

TAYLOR HICKS

Our American Idol 2006

A Compilation of Posts from the Soul Patrol

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"Our Love Will Not Fade Away"

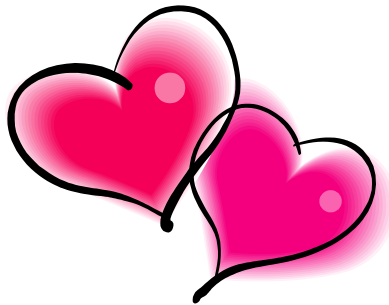


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Welcome to the Soul Patrol

The letter below was a private message sent from one Soul Patroller to a brand new Soul Patroller. Idolwatcher33 embodies the spirit of the soul patrol: great people who know great music motivating each other.

From: idolwatcher33

Sent: Monday, March 20, 2006 8:19:23 AM

To: dlila

Subject: Why I Am Supporting Taylor Hicks

Hello dlila,

Thank you for your letter. I decided to write you here because I want tell you why I am a strong supporter of Taylor and my first impression. This might be a little long - hopefully I will not put you to sleep!:o) I've watched all seasons of American Idol and there were many talented performers, but no one ever "caught" my eye. When Taylor auditioned, I thought to myself, wow he is different. My style of music is different from his, but the way he expressed himself touched me in a way that I started to support him from his audition day.

I was also worried about how the general public would view him, since so many people are so hung up on physical appearances these days. Never in all seasons of American Idol auditions have I seen someone move and perform like Taylor Hicks. I immediately told my husband, this guy has music in his bones! That was after I watched his 1st audition. Then when he sang in Hollywood, "First Cut is the Deepest," my husband told me he definitely has music in his soul. We were both blown away. Another reason why I support Taylor is because of his passion. He is so passionate and you can see that he is happy on stage. I don't see too many performers like that. It's been awhile since I've seen someone with the same type of passion like Taylor.

Many fan websites have popped up for Taylor Hicks, which is good. I'm a young professional woman who is experienced with promotion and manage a Gospel Artist on the side. When I came to these American Idol boards, I decided that this would be the place where I would promote Taylor and keep people updated on latest news and information. I thought of starting a website, but I decided the Taylor Hicks American Idol message board would be my website. Thousands of people read the messages on this board and I feel it is my mission to try everything I can to bring a positive focus to Taylor and to keep motivating his fans on the board. I posted a message not too long ago asking if we want to see Taylor go to the top. In my message, I admonished the fans to stay strong and support Taylor, even if he has a so-called "bad week." You know how the judges are and say they didn't like the performance. That does not take away from his amazing talent. In my profile, I've posted as much positive information about Taylor as I can and periodically tell the fans to stop by my profile to vote for him at sites such as MSNBC (where he is trailing), AOL, accesshollywood and Entertainment Tonight.

Unfortunately, the bashing in these boards are quite ridiculous and we encourage our Soul Patrollers not to bash the other contestants. When they come in here, I pretty much report them instead of starting an argument. They do not last because Taylor has such strong fans.

You mentioned your son is in martial arts. I do have a black belt in Tae Kwon Do. What martial art is your son in? I also lived in Huntsville, AL. My mother is still there. I live in New Jersey now, but was in Huntsville shortly in December.

Thank you so much for stopping by and posting your message. Just be assured that I have Taylor's back and will try my best to keep the Taylor fans in this board motivated.

I strongly believe Taylor is the best thing that has ever happened to American Idol. I am, quite frankly, getting tired of Simon's "dad" and "looking old" comments. In my profile, I have the link to his interview with Jay Leno. Simon said he doesn't "get" why Taylor moves so much (Simon actually said he goes berserk) when he's performing. I hope that someone will help him "get it.":o)

Have a good day and feel free to message me anytime!

Happy Soul Patrolling!

Inspirational Moments from the Soul Patrol

We are all aware that the Soul Patrol thread has gotten too large for anyone to be able to read every page. Many moving posts have been lost in the sea of Taylor love. So I got to work. I wrote a program to download the Soul Patrol thread and parse out the more meaningful posts and threads. Since this is a program and subject to error I am sure I missed some posts. If you feel that I have left out one of your favorites please PM me some of the context and I will search for it and be glad to add it to the list. I hope you enjoy them as much as I have - SouthernHick

User : HicksFanInBham

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Someone started a thread just wanting to know why we love Taylor. I thought I'd share my response here. *wiping eyes*

Once in a lifetime, someone touches your soul in a way that you can't even explain, you never knew was possible. Someone who can bring you to tears with his music. Someone who isn't looking to get rich. Someone who just wants to let the soul flow from the deepest trenches of his heart and let his voice be heard. Someone who is so humble that he doesn't try to cover the silver hairs that came way too early. Someone who finds his happiness in seeing the smiles on the faces of those who feel his music and knowing that they "GET IT".

I get it Taylor.

User : jepman

Page: 614, Msg No. 8, Date: 2/22/2006 8:37:00 PM PST

Taylor Hicks

I-S

M-U-S-I-C-A-L

E-N-E-R-G-Y

and he just delivers a song with great, deeply felt SOUL.

And he CHANNLED that energy out to his audience (it WAS HIS audience tonight) and they sent it back to him MULTIPLIED. Even the judges.

I haven't felt that kind of natural and deep soul from a singer since I witnessed (Yep - you WITNESS these kinds of performers like you were at a fiery sermon) since seeing Stevie Ray Vaughan perform in 1988.

Like Stevie, Taylor touches peoples with an energy that simply cannot be taught. Pure Musical Energy and Soul. These folks are RARE 'cause it comes STRAIGHT from the HEART.

They CAN'T do it any other way.

