

Crystal Gayle

One of the most popular and widely recognized female country singers of her era, Crystal Gayle's supple voice, her flair for ballads and her cross-over-friendly country-pop style netted her several mainstream hits. "Mom always said I could sing before I could walk," recalls Crystal. Inspired by the success of her sister, Loretta Lynn, Crystal practiced guitar and piano, joined all the school choirs and sang with her older brothers' country bands. While in junior high school she started traveling with Loretta for a few weeks each summer. Her debut single, "I Cried the Blue (Right Out of My Eyes)," was written by Loretta and produced by Owen Bradley. In 1973 Crystal signed with United Artists and was soon paired with producer Allen Reynolds. Known for his superb musical instincts and as a great

song man, Allen mentored Crystal and was instrumental in the development of her distinct voice and style.

Later that year, Gayle released her first album and landed her first Top Ten country hit, "Wrong Road Again." In 1976, "I'll Get Over You" became the first of her 22 number one hits. Allen found and produced Crystal's timeless signature song, the classic "Don't It Make My Brown Eyes Blue," which was a number one hit on country, pop and worldwide charts and won Gayle a Grammy for Best Country Female Performance. In addition, "We Must Believe in Magic," the accompanying album, became the first by a female country artist ever to go platinum.

Latest Album: You Don't Know Me



CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Most Promising Female Vocalist - Academy of Country Music
- ★ Country Music's Female Vocalist of the Year:
 - Academy of Country Music - three times
 - Country Music Association - two times
 - American Music Awards - three times
- ★ Grammy for "Don't It Make My Brown Eyes Blue"
- ★ Favorite Female Country Video Artist - American Music Awards
- ★ Most Played Country Artist on jukeboxes
- ★ Recorded 22 number one country singles, 34 top ten singles
- ★ Honored with a star on the fabled Hollywood Walk of Fame - ceremony on October 2, 2009
- ★ Inducted as a member of the Grand Ole Opry in January 2017 by sister Loretta Lynn
- ★ Recipient of the Academy of Country Music 2016 Cliffie Stone Pioneer Award which honors individuals who are pioneers in country music
- ★ Honored with a Spotlight Exhibit at the Country Music Hall of Fame - opened May 2, 2014 through November 3, 2014
- ★ Honored in October, 1999, when "Don't It Make My Brown Eyes Blue" (composed by Richard Leigh) was recognized by ASCAP as one of the top ten most performed country songs of the century
- ★ "Talking In Your Sleep" was honored as BMI's most played country song in 1978
- ★ Recorded 4 top twenty pop singles: "Don't It Make My Brown Eyes Blue," "Talking In Your Sleep," "Half the Way" and "You and I" (duet with Eddie Rabbit)
- ★ Recorded 25 albums: 3 platinum and 5 gold in the United States
- ★ The first female country artist to achieve platinum album sales (We Must Believe In Magic)
- ★ Most Performed Country Female Artist on radio for the ten years from 1975-1985

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