

RyLee Madison

Biography



On a most basic level, RyLee Madison is an honest performing songwriter who writes music inspired by her own observations and take on life. As an Ambassador for the Canadian Red Cross who worked on the Hurricane Katrina relief efforts 2005, an award-winning artist and a touring musician, RyLee's life overflows with fascinating experiences that surface throughout her music. Often coined as inspirational and feel good music, this organic artist writes story songs with a commercial edge and diversity that guarantees satisfaction for the listener, no matter what their genre of preference.

RyLee's recording career, which began in 2002, exemplifies one of the independent entertainment industry's successful and steady climbs to the top. Six singles from her debut CD 'the life of rylee', received national and international radio support earning her the **7th most played female country artist** on Canadian Country radio 2003. In 2004 she released her second CD 'Christmas At Home' and 2006 anticipates the release of her third CD titled 'Me & Cinderella'.

After spending a year traveling between Virginia & Washington, DC working with her producer John Jennings (Mary Chapin Carpenter) and engineer Bob Dawson, her new CD is filled with rich production, mature lyric and an honesty that takes her sound to a very exciting edge. The result is a twelve-song CD featuring such stellar musicians as Harry Stinson-percussion/harmonies, Jon Carroll-keys/harmonies, & John Jennings - guitar/harmonies. Jennings has brilliantly captured the range of RyLee's vocals and the scope of her sophisticated songs on one very tasteful album.

She is a **four-time winner** of the Music Industry Association of Nova Scotia (MIANS) Awards, two-time nominee with the East Coast Music Awards, two-time Just Plain Folks Award nominee – USA, and was recently presented with a special MIANS **Humanitarian Helping Hands Award**, created specifically to recognize her work with the American Red Cross.

She has performed at Tootsies – Nashville, Festival de Craponne – France, Whelans – Dublin Ireland, Half Moon – Cork Ireland, Roisin Dubh Pub – Galway Ireland, the CCMA Songwriters Café and Gospel Show, Stan Rogers Folk Festival, Contact East, the Jubilee, the MIANS Awards show and the Tribute to Sylvia Tyson during Country Music Week, to name a few. RyLee has shared the stage with George Canyon, Ken Tobias, Chely Wright, the Good Brothers, Gordie Sampson, Patricia Conroy, Dave Gunning, Lennie Gallant and many more.

RyLee, who was born and raised in Halifax, traded her love for music shortly after high school to secure a full time commercial design career. However, shortly after completing her diploma, her life experienced a twist of fate. She was involved in a severe car accident while returning home from her first on-site inspection as a designer. The next five years were spent recovering from a permanent back injury. Fortunately, her voice and her creative talents were only temporarily silenced. "I believe that everything happens for a reason," says Madison. "This was God's way of placing me where I belong, making music".



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Quotes of Support

"RyLee Madison has a wonderful, expressive voice and a real knack for writing songs that are completely true for her, which is a beautiful thing. She doesn't half-step."

John Jennings, Grammy Nominated Producer/Musician, Virginia, US

"RyLee Madison epitomizes passion, dedication, honesty and ability, endearing qualities that are mirrored on her new *the life of rylee* album."

Paul Kennedy, Country Music News, NS

"...my first time hearing her live and I enjoyed every second of her performance. There are two types of performers those that have charisma and those that need it. RyLee has tons of charisma! "

Joe Wood, RDR, Toronto, ON

"RyLee has the ability to grab your attention with a killer vocal and hold it with a unique turn of phrase and a great hook."

Lennie Gallant, recording artist

"RyLee Madison is a dynamo. Her combination of talent, determination and creativity ensures that she will leave her mark on country music."

Sheri Jones, Halifax

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Fact Sheet

- Debut album, *the life of rylee* released, October 2002
- Second CD *Christmas At Home* released, October 2004
- Voice for the 2004 Nova Scotia tourism commercial "Right here, Right now"
- **Humanitarian Award Recipient** of the MAINS 2005 *Helping Hands Award*, Halifax, NS
- **Award Winner** of the MIANS 2005 *Country/Bluegrass Artist/Group of the Year*, Halifax, NS
- **Award Winner** of the MIANS 2003 *Female Artist of the Year* and *Country Artist of the Year*, Halifax, NS
- 2004 Just Plain Folks Music Awards *Country Song of the Year* Nominee California, USA
- 2004 ECMA Award presenter on the pre-televised show, NL
- ECMA 2004 *Female Artist of the Year* Nominee, Halifax, NS
- ECMA 2003 *Country Artist of the Year* Nominee, Halifax, NS
- 2003 Just Plain Folks Music Awards *Americana Song of the Year* Nominee California, USA
- "Say a Little Prayer" included on 2004 Atlantic Film Festival Compilation CD
- "Life is Good" included on 2004 ECMA / NS Tourism Compilation CD
- "Life is Good" included on 2004 Dutch Country Music Compilation distributed in the UK
- Successful Maritime radio tour completed, November 2002
- Frequent guest at Canadian Country Music Association's (CCMA) Songwriters Café
- Debut single "It All Comes Back 2U" released to radio, August 2002
- Singles "Family", "Simple Life" and "Life is Good" released to radio 2003
- Singles "Before I Die" and "You'd Cry Too" released to radio 2004
- Frequent guest of Music Industry Association of Nova Scotia (MIANS) Songwriter's stage
- Debut album, *the life of rylee* recorded at the Bathhouse in Ontario with respected producer Tom McKillip whose projects include such Top 20 artists as Lisa Brokop, Amanda Stott and Bobbi Smith
- Co-penned the latest Top 20 single for Diane Chase, "Crazy In Love" which climbed to #20 on the Canadian BDS Country Music Chart in June 2002
- "Crazy In Love" included in Top 100 Canadian hits 2002
- Song "Family", co-written with Steve Fox was recently on hold by producer Mark Wright (Travis Tritt, Sons of the Dessert), making it her first official hold in Nashville
- Collaborated with such songwriters as George Canyon, Lennie Gallant, Alan Doyle (Great Big Sea).