Could Taylor make "You've Made Me

So Very Happy" as interpreted by David Clayton-Thomas of Blood, Sweat, and Tears into something of his own and just as powerful? Would be a challenge.

night I sat there like a kid again, and cried--just plain cried--all the while with a smile on my face...THANK YOU, Taylor. My world is gonna be a much happier place now thanks to you...and you will NEVER know what that has meant to me. May sound hokey, and I don't much care, but Taylor has shared his soul with a whole lotta folks, and I for one will forever be grateful.

Make every one count Taylor. Best of everything. And KEEP PLAY'N that HARP!

User : osbournef

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I was onced asked what was the difference between "genius" and "intelligence". And I responded by saying "genius" has the ability to inspire "intelligence" only has the ability to be admired.

Taylor has something unique to say to us all but he has to languish through this land of musical imitation and mimicry before we will allow him to say it.

So I can't wait until this season of idol is over so i can here what Taylor has to say... in his own words, in his own language, on his own terms. What a day that will be.....

Soul Patrol we've got our marching orders. "genius" loves company

User : romeo4ever

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It is not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs and comes short again and again, who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause, that's why TAYLOR at best knows achievement and at the worst if he fails at least fails while daring greatly so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat.

LETS ROLL!!

User : BlueMagnolias

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Sometime back in the mid 90's, I lost all interest in music...heck, I guess in life in general...but in doing so, I lost a most important part of me...I just didn't realize how much I had missed until Taylor Hicks came onto a TV screen and reached out and slapped my heart back into high gear. Last

Gotta go find that old flattop and put some new strings on it...cause I've finally felt the music again... ~BlueMag

User : GreyHairDude

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Who does this sound like?

"I was born with music inside me. That's the only explanation I know of"i

- Ray Charles

The Soul Music Revolutionary

"When I Started to sing like myself - as opposed to imitating Nat Cole, which I had done for a while - when I started singing like Ray Charles, it had this holiness and preachy tone to it. It was very controversial. I got a lot of criticism for it." - Ray Charles

Electrifying audiences with his unbridled energy, piano prowess and deeply soulful spark, Charles was swooped up by fledgling R&B record label Atlantic in 1952. Nurtured by the musically astute minds of Atlantic, Charles began delivering a slew of singles and albums that would change the face of music forever. By merging a newfound rougher, more expressive vocal approach with a controversial and combustible combination of gospel-inspired energy, devil's words and sexually charged screams, Charles was no longer an imitator he was an innovator. Some called his music heretical, but Ray just called it "soul"...

The charts were still a tame place in the mid-1950s and Ray's brash, urgent and occasionally dark pleadings dramatically separated him from nearly all of his chart-dwelling brethren. By 1955 he had hit his stride as he cranked out R&B hit after hit for Atlantic. Among the bounty were stunners like dark-night-of-the-soul ballads "Drown in My Own Tears" and "Lonely Avenue," party all-night anthems "(Night Time) Is the Right Time" and "Let the Good Times Roll" and jubilant love declarations like "Hallelujah I Love Her So" and "I Got a Woman." By now nothing could stop Ray. His star was not rising - it was exploding!

I am a 44 year old nurse and housewife, and when I was in my teens and early 20's I used to have a passion for music...but somehow I lost that. I went from jammin' to REO and Clapton to Dr. Laura and Rush Limbaugh. Somewhere inside of me music had died! Everything just sounded like the same-ol' same-ol', ya know? But the other day I was watching AI try-outs in Vegas, and on came this young man with premature grey hair (I only watched AI because I love Simon Cowell!)...well, what a surprise!!! Listening to him I felt something inside of me stir...I started to really get into his music! It sounds really corny, but Taylor Hicks has brought to life in my a love for music I thought was long gone! He "quickens my soul" so to speak. Everyone else on AI now and in the past have been "preformers" but Taylor I believe would jam in his livingroom with no one else around, just because it's something he HAS to do! He has more than a passion for what he does, he radiates music, like if he doesn't get it out he will explode! I just love watching and listening to him...and wow, if he could cut an album now I would be first in line for it! What an awesome, unique young man!

User : Buck_Dharma
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Just wanted to share this with y'all....

I ran into an old friend this morning, sort of an old redneck fishing buddy of mine. I knew he watched AI 'cause he'd been a big fan of Bo's last year, so we shot the breeze for a few minutes, and then I asked him, "Have you seen that Taylor Hicks guy on American Idol yet?"

He was silent for a few seconds, looked off into the distance, took a deep drag off his cigarette, turned and looked at me, and in his deep southern drawl said....

"That ol' boy can sing like a sumbi**h."

User : closetidolfan
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aton passed this along to a thread of why we like taylor so much...

Forget about the music for a second. Forget about the fact he could sing a list of names and by the time he hit his last note, you'd know each person.

I like him because he's someone who walked into his American Idol audition and answered Simon's "Why are you here?" question, not like everyone else "To be the next American Idol" , but rather "I want my voice heard."

Simon had already disqualified him. But now Randy laughed. Then he sang, and turned the room.

I like him because left the elevator with his harmonica blazing and filled up that empty, silent space with music.

I like him because he smiled and humbly asked the judges how they were doing.

It's rare to find someone in life worth rooting for.

And then, there's the music.

User : kjidol
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Just something I need to get out and this seems like a great place to share it:

I have spent most of my 21 years on this earth feeling really out of place because I am one of those overly dramatic, overly energetic, overly passionate, overly emotional people that talks alot, moves a lot, jumps around a lot and expresses themselves constantly. Unfortunaly I have gotten made fun of a lot throughout my life because of those qualities... (spaz has been my eternal nickname)... but anyways... I just realized that I have been trying to keep that part of my personality toned down because of the people in my life who haven't liked who I am. Taylor has helped me to realiz that being exactly who you are is the best thing to do. I love his energy, passion, emotion, and his endless self-expression that comes out through his gift of singing and music. I guess that why I like him so much, because he has proved to me that being full of life is an amazingly beautiful gift in itself and I should never never try to hide that.

