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Center Wheaton IL, Chicago Police Memorial Foundation, Irish Children's Fund, Irish Sisters of the Assumption Missionaries in South Africa), he's been featured on WGN radio, performed at Milwaukee Irish Fest, and performed the National Anthem several times for Chicago Cubs games at Wrigley Field- at a Chicago Bears game at Soldier Field - and at several Chicago Bulls game at The United Center. Gavin sang the National Anthem and "God Bless America" at "A Rally for America"- a fundraiser at Northern Illinois University for Speaker J. Dennis Hastert where Vice President Dick Cheney was the guest speaker. Gavin also sang at the Bipartisan Congressional Prayer Service for the New Congress in Washington D.C. in January of 2005. The Prayer Service was televised on C Span and Gavin was shown on "World News Tonight with Peter Jennings". His first CD "Whisper of the Waves" was released in 1999. In November, 2000 he released a live recording of Christmas songs. His Cd, "Half a Chance", was released at the end of 2002 and was produced by Jerry Yester who is a member of The Lovin' Spoonful, a Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee. His Christmas Cd, "Gentle Christmas" was released in 2004. Gavin's new Irish Cd "Three" was released in March 2007 and his latest cd is a collection of songs of stage and screen. Gavin lives in the western suburbs of Chicago with his wife and daughters where he performs and teaches music.

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