

# THE ONE AND ONLY



## CORY WADE

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GUTTENBERG, NJ

HT: PHILADELPHIA, PA

DEI EDUCATOR / MODEL / MUSICIAN

ENGAGED / NO KIDS

TRIVIA: 17/20

GENRE: POP/FUNK/R&B

INSTRUMENTS: GUITAR

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## ABOUT

Cory (who uses he/they pronouns) is a model based out of New Jersey. Discovering music helped them discover themselves as they went from being a poor flamboyant kid singing in the Philly suburbs to landing second runner up on America's Next Top Model (2013) as the show's first ever male gay contestant. After that show, Cory struggled to be taken seriously as a singer which is all they have wanted to be since as long as they can remember. They are ready to prove that they are more than a pretty face and win a big prize to donate to The Trevor Project or another LGBTQ+ equality initiative.



## THE DETAILS

- 🕒 Cory started singing around the house as soon as they could talk. Their earliest memories are of them singing and driving their family crazy with impromptu Destiny's Child and Kelly Clarkson concerts in their modest home.
- 🕒 Cory found a deeper love for music when their father taught them to play the guitar. This is when they first learned that music can be a shared experience that brings people together.
- 🕒 As they got older, their hobby of entertaining the family turned into a dream of entertaining the world. Cory started putting themselves there for music projects but found themselves on cycle 20 of America's Next Top Model in 2013 instead, competing as the first openly gay male contestant and making it to the top 3! Modeling quickly became a side hustle but they never gave up on their music dreams!
- 🕒 Cory moved to London to work on music and self-funded a whole independent album while going on a rollercoaster journey of self-discovery. After London, Cory arrived back in the US with a deeper understanding of themselves, their gender identity, and vocal artistry.
- 🕒 Aside from music, Cory is a huge anime nerd and video gamer.
- 🕒 Now a DEI expert, public speaker, band director, and weekend wedding singing rockstar, Cory brings a wisdom to the competition that shouldn't be underestimated. They are ready to break out in the music industry the same way they did in modeling and win the grand prize on *The One & Only*.



Casting Note: *America's Next Top Model*, 2013 (Top 3). Extra on *Real Housewives of New York*, 2018 (Two Episodes).