Thank you Taylor for showing all of us what life is all about.

User : zen_buckaroo
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I don't think it was that. He is just very keenly tuned into what the market for years has been. The manufactured stars...

Like a recipe...
take a cute mildly talented former Mousketeer make sure everyone knows (they think) is a sweet virgin
give her some dance lessons so she can dance nearly as good as Madonna (with 2 casts on her legs)
Over produce her voice so you can't tell how weak it is
Put her face on the cover of all the teen mags give her a song that describes her audience
Not a Girl...Not yet a Woman..
All of the judges want something better..
and different..
but simon is still a bit afraid of just anything different
he has done much to re=educate his audience, but still does not trust them to make the right choice (he has
said so on several occasions in the past when someone he though was relly good was voted out)
Taylor...Soul Patrol maintain your fanaticism
our guy not only has a chance..
he has one he** of a
chance.

User : Fan_In_Japan
Page: 1246, Msg No. 12, Date: 2/26/2006 1:51:00 AM PST
I think it is time for some Taylor Reflection. =o}

TAYLOR: A HAIKU
Body moves with zeal
Silver strands
atop the dome
His song beckons me
TAYLOR: A HAIKU (No 2)
Soft tremble of feet
HEY are you listening now
I dream of the fox
Taylor: A Haiku (No 3)
Smoldering ashes
A south wind soars west with ease
Silver fox takes stage
Taylor: A Haiku (No 4)
Rising sun in east
Idol stars drop from red sky
His song comforts you
Taylor: A haiku (No 5)
Dew drop soft petal
Passion of the silver fox
Sun chases pale moon
TAYLOR: a haiku (No 6)
Soft from south the wind
Out of chaos emerges
Silver topped muse smiles
TAYLOR: A Haiku (No 7)
Darkness covered East
One Thousand with joy triumphed
Sleep we shall no more
TAYLOR: A Haiku (No 8)
Darkness of night fades
Return once more the legions
Silver love goes forth
taylor: a haiku (no 9)
Clouds cover cold sky
A love swells inside like fire

All are drawn close by

User : HicksFanInBham

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Courtesy gray charles and wayback machine.

He says his passionate writing and singing style is just a natural progression of a life that has been a little different than those of his peers. "Some people grew up in close-knit families," he explains, "they could identify with the sugar-coated, new-wave music that was popular in the '80s and even now. My home life wasn't very supportive or comfortable - with divorce (among other misfortunes). I had to make life-changing choices at an early age. And the whole time, I was listening to soul music - music where you can actually hear a man's heart break. So it just really made sense to me - even at such a young age."

Hicks said he found the comfort he was looking for on stage. "I just made it my home. It's where my heart is."

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That explains why he loves music IMO. He turned to it at a time when things weren't so great. Gosh, I just love the guy and his music.

User : dandypatch

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Been pondering about what makes Taylor so special to me after seeing him for such a very brief time on AI (how can anyone really judge who's GREAT at this stage, when it's only just begun?).

It's hard not to fall into the lemming-like mentality that automatically pegs every contestant based on the few snippets of songs we've heard so far. ie - who's a rocker dude, or a crooner or an Aretha wannabe, etc. etc. - even to the point of comparing contestants to past Idol contestants.

Not being a huge afficianado of blues music, I never even thought to compare him to the blues greats that everyone compares him to. I had to go to listen to sound snippets to make any kind of comparison.

What got me at the get-go was definitely his voice. Even though I have heard so little of it, to me Taylor sings as Taylor, not anyone else. He makes the song his own. I like that. It's refreshing to be able to listen to someone and NOT say "he sounds just like so-and-so".

He's an artist. I am an artist. It is so very difficult in any type of arts genre to be able to pull ahead.

Difficult to stay away from the temptation to be a copy cat or to mimic someone else's style. Those that break ahead are those that make whatever art their own. The key is to stay true to your heart.

It's often said that there's nothing new under the sun. True artists can take something old and make it new again. I saw that quality in Taylor when he sang the snippet from "The First Cut is the Deepest." Personally, I don't care for that song, but Taylor made it his own.

I think he touches many ordinary folks... those that realize that he's not there to become a cookie-cutter star.

Those that in their own lives, don't wish to be cookie cutters, but love what they do and let the chips fall where they may. He said he just wants to be heard. For a true artist, that is ALL that matters.

To be seen, to be heard... to have an impact on someone's life. If anything else comes of it, that's gravy. Of course, a bit of gravy is nice. :-)

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User : romeo4ever

WHY ARE WE HERE?

We are here because of ONE question ?

CAN YOU GIVE US 20 SECONDS OF SOMETHING ELSE?

Hummm ! So, with the clap of the Hands, BOOM, Passion was born, with the opening of the Mouth Beauty was born, when the Head went back Excitement was born, when the Body Rocks to the side Soul was born.

Then, 20 seconds later, Done. The Head and the Eyes moves and look to the right. BOOM !! Humility was born. Can some one explained to me what just happened? I don't know but I will tell you this, You felt the Passion, you felt the Excitement, you saw the Beauty, you felt the Soul and yes my friends you also saw the Humility. One of these MOVE you here, to this very point. Maybe all of these combined got you here. Well, 20 seconds got you here that I do know or maybe, just maybe, you're like me and didn't need 20 seconds. If 20 seconds got you here, well that's what the 20 seconds were for.

