



# BRETT RYAN ST. CECILIA SOUL

**Brett Ryan – dynamic performer and outstanding songwriter delivers with *St. Cecilia Soul***

“What a great singer and songwriter! Brett is the real deal and he epitomizes the industry expression ‘the total package.’

Awesome stuff!” ~ the late Doug Riley (Ray Charles, Blood Sweat & Tears, Bob Seger etc.), musical director on *St. Cecilia Soul*

“Killer CD!” ~ Matt Northorp, C100 FM Halifax

## 2007 was a very good year!

Brett Ryan releases *St. Cecilia Soul*, a fresh, passionate and authentic album from one of the East Coast’s best singer-songwriters.

And then...

- Brett is named a semi finalist in the International Song Writing competition
- Brett is selected as one of 25 semi finalists out of 5,000 submissions in 2007 German Songwriting Competition
- *The Sound of the Rain* video receives over 16,000 hits on YouTube in 4 weeks
- The first single *Sweet Summer Release* hit number one on the East Coast Countdown
- The second single *The Sound of the Rain* hit number one on the East Coast Countdown
- Brett’s been invited to perform at International showcases including The North American Folk Alliance in Memphis and Canada Music Week in Toronto

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FROM HIS EARLY DAYS BUSKING THE LATE-NIGHT STREETS of Halifax, Brett Ryan has always been a soulful singer. With the passionate intensity of Van Morrison and Bruce Springsteen, he has always worked hard to find the perfect setting for his songs.

Through the mid-'80s, he played bass in the pop-rock outfit Little Ministers. With its polished pop sheen and some promising songwriting, the band grabbed the attention of several international record labels.

Brett found his focus as a solo artist, releasing his debut album *The Answer's Electric* in 1991. Released on the Attic/A&M label, the title single went Top 20 in Canada and Top 10 in Belgium, Holland, Australia and Japan. The album also netted him a coveted East Coast Music Award as male artist of the year.

Brett followed up with the critically-acclaimed releases *The Babylon Mask*, *A Place at the Table*, and the Top 10 charting *Escaping Gravity*.

"Sweet Soul Music. A sparkling collection of organic grooves. Ryan really steps up to the plate vocally, delivering a performance reminiscent of Van Morrison's horn driven recordings of the early 70s."

~ **Stephen Cooke, *The Halifax Herald***

"Ryan effortlessly mines the rich mother lode of gospel, pop, R&B, and soul to create songs that percolate with energy, passion and the sheer joy of making music."

~ **Sandy MacDonald, *Halifax Magazine***

"*St. Cecilia Soul* is absolutely outstanding! Brett Ryan's most honest and powerful recording to date!"

~ **Glenn Meisner, Producer, CBC Atlantic Airwaves**

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