

THE ONE AND ONLY



ETHAN PUGH

25

NEW YORK CITY, NY

HT: MARYSVILLE, OH

FOOD SERVICE INDUSTRY / MUSICIAN

SINGLE / NO KIDS

TRIVIA: 15/20

GENRE: POP

INSTRUMENTS: PIANO

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ABOUT

Ethan, a food service worker, was born in a conservative, religious part of Ohio. He had a traditional childhood, going to church on Sundays and playing sports on the weekdays... but he always knew that music was the thing he wanted to pursue. He took vocal and piano lessons early on and sang in choir in high school, eventually going to college for music. He recently came out to his parents and is excited about the next chapter of his life now that he has fully embraced who he is. He now resides in New York City, where he hopes to fulfill his musical dreams.



THE DETAILS

- ⑥ Ethan was raised in Marysville, Ohio, as a pastor's kid who discovered his love of music in the church. He remembers the full band that would play weekly and how badly he wanted to perform with them.
- ⑥ Before music, Ethan's first love was soccer and he dedicated all his time to it. He started at 5 and played all the way through high school. But between practices, he would be at home singing, and by 8, he was in piano lessons. He started writing his first songs in middle school and never stopped.
- ⑥ Ethan pays the bills as a caterer, and while he says it's fine, it's not what he wants to do every day. The inconsistent nature of the business means he doesn't know when his next gig will be, and he wants to be able to have more security in his life.
- ⑥ He went to Belmont University to study music and immerse himself in the Nashville music scene. Ethan learned not only how to record but also produce music as well (he is well versed in Logic Pro production software).
- ⑥ He recently came out to his parents – they have been supportive and he does not take their unconditional love for granted. Ethan was tired of questioning his identity constantly, and feels a new sense of power from embracing his true self.
- ⑥ Ethan is very competitive and it all stems from his childhood as an athlete. He used to cry if he came in second during warm-up sprints – and that was before the actual games. He brings the same intensity to the music stage and he can't wait to put his skills to the test in head-to-head singing battles.



Casting Note: As a student at Belmont University, was invited to *Christmas at Belmont* on PBS (2017/2018).

