study with some of the greatest acoustic guitarists in the world, including Alex De Grassi, Tony McManus, and Pierre Bensusan. He has won regional and national competitions for his guitar playing and songwriting. Known for his creative excellence, David incorporates a variety of innovative techniques on the guitar including two-hand tapping, looping, and even one song where he plays 2 guitars at the same time (one with his feet.) His Christian lyrics are a testimony of his journey, capturing in music a vivid description of how God has worked in his life.

David has shared his music with thousands of people at churches, conferences, camps and festivals across the country.

David currently resides in Marysville, Washington with his wife, Whitney and daughter, Madeline.

David Harsh: Resume

Education:

- Western Washington University - Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance
 - Classical solos: French, German, Italian, Russian, Spanish, English
 - Multiple styles: Opera, Oratorio, Musical Theater, Renaissance, Jazz
- Torchbearer Bible Schools - 1 Year Certificate
 - Capernwray Hall, England (Fall 1998, Winter 1999)
 - Tauernhof, Austria (Spring 1999)
- Christian Artists' Seminar in the Rockies, Estes Park, CO (2003)
 - Tom Jackson, Christian Music Performance Coach
- Tony McManus Seminar, Seattle (2003)
 - Tony McManus, Scottish Celtic guitar virtuoso
- Pierre Bensusan Seminar, France (2002)
 - Pierre Bensusan, French guitar virtuoso
- Accent on Music Seminar (1999)
 - Alex De Grassi, American guitar virtuoso, co-founder of Windham Hill Records
 - John Renbourn, British guitar virtuoso
- Guitar Lessons - Rick Azim
 - 3 Years intense application of classical theory

Professional Memberships:

- ASCAP – The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (www.ascap.com)

Awards:

- 2003 – AGMA National Songwriting Competition – 1st PLACE – Pop/Rock Alternative
- 2003 – Spirit 101.9's Battle of the Bands – Regional Competition - WINNER
- 2001 - Guitar Center's "Guitarmageddon" – Regional FINALIST

Soundtracks:

- CCI/USA's CAIRN Series – Promotional DVD (2003)
- Tall Timber Ranch – Promotional Video (2003)
- Eastside Academy – Promotional Video (2002)

David Harsh: Discography

- *Traveling Companion* (2006) – latest album to date
- *Making Up for Lost Time* (2002)
- *Envoy* (1999) - first full-length album, recorded in England (*out of print*)
- *Corban* (1998) - 3-song demo (*out of print*)
- *Plugged Inn* (1997) - 2 songs on a compilation

David Harsh: Testimonial

I have spent many years searching for significance. I have tried, through the years, to accomplish things that might make me a better person. I have also stumbled, falling into many of the traps that exist along the path of a seeking Christian. My efforts alone were not enough.

Finally, I had a breakthrough. I realized that my accomplishments and my failures do not determine my significance or my identity. I am a child of God. That is who I am, and who I was created to be. I find only a temporary kind of peace through what I may achieve, and it's easy to believe the lie that my identity is determined by my failures. My true, lasting peace is found through discovering God's creation in me. Now I desire to bless others through the message I bring.

The music I write expresses the joy of being a child of God, and also the difficulty of being human. For in humanity there exist many struggles, including pride, loss, and pain. But God has shown me, often through the songs He inspires me to write, that He is able to overcome all of these challenges.

Each time I write a song, I feel I am coming to grips with a struggle I have, or a joy I am celebrating. Either way, there is a truth to tell. In the process of sharing these songs, I embrace the possibility that someone, somewhere may hear these words and be able to claim some of them as their own. Sometimes, if I really listen to my own words, I find that it's actually me that God is trying to speak to.

The Lord has entrusted these truths to me, and one day, when I see His face, I want to be able to tell Him that I have shared them with others. That is why I do what I do.

David Harsh: Statement of Faith

I believe the Holy Bible to be the Inspired Word of God. I believe that by my sinful nature, I cannot have communion with God, but because Jesus Christ died and took my place on the cross, I have been given that opportunity. I believe that it is my calling to share the Truths that He has laid on my heart with as many people as I can. The fact that I am a musician is not central to this - it is just a means of sharing my faith.

David Harsh: Music Reviews

"David was the perfect choice for our first concert in our new church building. He was extremely efficient, and a joy to work with. He is highly organized, energetic, and his love for the Lord is demonstrated in a powerful way through his phenomenal musical talent. Your church will be blessed by him!"

–Rick Dillon, Media Ministries Dir., First Evangelical Free Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

"The ministry of David Harsh on our campus was a rich blessing to all who attended. His blend of musical talent, dedication to God, and desire to share his voice and guitar expertise came together in what I would call one of our best concert/worship experiences of the year."

–Rich Carlson, Chaplain, Union College, Lincoln, Nebraska

"It was a delight to have David lead worship in our morning services, and his performance in the evening concert was marked with inspiration, skill, professionalism and humility. David Harsh is a great example of a lead worshiper!"

–Vanon Bowling, Dir. of Worship, Christ the King Community Church, Anacortes, Washington

"We have enjoyed hosting David Harsh at several of our chapels. Many of our students request that we bring him back. Our students have appreciated David's amazing musical talents, but they also enjoy his willingness to allow them to participate in his creative activities onstage. As a chapel coordinator, I appreciate how David views himself as a team member as he ministers to our students and faculty. He is courteous, respectful of time parameters, professional, and flexible."

–Sam Croutworst, Chapel Coordinator, King's Schools, Shoreline, Washington

"I highly recommend that you see David in concert, or better yet, encourage your home church to book him! He's a skilled musician and would be a great person to have for an outreach event because his music would draw people who wouldn't normally attend church. David was a blessing to my entire family! He is bringing glory to God in a very special way!"

–Randolph Koch, President, RLK Ministries, Hillsboro, Oregon

"You will be blessed by the man, the music, and the message."

–Merry Jensen, former Dir. of Music, Celebration Presbyterian Church, Redmond, Washington