

## Gavin Esterhuizen

### BAND STORY

"Gavin Ruan Esterhuizen was born in Alberton, South of Johannesburg, on November 10th 1988, but his interest in music only came at a much later stage in his life when at the age of 16 he bought his first guitar. Feeling like the outcast in his group of friends where everyone could play guitar or other musical instruments, Gavin taught himself to play the guitar and soon played together with his friends. At the age of 17, like all mothers, Gavin's mom saw something no one else saw and forced him to take up singing lessons. After weeks of arguing, Gavin gave in and started taking lessons at Franco's Singing Academy, a move that would change his life forever. Being part of the Singing school, Gavin had to participate in various Eisteddfods and singing competitions where he won 5 out of 6 competitions in his first year. Over the course of the next year, Gavin would sing at many events and gigs all around Gauteng which included opening for one of South Africa's biggest bands, Watershed, Afrikaans artist Bok van Blerk and Country singer Sally Vaughn. In 2007 Gavin was asked to take part in a competition that was hosted by the Barnyard Theatre Group. Being a big fan of the Barnyard, Gavin entered and went through to the finals that year. That inspired and gave him a bigger interest in stage life and opened his eyes to a new world. Determent to settle for nothing less than a win in the 2008 round, Gavin set so work over the next year mastering his skill, doing pub gigs and charity events after work and on weekends to gain experience. All of his hard work paid off when he was announced winner of the Barnyard Star Search 2008. In 2009 Gavin went into music full time doing shows



### STATS

Visits	Plays
455	142
Streams	Downloads
142	0

### Featured Songs

-  **Se My** Afrikaans
-  **Vanaand (Kleertjies uit)** Afrikaans

Went into music full time doing shows and gigs and singing at various events, under the management of Deon van Aarde and Mary-Ann Hodgkin. In September that same year, Gavin did his first Barnyard production, Music Legends, that ran for 4 weeks in Vereeniging Barnyard. In March 2010 Gavin was asked to do his first major Barnyard production called Super Troupers, an opportunity that opened many doors for Gavin as they travelled around the country entertaining the thousands of loyal Barnyard fans. Gavin performed with the Barnyard Theatres in Pretoria, Durban, Cresta, Sun City, Cape Town, Vereeniging and Johannesburg' s East Rand. Gavin was offered a recording deal with Cape Town Sound during his visit to Cape Town, where they worked and released his first single, Vanaand (Kleertjies uit), which was a big hit in the Western Cape. This song will soon be available all over Europe as part of a Eurovision compilation. Gavin and Cape Town Sound are constantly working and producing new music and releasing it onto radio stations. After Super Troupers ended in July 2011, Gavin has been working with international award winning producer and artist, Shaky Russell and has toured with well known actor and movie star, Gerhard Oodendal (better known as Vaatjie), and comedian Schalk Lingenfelder, or "The Warrior". Gavin also participated in an international competition called Face versus Voice where he finished 21st overall, beating South Africa' s Ray Dylan and ended up 3 places behind Afrikaans superstar Kurt Darren."

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