

## Mp3 Curtis James - Country: Modern Country



Curtis James

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one of country music's fastest rising hopefuls. Los Angeles Times front page featured artist. passionate singer/songwriter. 10 MP3 Songs COUNTRY: Modern Country, COUNTRY: Country Folk Details: Curtis James started out like any typical boy with dreams and visions of what he hoped to be when he grew up. Firefighter, Cowboy, and a famous country singer usually rolled off his lips. Growing up in a country that fosters those visions into reality, Curtis is now living the dream he's waited a lifetime for. But to understand how this transformation evolved, lets go back to the beginning. Curtis was born in Redwood City, California to Nancy and Glen with sister Tracy by his side. He can remember as early as five years old singing in the church choir. "Looking out at my mom and dad smiling made me feel so proud. I had absolutely no idea what I was doing but had a great time anyway." Music was something that came very natural for him and was a constant influence in the home. "I always had music in my head. Whether I was singing my fathers blue grass albums or dancing in the living room, I was always walking around singing. Always. I drove my sister crazy." Living in Mexico for a year, (Yes Mexico!) and then in San Diego for another, until his parents finally settled down in the San Fernando Valley in the Los Angeles basin. "Of all the places I lived this was the biggest challenge for me as a youngster. The kids were just so much older and wiser for their age. I like to see a childs innocence remain for as long as possible. It's one of the few rights that comes with youth." Curtis found his niche quickly. In grammar school he was drawn to the square dancing program. "It was so much fun. I remember dancing with kids from the inner city who were bused to our school. Race, religion, or personal beliefs had nothing to do with doe-see-doeing and having a great time." He also discovered the school chorus. "This really nurtured my love for music. The kids who had the best attendance were chosen for a field trip to the USC School of Music to record a song our teacher had written. It was such an amazing experience that I'll neber forget." In High School Curtis was

urged to audition for the singing and dancing group "Camerata." Normally reserved for students in their senior year. Curtis was swept up in his junior year as a strong tenor and never looked back. "We traveled and performed several times a week which included some extremely talented people. We had to wear this Angels Flight, 1980's, Saturday Night Fever outfit for our shows- which were really embarrassing. We were constantly traveling so you had little choice of what to wear in school or we would have been constantly changing clothes. When I look back on it, it was a time to make a stand for who I was and not care what other kids thought. We performed for the elderly, Hollywood Palladium, and a couple of times even at Disneyland." "Many people from our school have gone on to professional careers in the entertainment industry." During this time he really became interested in the craft of song writing and playing guitar. "I really just picked up my sisters guitar and taught myself tunes that were in my head or playing on the radio. The guitar was a great way to express myself through music. With all the frustrations and joys that teenage adolescence has to offer. Girls were often the subject of my writing. Gee, go figure!" He studied structure, melodies, lyrical content and tried to write with a moral significance that would leave people with something more. With all the coffee shops in the Los Angeles area, Curtis went out and began perfecting his craft as a singer/songwriter. In 1986, Curtis James was hired by the Los Angeles Fire Department. "This was a dream come true. When I was a very young child I would spray this huge tree with the garden hose for hours pretending to be a fireman. I'd watch the fire engines roll by in complete wonder. The guys in the fire house are the brothers I never had growing up. They're great and I would risk my life for their safety. People ask me what my email means? "IDBRN4U@AOL.COM"= I would burn for you! "I truly enjoy helping the people in the community. It's a sense of duty and pride I feel deep inside. Also a great inspiration for great songs! The Fire Department has been extremely supportive of my goals with music as well. I will always be honored for the fine group of men and women I am a part of who serve our community with courage and pride. They are truly unsung heroes!" When Curtis is not doing all the before mentioned, he works on a horse ranch in his home town of Ventura County. Spending as much time as possible with his beautiful wife Jennifer and two kids; "We really have a good time with the horses. My wife often teases me about my equestrian abilities. There was a time I was riding barn sour horses so much that if I didn't fall off during a ride, it wasn't considered a good ride! My excuse of course was my six foot, three inch height. I love my family so much it really tears at me to part with them when I'm nurturing my music. Life I suppose is really a juggling act and trying to find that perfect balance

is really the key to happiness. I'm the most blessed individual on the planet. I really have it all and am living my dreams of a lifetime." "To everyone supporting this dream, I cannot thank you enough."

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