

THE ONE AND ONLY



GUS THOMPSON

23

PHILADELPHIA, PA

HT: KEMPTON, PA

ICE CREAM SCOOPER / MUSICIAN

SINGLE / NO KIDS

 @gusthompsonmusic

TRIVIA: 18/20

GENRE: POP/ALTERNATIVE ROCK

INSTRUMENTS: GUITAR/BASS/PIANO/DRUMS

ABOUT

Gus, a music-loving, ice cream scooping musician from Pennsylvania, is ready to step into the limelight. From an early age, music became his lifelong passion. He's played in clubs since his early teens, and now teaches music, makes extra money as a street busker, and scoops ice cream. Influenced by greats like Jon Bellion and Ed Sheeran, Gus wants to emulate their success. His knack for replicating songs instantly makes him a fierce contender on *The One & Only*.



THE DETAILS

- ⦿ Gus grew up in a large Amish community in Pennsylvania. He was homeschooled for the early part of his life— his parents both have PhD's in Physics, so they decided to teach their kids on their own. However, when the family moved, Gus finally started attending a real school at 10-years-old. Gus has six siblings – and two of his brothers play in a band with him. For as long as he can remember, he's been into music. He started taking piano lessons at 5-years-old and guitar lessons shortly thereafter. By the end of middle school, Gus knew what he wanted to do for the rest of his life.
- ⦿ Gus' dad started driving him to Philadelphia to play in clubs when he was in his early teens. Gus also began playing music with a wedding band, with whom he still rocks stages on occasion. These days, Gus is a music teacher at a music academy and is also a gigging musician and ice cream scooper. Last summer, he played street shows up and down the Jersey Shore, busking his way into the ears of passerby's.
- ⦿ "Tom Sawyer" by Rush is a song that people are always surprised to hear him sing at live shows. He knows a variety of genres, including R&B, Pop, Classic Rock and more. With his wedding band, he has a 6-hour setlist of covers that he can know like the back of his hand.
- ⦿ Influenced by the likes of Jon Bellion, Lewis Capaldi, Jack Johnson and Ed Sheeran, Gus is determined to follow in his favorite songwriters' footsteps. He has a unique talent when he can listen to a song for 30 seconds and then replicate it on the spot. This skillset will definitely come in handy as he looks to crush the competition on *the One & Only*.