User : romeo4ever

Page: 1616, Msg No. 15, Date: 2/27/2006 6:38:00 PM PST

Is Amazing how a 30 second clip on tv of Taylor Hicks have move people. You can't buy that at any store in the world. The best movie director can't direct it, the best novel writer can't write it, the best philosopher is lost for words, Einstein would not be able to find a solution, Oprah couldn't do an hour show on it, jay z or snoope can't rap on it, Bill clinton or CNN can't explain it, Steven King can't imagine it, Simmon Cowell can't defined it, why ? Its produce, directed , explained and created by God alone. Such a thing is call Talent and the only giver of talent is God. Taylor's Talent take us to the highest cliff of wanting MORE,MORE, MORE of HIM. It's a Soul Thing. Critics can critique, but remember, there has never been a critic who has become a Hero. So, our craving is also a gift from God.

PEACE EVERYBODY!!

User : JakeChambers

Page: 1867, Msg No. 8, Date: 2/28/2006 7:05:00 PM PST

Hey Guys! Jakechambers back tonight with exciting news for all yous Tay tay fans! Aside from everyones ranting ravings on tonights show which was most definitely a snooze fest ("and thats being nice" *in my best Simon voice*) I have a little story for you.

This week I decided to give up smoking. As anyone whos a smoker will know it is by far NOT the easiest thing to give up. Especially after 14 years. However I had a revelation this week with lots of support from my loving wife and kids (A_virtual_person in case you need reminding) that in order to give up I need not quit at all but replace and move forward toward something. So I thought long and hard about it during a nice cleansing shower about REAL compelling reasons why I want to be a non-smoker. And the first reason that came to my brain...Taylor, yes thats right, our boy is my inspiration for this decision. Why, you ask? because I want to sing like him. And I used to have a great singing voice and know I still can. Im about 8 months younger than him so I probably wont be making any appearances on AI next season but I have to tell you that my wife made me a little sign made from construction paper and little music note cut-outs and the phrase "Sing as good as Taylor!" to stick on my sunvisor in my car which I get to see all the time as I am a pizza driver. I just wanted to tell you all this because I know it will affect everyone in some way just as it has for me. Wish me luck folks! And pardon my wifes offending comment about polygamous marriage to taylor. I love him but NOT that much. Id like to leave him for all you ladies out there. Alright, peace.

User : modbaker

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Why do people like Taylor Hicks?--- I will try to answer that. Every 10 years or so, something fresh and unique comes along in the music world and it usually surfaces on T.V. Elvis in the 50's Beatles in the 60's- both on Ed Sullivan, maybe Kiss in the 70's, Madonna in the 80's on MTV, etc. Now, with Taylor Hicks, I think anyone who watched his first audition noticed that he was unusual - right? So, when he made it through to Hollywood, fans of the show were interested to see what would happen with him, perhaps more out of curiosity than anything else.

The more they saw of him, the more they got a feel for his personality and sense of humor, which were also unique. From that point, people either liked him or didn't. When it was his turn to perform last Wednesday, those who liked him where kind of on the edge their seats wanting him to do well but wondering if he was going to come off looking like a complete freak. When he didn't and actually was awesome and funny afterwards, thousands of people became instant fans.

I have watched that performance several times and there is one very telling moment. Just before he went on he said something like "I hope this is one that you put in your vault." This showed confidence in his ability to perform and that he knew what he was about to do would be memorable. Kind of like Babe Ruth pointing to the outfield fence then hitting one out of the park. I am not saying that he can be compared to Elvis or the Beatles - It is way,way to early to say that, but I brought those Ed Sullivan performances up as television milestones of music history where people were introduced to something that made them sit up and take notice.

For whatever reason, the couple minutes that Taylor Hicks' performed last week touched certain people in a way that cannot be described. It is a rare and special combination of musical talent, personality, energy, humor and passion. Keep voting for him so we can see him perform alone on stage for as long as possible.

User : ckirkland

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Ok this goes out to all the people who don't like Taylor because of the way he looks.

1: Look up your Favorite Idol in Google image search

2. Stare at it.

3: Keep staring

4: Look deeper what do you notice about your favorite idols picture.

5: Looks perfect right? Or does this person have a blemish too.

6: notice your favorite is probally hiding this blemish... because like most American who have bought into this perfect image crap.....example girls nearly starving themselves to death because they want to be skinny like the models in th emagazine etc.

7: Looke up Taylor hicks in Google image search

8: Stare at it

9. Keep staring

10. Look deeper....do you see that.....that's right.....underneath his grey hair is a SOUL NOT SOLD TO THE SUPERFICIAL MEDIA. Grey hair out and ABOUT saying this is who I am.....I AM MUSIC.....

Finnally 11: The reason why you don't like Taylor's Hair is because it is a pale reflection of something you are ashamed of.....Your own Soul.....That is right.....you want to hide yours because you are a ashamed.....but you don't have to be...let it out.....Let your soul go Free

Here at the Soul Patrol dedicated for the man who set my Soul free from the Corporate Media and all of its BS

User : Taylor_crazy

Page: 2856, Msg No. 19, Date: 3/4/2006 12:16:00 PM PST

TAYLOR SAVED MY LIFE!

Well, he saved my musical life.

I only ever watched the "beginning" of American Idol, because it was funny to watch all the "bad" people. So this year was no different, except that durning the Las Vegas auditions I noticed Taylor. What a voice! What moves! What a sheer pleasure to watch him! Not to mention I found him very sexy. Right after seeing him on the audition, I Googled him and downloaded 3 of his songs. That's IT! I was hooked. I found his CD online and ordered it right away. 5 days later I was listening to Taylor every waking moment. I found myself watching AI every week...dying to hear him sing again.

I am embarrassed to say this, but I haven't purchased ANY new music in more than 10 years! No one interested me. I thought my musical life was over It is now just beginning.

THANK YOU TAYLOR, FOR SAVING MY LIFE. I LOVE YOU!

