

= One Voice (Andrew Johnston album) =

One Voice is the debut album by British boy soprano Andrew Johnston , who rose to fame in 2008 after his appearance on the second series of Britain 's Got Talent . The album was released on 29 September 2008 by Syco Music , Britain 's Got Talent judge Simon Cowell 's record label . Recorded in London , the album features both classical and popular songs , some of which had been previously performed by Johnston , including a duet with Faryl Smith . Johnston made a number of media appearances to publicise the album 's launch , and appeared in his hometown of Carlisle on the day of the release , where the album sold out . Upon release , One Voice debuted at number five in the British album charts , finishing the week at number four . It also charted in Ireland , reaching number six . Critics responded positively to the album , favourably comparing Johnston to Aled Jones , and One Voice was rated gold in the UK .

= = Background = =

Johnston first rose to fame when he tried out for the second series of reality show Britain 's Got Talent . Johnston reached the final , held on 31 May 2008 , and finished in third place . Despite this , it was announced that he had been signed by judge Simon Cowell 's label Syco Music in June , and that his debut album would be released in late 2008 . It was on the show that Johnston first performed a rendition of " Pie Jesu " , later described as " the song that made him famous " , as well as a cover of Eric Clapton 's " Tears in Heaven " . Both of these songs were recorded for One Voice , and so was a duet of " Walking in the Air " with fellow contestant Faryl Smith , first performed on the Britain 's Got Talent Live Tour .

= = Recording and release = =

The album was recorded immediately after Johnston finished the Britain 's Got Talent live tour over a six @-@ week period in London . The track listing , which contained both religious and popular songs , was chosen by Cowell ; Johnston said " I hadn 't sung many of the tracks before . But I knew them all and , anyway , I like a challenge . " Johnston described recording the album as " great " , and said " All I ? ve ever wanted to do is go into a studio and record an album and it was everything I ? ve ever dreamed of . " Johnson recorded " Walking in the Air " as a duet with fellow Britain 's Got Talent contestant Faryl Smith , and the song was tipped as a potential Christmas number @-@ one . The recording was finished by September 2008 , after which Johnston began to make appearances to publicise the release , including appearances on GMTV , Channel 5 News , BBC Breakfast , This Morning and Radio 2 's Friday Night Is Music Night . In preparation for the album 's promotion , Johnston received confidence tutoring . He said that " I 've got no confidence and sometimes people get on at me for being moody so I 've had some help with that . " Johnston also received vocal training from Yvie Burnett , who was , at the time , coaching Leona Lewis and Leon Jackson , and with whom Smith trained during Britain 's Got Talent . The album was produced by Nigel Wright .

The release of One Voice was highly anticipated , and demand was so great that it charted on both Amazon 's pre @-@ sales chart and the easy listening chart before its release . The album was released on 29 September , later than first announced , and was Syco 's first release in the fourth quarter . Johnston made an appearance at the city @-@ centre Woolworths store in his home town of Carlisle to celebrate the album launch on 1 October , and spoke to reporters for the local paper The Cumberland News , saying " I am really grateful to my local supporters and it is great to take part in my first signing here in Carlisle . " In February 2009 , the album was released in South Korea .

= = Reception and performance = =

Critics responded positively to the album . Writing for the United Kingdom 's Daily Express , Robert

Spellman said that " anyone missing Aled Jones since nature had its way will lap up Andrew 's butter @-@ wouldn 't @-@ melt renditions of Pie Jesu , Agnus Dei and One Voice . " Kate Leaver , writing for South Korea 's JoongAng Daily , said Johnston " has truer talent than hoards of his musical elders " and that " the vulnerability of this One Voice makes for a haunting musical experience . "

One Voice entered the UK Album Chart at number five , and finished the week at number four . It stayed in the top 75 for five weeks . Demand for the album in Johnston 's local area was so great that many Carlisle stores had sold out of the album the day after its release . In an interview published in the Daily Record , Johnston said " Thanks to everyone that has bought the album . You 've made my dreams come true " . The album has sold over 120 @,@ 000 copies , and was rated gold in the UK . Johnston was presented a gold disk by Penny Smith , and said that " it was such a surprise to see how well the album did " . The album also charted in the Irish Album Charts , entering at ten , peaking at six and spending a total of seven weeks in the top 75 .

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= = = Production and publicity = = =

= = Track listing = =