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Credits

Awards:

Humanitarian Award Recipient of the MAINS 2005 *Helping Hands Award*, Halifax, NS

Winner of the MIANS 2005 *Country/Bluegrass Artist/Group of the Year*, Halifax, NS

Winner of the 2003 The Music Industry Association of Nova Scotia (MIANS) *Female Artist of the Year* and *Country Artist of the Year*, Halifax NS

Nominations:

2004 Just Plain Folks Music Awards *Country Song of the Year* Nominee California, USA

2004 East Coast Music Awards *Female Artist of the Year* Nominee, Halifax NS

2003 East Coast Music Awards *Country Artist of the Year* Nominee, Halifax NS

2003 Just Plain Folks Music Awards *Americana Song of the Year* Nominee, California US

Songwriting Cuts:

John Landry – *Someday* to be released spring 2005. Co-wrote “Break It To Me Gently”.

2004 *Nova Scotia Canada's Seacoast* Tourism compilation "Life is Good".

2004 *Dutch Country Music Association* - International Country Sampler "Life is Good".

Tim Fisher – *Tim Fisher* released November 2004. Co-wrote “Dorothy Was a Dreamer”.

Diane Chase – *The Ride* released August 2004. Co-wrote “Way Back When”.

David Leask – *Tightrope Of Dreams* released April 2004. Co-wrote “Life When You View It From Here”.

RyLee Madison – *the life of rylee* released fall 2002. Wrote three cuts, co-wrote remaining seven cuts.

Gwen Swick – *Love And Gold* released Feb 2002. Co-wrote cut four titled “Juliette”.

Steve Fox – *Fox Songs* released fall 2001. Co-wrote “Family” which received nomination for American Song of the Year with Just Plain Folk Music Awards March 2003.

Diane Chase – *In The Middle of Something* released 2000. Co-wrote “Crazy In Love” which climbed to #20 on the Canadian BDS Country Music Chart in June 2002.

RyLee Madison – *Angel Child Project* released 1999.

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Performances

- MIANS Awards Show, Marquee, Halifax
- Katrina Relief Efforts, Houston Texas
- Whelans – Dublin Ireland
- Half Moon – Cork Ireland
- Roisin Dubh Pub – Galway Ireland
- Halfpenny Inn, Dublin City, Ireland
- Ryan's Pub, Kilkenny, Ireland
- Teaky Lounge, Cork Ireland
- Festival de Craponne, France
- Maritime Acoustic Festival
- 2005 Behind the Song Café, CB
- Canada Day, Bedford 2005, 2004, 2003
- Presenter on ECMA Awards Pre, Halifax
- Painted Hands Casino, Sask. with George Canyon and Dave Gunning
- Winspear Centre, Edmonton
- 2004 Behind the Song Café, NL
- MIANS Tour with Matt Minglewood, NS
- MIANS Awards Show October 2003, Halifax, NS
- Bicentennial Theatre, Middle Musquodobit, NS
- Astor Theatre, Liverpool, NS
- Glasgow Square, New Glasgow, NS
- The CBC Radio Christmas Food Drive 2003 and 2003, Halifax, NS
- The Playhouse, Fredericton, NB

- Th' Yarc Theatre, Yarmouth, NS
- The Courthouse, Sherbrooke Village, NS
- Contact East Showcase for theatre buyers Sept 2003, St. Johns, NL
- CCMA Tribute to Sylvia Tyson Sept 2003, Calgary, AB
- CCMA Gospel Show Sept 2003, Calgary, AB
- CCMA Song Writers Café 1998 – 2003, Calgary, Ottawa, Edmonton
- MIANS Song Writers Circle 2000, 2002, Halifax, NS
- Sam Slick Days, Windsor NS
- Natal Day Festival, Halifax, NS
- Natal Day Festival, Dartmouth, NS
- New Glasgow Jubilee, New Glasgow, NS
- ECMA Sneak Peek, Halifax, NS
- ECMA Fan Fest, Halifax, NS
- ECMA Sound Waves Stage, Halifax, NS
- 2003 Behind the Song Café, Halifax
- Tootsies Lounge, Nashville, TN
- Barrymore's Music Hall, Ottawa, ONT
- Rebecca Cohn, Halifax, NS
- Stan Rogers Festival, Canso, NS
- The Creamery, Port Hawkesbury, NS
- Has shared the stage with Murray McLauchlan, Chely Wright, Ken Tobias, Lennie Gallant, George Canyon, Steve Fox, Paul Lamb, Gordie Sampson, Julian Austin, Charlie Major, Dahmnait Doyle and many more.