XXOO

User : YodaGuru

Page: 2879, Msg No. 5, Date: 3/4/2006 2:56:00 PM PST

To the soul patrol, I give my Yodaism entitled "A Soul Thing"

"Ray Charles once said, ~What is soul? Its like electricity, we don't really know what it is, but its a force that can light up a room.~ Let me as you this question, when you think of the word soul when it pertains to music who do you immediately think of? Personally speaking, names that come to my mind are Aretha Franklin, James Brown, Stevie Wonder, Eric Clapton, B.B. King, Fats Domino, Luther Vandross, Bo Diddley and of course the late great Ray Charles. Its these particular people who have an essence to their soul that they not only breathed life into their songs but also they moved you both physically and metaphorically to where it brings out certain thoughts, feelings, and/or emotions as well."

"Without a doubt, music touches the soul to a point where you can literally get lost in the melody and lyrics.

Sending you to a far off distant world thinking about a moment of happiness or sadness in your life, depending on which song it was of course. Every person, at some point in life, has stopped what they were doing, closed their eyes, and listened to a song that would take them on a journey. Although they weren't physically going anywhere, they were most certainly going somewhere mentally, as well as, emotionally to a point that you actually were tired from the journey afterwards. Whether it was your first kiss, first dance, the day you got married, when your child was born, etc. your soul was moved by that particular song playing on the radio."

"If you think about it, there is an absolute truth and beauty when something or someone stirs your soul to the point where it changes you. Most definitely, there is absolute truth and beauty in a song especially the ones that you keep close to your heart and soul because they're a link to someone special or particular event in

your life either in the past, present, or future. In a sense, a song defines who we all are as individuals and it brings to life something within one's soul that when you hear a particular song you can't help be captivated by not only the lyrics but also the person singing those words."

"For the question can be asked, who have you seen or heard lately on the radio that exude soul today? Not many come to mind because certain artists tend to bring out one single emotion rather than a plethora of emotions such as joy, laughter, sorrow, aggressiveness, anger, heartache, heartbreak, and anger. An artist, such as Ray Charles, had that underlying presence and energy to bring out those emotions and feelings to where you continue to feel the soulful meaning within every word he sings to this day. Its a rarity these days to hear a person now-d-ays whose presence leaves a lasting impression on not only you but also people around you as well."

"American Idol has graced our presence once again and one simple questions needs to be asked, 'Does anybody have soul?' Among thousands of people, Taylor Hicks, has become the definition of soul and he's a person who not only has it, but also brings with him a certain, presence, likeability factor, and an energy that is electrifying many people across the world, which hasn't been felt in music in quite some time. A throwback of Ray Charles and Joe Cocker, with a bit of Michael McDonald mixed in. When it comes to the fans of Mr. Taylor Hicks, its not about an obsession thing or a popularity thing, its not even a rivalry thing with over fans; in the end, what it basically comes down to is a soul thing."

Letters to Taylor Hicks

Open letters to our Soul Patrolman ...

User doctorjudy

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An open letter to our Soul Patrolman using titles and albums from Queen.

Taylor,

"Let Me Entertain You" because "You're My Best Friend". Do you not realize the "Sheer Heart Attack" you have caused many AI viewers? We ask "Was It All Worth It"? See this "Crazy Little Thing Called Love" has made us all "Stone Cold Crazy". "A Night At The Opera" or a "Seaside Rendezvous" can take its toll on "A Human Body".

"Now I'm Here" to tell you that in order to "Keep Yourself Alive" you must not buckle "Under Pressure". My "Son And Daughter" think you should sing "Bohemian Rhapsody". "Tear It Up". We know you have "Staying Power".

All it takes is a "Flick Of The Wrist" like you performed in Taking it to the streets, to "Bring Back That Leroy Brown". Don't "Play The Game" Simon and the producers want to play. The "News Of The World" headlines will read "We Will Rock You" as "Another One Bites The Dust". "Spread Your Wings" as if you want the "Hammer To Fall" on the bald "White Man". See, the way I analyze things "You Are A Good Old Fashion Boy" who wants "Somebody To Love".

Your presenence is "Dead On Time" to "Save Me" from the current teen "Radio Ga Ga". I want to "Break Free". I "Want It All".

I saw you when you were in Vegas. Your "Body Language" told Simon please "Don't Stop Me Now". Now the "Show Must Go On". I must go now because I hear the Soul Patrol shouting "We Are The Champions".

Many thanks,

Soul Patrol

User taylorette

Thread 140443, Page 1

Dear Mr. Taylor Hicks,

Since the first time we saw you, we fell in love with how you put so much HEART AND SOUL into your music. It was then, when we took THE FALL because it is true, THE FIRST CUT IS THE DEEPEST. And since that time, when you first touched us deeply, you have been running around and around in CIRCLES in our minds every single day.

Wow... are we in TROUBLE . It is not EASY to see you only once a week! Some of us work miserably from 9 TO 5, but having your songs on repeat & talking about you on this darn addicting message board makes for a HELL OF A DAY .

But then come TuesTAYs, when your performances are truly breathtaking and make us want to DANCE TO THE MUSIC . You take that little time each week to shine and remind every music-lover that CHANGE IS GONNA COME and with every performance, you are MOVIN' ON UP.

We cannot wait until you have your concerts and will be TAKING IT TO THE STREETS! You will realize that America really does have a SOUL THING going on.

You'll be LIVING FOR THE CITY you perform in one night, for another city the next night, and for a new city night after night. Because you will be touring the world IN YOUR TIME and the world is GONNA MOVE to the beat of your soul.

So in turn, for your amazing talent, voice, charisma and power to bring people together, this is THE DEAL from us: Our love for you will NOT FADE AWAY. We will HOLD ON TO YOUR LOVE.

Sincerely with love & soul,

Taylorlette & THE SOUL PATROL cool.gif

P.S. WOOOOOOOOOOOOO!!!

