

Individual Dossier

ARTIST: **Jeff Deyo**

SPECIALTY: Worship Leader / Songwriter / Producer

FULL NAME: **Jeffrey David Deyo**

BIRTHDAY: November 5

HOMETOWN: Born in Pasadena, CA - considers Denver, CO home away from home

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Nashville, TN

MARITAL STATUS: Married

CHILDREN: Roman Jeffrey Deyo, born December 18, 2002

HEIGHT: 5'11"

WEIGHT: 180

HAIR: Dark Brown

EYES: Blue/Green

ARTIST PROFILE:

- Began playing his first instrument (piano) at the age of 6—also plays acoustic guitar and drums/percussion.
- Wrote his first song at the age of 10.
- Relocating to Nashville, Deyo eventually joined the band **Zilch**, which decided to make two modern worship albums, changing its name to **SONICFLOOD** in the process.
- As the founding lead singer, principal songwriter and co-producer of **SONICFLOOD**, **Deyo** has sold over 1 million combined albums.
- His debut with **SONICFLOOD** was certified GOLD in 2001.
- **Deyo** and **SONICFLOOD** won a Dove Award (PRAISE & WORSHIP ALBUM OF THE YEAR) for the self-titled debut.
- **Deyo** is a 2002 GRAMMY Nominee as the worship leader on the second hit album, **SONICPRAISE**.
- Having departed **SONICFLOOD**, **Deyo** formed a new band in 2001 to back him as he continues in his calling full-time as an international worship leader.
- **Deyo's** "solo" debut, **SATURATE**, features his touring band as well as guest appearances by: **dc Talk's tobyMac, Fleming and John (Ben Folds, William Shatner), Nicol Smith (Selah, Wynonna)** and Grammy Award winner **Rebecca St. James**—on the Deyo-penned duet, "**Sing To You.**"
- During 2000-2001, **Deyo** funded, hosted and led a large worship and prayer event called **WorshipCityPraise** in his hometown of Nashville—the gathering, which regularly drew 1,000-1,500 people, drew a record 10,000 attendees on June 9, 2001 during a special full-day **WorshipCityPraise** mega-event. As a result of **Deyo's** efforts, the Nashville City Council proclaimed June 9 and each second Saturday of June thereafter as **Worship City USA Day** in Nashville.
- 2002 Dove Award winner for writing and recording the song "**These Hands**" for **Max Lucado's HE CHOSE THE NAILS** concept album. Other artists on the project included **Twila Paris, Wes King, Natalie Grant** and **Kim Hill**.

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- Co-wrote and recorded with his band the song “**Fill Me**” for Acquire the Fire’s ***UNSHAKEABLE*** album (Teen Mania). Additional artists on the project included **Phil Joel (Newsboys)**, **Tiffany Arbuckle (Plumb)**, and **Superchic(k)**.
- As a solo artist **Deyo** has shared the stage with **Michael W. Smith**, **dc Talk**, **Third Day** and **Ron Kenoly**, among others.
- Led worship during speaking engagements involving **Dawson McAllister**, **Melody Green**, **Max Lucado**, **Louie Giglio**, **Darrell Scott** (father of slain Columbine student, **Rachel Scott**) and actor **Kirk Cameron**.
- Led worship for a conference co-hosted by the largest church in the world—**Dr. David Yonggi Cho’s** church in Seoul Korea.

PERSONAL PROFILE :

- Reared along with his older sister by parents in Youth For Christ.
- Had a pet dog named “**Cookie**” as a child.
- Drumline captain in the Lawrence North High School (Indianapolis, IN) marching band (State Champs in 1985).
- Married his wife Martha on May 23, 1992.
- Graduated from Anderson University as a transfer student from Wheaton College in 1992 with a BA in Music Business (piano emphasis).
- He and Martha served in Singapore for 8 months as missionaries with Youth For Christ in 1992-93.
- Hobbies include hiking, water skiing, writing, email, listening to the ***GLADIATOR*** soundtrack, recording and mentoring young artists, songwriting, eating Mexican food, and “watching a good movie with my beautiful wife.”
- Described as outgoing, deep, a neat freak, passionate, humorous, a natural leader, driven, one who strives for excellence, a teacher and a romantic.
- Pet Peeves: cigarette smoke, unclean restrooms, rude service, when people try to guess what you're going to say before you say it, and inconsiderate drivers.
- Nicknames: "**Jeff the Peff**," "**Sonny**," "**Boss (JD Boss Hogg)**," "**Jazzy Daddy (for short, JD)**" and "**Ronnie James**."

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