



KEVIN RYAN

The Artist

Kevin Ryan is known by pockets of loyal fans across the country as a songwriter whose music strikes an immediate rapport with listeners with its down-to-earth warmth, honesty, and insight. His thought provoking lyrics and tasteful hooks have touched a wide range of audiences over the years. Kevin is equally known as a high energy, up-tempo entertainer who combines an intense emotional delivery with a keen, good-natured sense of humour in his interactive live shows.

Kevin has led a colourful life and the songs speak of a depth of character and a realistic optimism possessed by the writer. His songwriting draws on the broad range of experiences he has acquired while working as a casino dealer, oil patch worker, English teacher, farmer, actor, and construction worker, living in six provinces and two countries. He is most at home on the stage making a memorable connection with the audience, song after song, show after show.

Follow the Signs

Kevin Ryan's highly anticipated third album, *Follow the Signs*, is fresh off the press. Kevin enlisted Brad Davidge to produce the breakthrough sound contained on the ten tracks. Davidge, the musical director and guitar player for Grammy Award nominee Natalie MacMaster and ECMA Nominee for Pop Artist of the Year, recruited an all-star cast to capture the energy on *Follow the Signs*, including Joe Butcher on bass (George Canyon), Kim Dunn on organ and keyboards (Gordie Sampson), Scott Ferguson on percussion (The Rankins), and Chris Munro on drums (Terry Kelly). The result, recorded in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia at Ferguson Music Productions by Scott Ferguson, has been creating a significant buzz on the East Coast scene.

Follow the Signs provides a perfect presentation of Kevin's beautifully written songs with a sincere and emotional vocal performance. The folk/rock offering is bound to make an impact nationally and propel Kevin Ryan's name to the forefront of the Canadian scene.

Kevin has released two previous albums. *The Way*, recorded in Nashville in 1994 produced by Gilles Godard, and *Duality* in 2000 produced by Davidge and Ryan.

Venues Played

Currently, Kevin is spearheading a fresh new songwriters' series at The Guild in Charlottetown called Best Kept Secrets, hosting a different roster of talent each week in a songwriters' circle format with some of the best writers in PEI such as Catherine MacLellan, Scott Parsons, and John MacPhee of the Chucky Danger Band.

Kevin Ryan has shared the stage at songwriter's circles at the 2005 PEI Music Awards with Lennie Gallant and Nathan Wiley, and more recently enjoyed much visibility at the 2006 ECMA Awards weekend, performing with Slowcoaster's Steve MacDougall and Carmen Townsend, as well as Nashville writer Frank Trainor.

Kevin has played most provinces in Canada as well as in the United States, South Korea, and Ireland. He spent four years touring full time in Alberta and BC before returning home to move his base East and continue his writing, recording, and performing career. He plans a national tour to support *Follow the Signs*.

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