User connieb

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TAYLOR..i usually think of you like i would my own son...VERY PROUD...but last nite was beyond my imagination...you were about as sexy as i have ever seen and you gave a rendition of a wonderful song that i feel could be a hit!!! you nailed it my friend, and you made the whole soul patrol covered in goose bumps i guarantee you..lol..i loved it and so did EVERYONE ELSE!!! i am so PROUD of our boy!!! biggrin.gif wink.gif

User MsQueenB

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Taylor we love you, we look forward to seeing you on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, you are the main reason we are watching AI, sure the other constestants are great but there is something about you that has captured our hearts and we will continue rooting for you until you win. I've never been involved with AI until I saw you auditioning in Vegas. You have more passion and drive during your performances than I've seen in the others, we just love ya ta death here tongue.gif and you're forever in our hearts.. wink.gif

User Weazlegirl

Thread 116436, Page 1

To Taylor: From day one, I smiled from your performance in the auditions. You have a great voice and there's nothing I've heard in awhile that compares. I listen to your music every day and it just makes me happy. I ripped your "Under the Radar" CD and made a mix CD with your A.I. performances in between them, so I can have your original works in with what has been my favorite American Idol performances thus far. Even if you don't win this year, please don't stop writing, singing and performing. Your music has inspired so many people this season. Since I was born in the mid 70's, I wasn't around when American icons like Elvis Presley, The Beatles,etc. were performing live on stage. I see footage of women crying because their music touched them and they loved them so deeply. I'm not the crying type, but it's a strange thing...I think I get what they felt like. I can't wait to hear you sing and perform again and when you're done, I kind of sink down a little.

I'd like to say something about the Soul Patrol. Most of us in the Soul Patrol have supported you or seen something in you since day one. You move some of us to laugh, cry, but mostly we have a great time in general just discussing. You have brought a group of strangers together who love your passion to your music, love your dedication to your art and most of all love to hear you do your thing. They support you completely, but most of all I have noticed them spreading kindness and helpfulness across to fans of other contestants. Soul Patrol hopefully has done you proud! You have brought soul back to music and into all of our lives. This season wouldn't be the same without you!

Continue to follow your heart (and soul).

User SoulsisterDK

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Taylor cool.gif

Oh what a joy to witness the beginning of a great music career. There is no doubt in my mind that this is just the beginning for you. You've already won in my opinion!

Your voice reaches across the oceans and captures hearts all over the world. No matter where we live, your music feels just like home.

We love you for your honest performance

We love you for your passion

We love you for always greeting the world with a smile

We love you for your amazing voice

We love you for your soul - it really shines through

..and we thank you for bringing real music back to us!

Stay true to yourself. And remember - you will always have the Soul Patrol.

User bluesharpplayer

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Taylor, I can't say much more than this. Your what the world needs more of. Honest, caring, people who put themselves out there for what they believe in. Giving whole heartedly in everything they do. Being humble is often forgotten this day in age and it is refreshing to see it in you.

You make us smile. You us anxious for your next performance. You make us crazy with passion for music, just as you are. Just by your personality and passion, you make us want to be more enthusiastic in our lives. Your music reminds us of why we listen in the first place.

My favorite day of the week has become Tuesdays, and the only thing that makes waiting for Tuesdays any better is listening to your music during the week. You are such a fun person, and you deserve the best! Good Luck Taylor!

User ilikeidol2006

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Taylor is the best singer on Idol.....don't change the grey hair.....be who you truly are. It seems that the stylists are making the beautiful girls on the show look a little too phony, marring that wholesome image they once had. Be yourself.....may you always prosper.

User TayMate
Thread 116436, Page 1
Dear Taylor,

Go back and look at yourself singing "Takin it to the Streets!" THAT'S the Taylor we love and don't want to lose. Please don't stop being yourself because Taylor being Taylor is the best thing to come along since bread!!!

WE LOVE YOU!

User TaylorsDame
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Wow... well, I was hoping that maybe we could write Taylor a good, old-fashioned fan letter on paper, but there sure doesn't seem to be a reliable address to mail it to! frown.gif Sooooo, here goes:

Sweet Taylor, you are such a precious treasure! What joy and life you bring, not just to AI, but to everyone who hears your sweet voice. Where ever life takes you from here, a part of my heart will always belong to you! I love you... redface.gif

User cathr572
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Dear Taylor:

I have been a fan of American Idol since the first season. In the past there have been some talented performers, and maybe a few of them struck a chord somewhere within me. That being said...there has NEVER been anyone in the contest that could even hold a candle to the talent, love for music and the expression of music that you have. You really bring out the happiness and joy in everyone that listens to you or sees you perform. I am thankful to American Idol for showcasing your amazing self and giving all of us the gift of experiencing a talent that surpasses most.

You have also inspired the infamous "Soul Patrol"! I am very proud to be a member! We are a great group of people who all share the love of your music.

No matter what happens on American Idol, we know you will go far! I cant wait to get my hands on your CD "Under the Radar"!

Peace and Love!

Cathy

User luckylyu
Thread 116436, Page 1
Hey Taylor,

First of all I HAVE to say WHOOOOOOO ! Ok, now with that out of the way, thank you Taylor. I've never (!!) enjoyed watching a performer as I do you. You have touched so very many

people, including myself, with your heartfelt performances it is just unimaginable.

Your passion and commitment for music is contagious and we've all caught Taylor fever.

You hit the stage with a smile and whether you know it or not, a million joyous fans smile right back at you. Your dedication and your love for what you do, is so evident and so honest,

that it reaches right thru the camera each and every time, and just captivates us and makes our hearts smile.

