

Wayne Burton - Biography

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Born and raised in Alberta, Canada, Wayne began pursuing his musical interests early in life. His mother recalls that he was playing some songs on the piano by ear at the age of three. With a musical family and a mother who was a piano teacher, Wayne went through training mainly on the piano in his younger years.

During high school, Wayne began taking a great interest in singing and songwriting. While his parents were gone for their nightly walk, Wayne would pour out his heart through original love song ballads. Over time he overcame his shy nature and began to perform his songs for more people. Prior to serving a mission for the church, Wayne wrote his first gospel song for a friend's missionary farewell. This was the start of a powerful interest in sharing faith and bearing testimony through music. Wayne's first album, "Closer to Heaven" featured two songs which each won 3rd place in the church New Era contest shortly after the album's release.

Wayne and his young family moved to Salt Lake City, where Wayne spent the next four years completing medical school at the University of Utah. Over the years several albums followed, each with unique songs and style but all with the theme of knowing God and aspiring to walk in His way. In total, with the summer 2018 release of his album "All I Need to Know", Wayne has released 8 solo albums, four of them also released in Spanish. Catering to the world-wide audience his annual youth theme songs have been released in nine different languages.



Wayne's music is found in church bookstores everywhere and featured on numerous LDS radio programs. His songs have been performed by groups in Canada, the U.S., Europe, Asia and New Zealand and elsewhere. Wayne performed as part of the 2002 Winter Olympics music festival, and in many locations beyond the US and Canada including Hong Kong and Mexico. He has lectured at BYU Education Week and has won the first place Award of Distinction in the General Church music contest four times including 2018 and 2019. He has also had ten of his songs used on six albums for the popular EFY program, including four on the 2019 CD. His youth song "A Light to the

World", based on President Nelson's memorable youth broadcast is slated to be published in the June 2020 New Era Magazine. In all Wayne has contributed music to 25 other LDS albums besides his own.

Wayne and his family reside in Southern Alberta where he is practicing family medicine. and raising his children. Since completion of his service as Stake Young Men's President he has served on the Stake High Council. He and his wife Jasmine have five children.

Firesides with Wayne Burton
Information and suggestions for hosting a fireside in your area
(print this page for yourself or to give to your church leader)

Wayne Burton is a singer and songwriter who has been contributing to LDS inspirational music for over 20 years. Brother Burton lives in Alberta Canada with his wife and five children and currently serves as a stake High Counselor. Wayne is a writer of many styles of music but has made his primary focus uplifting and spiritual songs for use by Latter-Day Saints and for missionary purposes. Some notable accomplishments include:

- Four time winner of the LDS church-wide annual song contest including “A Missionary’s Prayer” in 2019, “His Love Will Lead You Home” (2018) and placing top three several other years
- Wayne’s songs are among those shared for download on the LDS church youth website
- Wayne’s songs have been featured on six different Especially for Youth (EFY) albums including four of his songs on the 2019 EFY album
- Wayne’s song Su Amor Será Tu Hogar (His Love Will Lead You Home) was performed as part of the Church’s Luz de Las Naciones event in 2019 for an audience of 26,000
- He has been awarded the Pearl Award for artist of the year by the Faith Centered Music Association, and LDS-themed recognition comparable to the Grammys
- His songs have been used by many stakes and wards for youth conferences, Trek camps and for their yearly youth theme events

One of the ways that Wayne has been able to reach out with his music to more people have been through musical firesides. Brother Burton’s fireside presentations have been shared with many church groups from San Diego to Orlando and from Hawaii to New York. He presents a program, usually about 70 minutes, sharing messages of faith and stories from his own experience and then reinforcing those messages through his music. Themes have included:

- The power of music and media for good and for bad
- Honoring the legacy of our pioneers
- The Living Christ, reflections on the Savior’s mission and teachings
- Becoming the one God made us to be

His firesides are appropriate for a number of different church groups and have been presented in the past to:

- General stake or multi-stake firesides
- Youth firesides
- Relief Society firesides or women’s conferences
- Institute or seminary functions
- Singles conferences, youth conferences, FHE events

Wayne’s firesides are suitable for the chapel and booking one would require proper approval from your local leaders and compliance with the local church schedule. Products are not promoted or sold in this setting.

“Thank you so much again for coming to our Tri-Stake Youth Conference. Your musical presentation was entertaining, uplifting and the youth loved it! We appreciated how you demonstrated the effect music has on us in an interactive and fun way... Everyone left the conference “Ready to Shine!” (D. Barfuss, Counselor Stake Presidency Winnipeg, Canada)

“We had Brother Burton travel to our multi-stake youth conference and perform and it was wholesome, uplifting and fun. His music and message is exactly what we hoped for to strengthen our youth and their testimonies.”

(W. Palmer, Counselor Stake Presidency, Macon Georgia)

