



## PARKER KEELEY

23

BROOKLYN, NY

HT: TAMPA, FL

SALES & OPERATIONS FOR A GYM

SINGLE / NO KIDS

 @parkerkeeley

TRIVIA: 16/20

GENRE: POP / R&B

INSTRUMENTS: N/A

## ABOUT

Parker works in sales in a Brooklyn office... but at night, he's singing in the infamous NYC subway. He has shown off his vocal prowess for New York City commuters and has even booked a few gigs from it. He moved to New York from Nashville and is originally from Tampa, Florida, where he cultivated his love of music early on through the encouragement of his mother. He used to be in a wedding band, but has now struck out on his own in the Big Apple looking for a break. With his smooth vocals, he's ready to prove the naysayers wrong on *The One & Only*.



## THE DETAILS

- ① Parker was always quick to make friends growing up – he simply loved to talk to anyone who would listen. He still remembers getting in trouble in kindergarten for talking during quiet time, and having his green “behavioral card” downgraded to yellow. Nevertheless, he continued to be gregarious and social, and once he found the local community theater through his mom, he knew he wanted to perform. Parker relished any opportunity to sing, and this continued through adolescence and into adulthood.
- ② He hit a crossroads in his life when he went to college – Parker didn't want to enroll, but his parents wanted him to get a solid education. After a few years away, he realized the books weren't for him and dropped out to forge his own path. Despite struggles with not wanting to let his family down, he decided to move forward his own way. Parker eventually (and begrudgingly) made his way into the corporate world, but has always felt like singing was his calling.
- ③ A recent development for Parker has been his weight loss journey – he's lost over 100 pounds. While Parker never lacked confidence, he feels like he is truly coming into himself and finding a true confidence that he's never felt before. In addition, Parker came out as gay – and once he did, it has changed his life for the better. It finally allowed him to express his authentic self without hang-ups.
- ④ While singing is the dream, Parker currently feels stuck in the corporate world. While working in sales pays the bills, it's not what gets him up in the morning... and he's looking for a way back into music. He is as loyal as they come, and has a whole group of friends and family encouraging him to find his way back. In the end, Parker is just looking for that one opportunity to prove it to himself and to anyone who doubts him.