So thank you for helping us hear the music as you do. Stay true to your roots and don't let them turn you into something you're not. All the things that make you special, make you the Taylor we love and cherish...you've had all along. The Simons of the world had nothing to do with it. You have a God given talent, and He gave you the class, the character and the heart to do all this. His plan for your future is much brighter and much bigger than you could ever imagine for yourself, (as Oprah says. wink.gif)

You already are our American Idol and we couldn't be happier for you.

God Bless.

Cindy

Word Gifts to Taylor: By State

Sending a little piece of our individual states to Taylor ...

User BonBon

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OK...another thread says Taylor is feeling the pressure and counting on Soul Patrol for support...what if we all "send" him a little piece of our individual states as a little mental gift. Different people from the same state can send different gifts...

I'm in south Alabama...it would be easy to send him a big "Pride of Mobile" fuschia azalea bush to (mentally) plant outside his window in California . . . but I choose to send him something I often see in my back yard.

Imagine that outside your window in California is a 40-foot magnolia tree with dark green glossy leaves and soft brown underbellies...Look out your window, Taylor. See the gorgeous deep red cardinal sitting on that branch way up high. It's nestled among the green leaves and the contrast of colors is delicious. Shhhh....listen . . .maybe the red bird will sing for YOU, like you sing for us.

Have a great day, Taylor, our friend.

Bonnie in Escambia County

User bellsybop

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i live in the state of n.carolina and i see a bright sky that reminds me of your beautiful smile!

User dandypatch

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I give him sunrise over Lake Huron. Sitting on a picnic table under the pine trees. Sounds of birds in the trees, the chitter of squirrels and chipmunks playing tag in the underbrush. Softly lapping waves... an occasional fish jumping out of the water. Geese flying overhead and ducks on the shoreline. Far enough north and you can hear the call of the loon - one of the most beautiful sounds on a quiet, laid-back morning.

User BonBon

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We'll throw in North Carolina's sky from the post above yours, and give Taylor THE perfect day--so glad Taylor's peeps aren't going for sterotypical stuff! ;-)

User Coffeepleeze

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Here in NW New Jersey, I live in an old farm house in the middle of a couple 100 acres of corn fields. Our town has more cows than people, so Taylor I'm sending you some ice cold, fresh milk and you can sit out on my front porch, put your feet up on the rail, close your eyes and listen to the birds sing their "happy spring" song and just take in the quiet excitement and anticipation of Spring.

User shellebrownies

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I offer to Taylor the peace of the ocean...the soft hiss as it washes up on the beach. I offer the rainbow of the sky at sunrise over the water just before the sun rises next to the lighthouse on my local beach in Massachusetts.

I offer the light, salty breezes that teases foam onto the waves and flutters your hair like a lover's caress.

The soft, white fine sand gives way beneath your toes, so cool in the morning, so warm in the afternoons.

So many people are behind you and pulling for you, Taylor, that I cannot imagine you not making it. You have touched the heart of a nation. Regardless of what happens on Idol, you have to know this is just the beginning of the realization of your dream.

Just keep going, have faith in your unique talent; believe in your soul. Already your voice is being heard, reaching people, touching their hearts and souls. Relax and have fun because the Soul Patrol has your back...in spades.

User x_1013_x

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I would give him a dewey morning at Churchill Downs before the Kentucky Derby, a brand new Louisville Slugger to knock it out of the park, and the determination of Ali. I would send him a little whiskey for that tenor...but he doesn't really need it. All the love from Louisville Kentucky!

User TaylorFanInFL

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And Taylor, when you want a change of scenery (but how could you, these people have sent you lovely things...), I'm sending you palm trees right on the beach (and I really mean, right in the middle of the beach), swayed by the gentle Atlantic breeze, sand between your toes and the rhythmic crash of the waves. Or, if you'd prefer, a walk through a real orange grove with the scent of real oranges, not that bottled "citrus scent" smell.

And for those days when you need emotional release, I'm sending you some of the most powerful...and amazingly beautiful...thunderstorms in the country.

Jennifer - Southeast Coast of Florida.

User Swebb6652

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I offer Taylor the gift of a beautiful spring day here in Ohio - the sky is mostly blue, and the air definitely feels warm today. The grass is greening and the buds are appearing, and the song birds are back. It's a great day, there's the anticipation of spring and the promise of more beautiful days to come.

User cajunlady1959

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Louisiana here, since he is missing some good southern cooking we would love to send him a Big Cajun feast, food for comfort and for the SOUL!!!

User Turnberry

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My gift to Taylor is a georgeous spring day where a clear blue sky lets the bright sun shine down on the Bluegrass. New foals frolic close to their mothers. The old stone fences wear wreaths of spring flowers. Kentucky is pulling for you Taylor.

User stephk817

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Taylor I'm from south Louisiana where it's really kind of beat up so no beautiful scenes to send at the moment. frown.gif

However, I am sending you the biggest plate of whatever cajun/southern food you miss the most. Crawfish Etouffee, Red Beans & Rice w/ sausage, gumbo, catfish, shrimp, crabs or whatever you like. I can cook anything and cook it well and would be honored to fix you a feast of your favorites.

I am so thankful that you got out of New Orleans in time to get to your auditions when Katrina was at your heels. I live in the impact zone of where Hurricane Rita slammed and I want to thank you for making it to AI. I have been able to escape the day in and day out drudgery of the clean up and recovery simply by listening to your music.

Your music is a soothing balm to a weary soul. It is desperately needed today. Despite Nigel's wanting "beautiful, Happy, Happy, cheese" Trouble was the right song for you to sing. We heard your voice and felt your soul. smile.gif

User BonBon

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Perfect! I think many people don't know that side of New Jersey exists...I have a friend who has shared the "Garden State's" softer side...thankyou for sending Taylor milk--you DO know that he loves it--even drinks it with steak! What a guy! -- Bon Bon

User texasfan4ever

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Since I am in Texas I would first send him some of our West Texas Sky for him to look at. Then I would send him a HUGE bouquet of Texas Bluebonnets (it's our state flower.) They are so gorgeous and they are just now starting to pop up this time of year. Then I would send him some homemade ice cream, peace cobbler and some fresh ice cold MILK!!!!

Texas loves you Taylor!

User BonBon

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Y'all...since I started this thread, I was going to try to reply to as many as I could to keep it going...but they are ALL so lovely, so poetic, I'm going to just hush and let the love and appreciation for Taylor roll on out onto these electronic pages...

But before I go....let me say--there is some fiiiine wordsmithing talent going on here today... Thank you, all...BonBon

User idolwatcher33

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Since I moved to the Philadelphia area (New Jersey suburb) from Alabama, I can bring you a nice Philly Cheese Steak sandwich. smile.gif Someone already has Alabama covered.

User TaylorOhOh

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I am really trying think here, Delaware is a tough one in March. How about a barefoot walk on the beach- windbreaker on, cool wind and sunshine on your face. That will have to do before the cherry blossoms bloom! biggrin.gif

User Duff

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Sweet smelling steam rising out of a Vermont sugar house, a Spring ritual here-the technique handed down for many generations. The beautiful Green Mountains in the background.

User Tam4bama

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This post is awesome..yall are making me cry and wish I was at your place! Taylor dear..From Birmingham..It's early morning..But you can smell Dreamland BBQ already cooking for lunch! Let's go eat some ribs! biggrin.gif

User BonBon

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I just CAN'T be quiet...I, too, have tears in my eyes...I'll attempt to put together a collage of these words later today . . . I feel like we're all taking a tour of the United States! I bet before it's over we'll be mind-traveling to other countries as well. Oh,,,, back to silent mode.Bon Bon: out!

User auburn_taylorfan

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I'm sending you a beautiful warm spring day from north Alabama. A farm full of gentle smooth gaited horses for you to choose from. You can ride beautiful trails along the river and enjoy the peace and quiet of the country.

User KaiserSoze66

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Taylor, would you care for some crab cakes and Baltimore Ravens from Maryland ?

User shellebrownies

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I don't know if you like them, Taylor, but the town I grew up in is famous for the restaurant that invented the fried clam. (Yes, really!)

It's a great place where you eat "in the rough"...your food comes on a heavy-duty paper plate, loaded with sweet fried clams, steamed lobsters, rolls of corn on the cob, homemade onion rings and lots of melted butter, tartar sauce, etc.

The whole causeway that restaurant is on is filled with seafood restaurants, and holds a Clam Chowder festival every year.

So, I guess I'd add the sweet smell of seafood wafting down the causeway of a small, sleepy Massachusetts town to the list of wonderful things and places to think of when you're feeling stressed.

Anytime you want some, just give a holler and it's on the way! smile.gif

User Fan_In_Japan

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Cherry blossoms from Japan... because they are in bloom this week!

User vermonter

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Definitely, but also...

Standing on a hill overlooking Lake Champlain, buffeted by wind still icy from winter, and watching the sun set behind the Adirondacks. Canadian geese call out overhead as they make their way back north - springtime in Vermont!!!

User idolwtchr

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Taylor, always know that you have the support of your soul patrol. We love you no matter what happens.

I just got back from a beautiful weekend at one of our Ohio state parks. Our cabin was right on a creek. It was so quiet. All you could hear was the quietly rippling creek and the birds and other wildlife. During the day we went to Amish country where there are buggies and beautiful, gently rolling hills everywhere. It reminds me of a simpler time. The food was simple and delicious too. I would like to send these wonderful feelings and thoughts to you.

User prairewhisper

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I'm from Nebraska and here is my gift to Taylor... I offer the sun and the moon and the stars. May the sun shine on your smiling face all the days of your life and always warm your beautiful soul. May the soft rays of the moon protect you as you slumber. May the magic of a shooting star, always be seen in the twinkle of your eyes.

User GypsyMoon

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To you I send the beauty of an Oklahoma sunrise; the color, the dance and spirituality of the Native American powwow and the majestic winds to give you the power to sustain.

User stealmagnolia

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Sending prayers and blessings from Baton Rouge to stephk817 in South Louisiana - read your post and hope you see this one.

To Taylor - I send a hot and humid Louisiana night spent in a friend's backyard boiling crawfish, drinking ice cold beer, and dancing barefoot on the grass to some great music.

User dragondawn60

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I send you the first beautiful spring day we've had in New York City and the peace and serenity that boating on Central Park Lake or hanging out on the Great Lawn can bring. I send the lights of Broadway and the Skyline at night. I send the great soul spirits of the past and

present from The Blue Note, the Bottom Line, The Bitter End, CBGB's, Roseland, and Birdland and all the others. You are carrying on that great soul tradition and we love you for it.

User faerybug

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From upstate NY I send Taylor the beautiful signs of spring. Bulbs poking up through the brown earth, a crisp breeze kisses your cheek as a pair of robins land on a tree with tiny green buds. Life is blooming all around and it is beautiful, just like you.

Pixie

User cathr572

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I am also from Massachusetts, but I have a feeling that I am further north and west than "shellebrownies". So, from this part of Mass I send you the beautiful view of the Monadnock Mountain...standing single and solitary with such beauty and strength. It is a very inspiring sight! smile.gif

Best of luck to you Taylor!

User 2sueann

Thread 145594, Page 3

Taylor - I send you love and great hopes for your future! You are a "Legend in the Making" and I am thrilled to be here (Motor City) and watch it all happen! You ROCK my HEART and SOUL!!!!!!

:: HUGS ::

User eshu

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In Central North Carolina, the weeping cherries and azaleas are swaying gently in the wind, as if moving to music by great N.C. musicians . . . James Taylor, Shirley Caesar, Brownie Terry and Sonny McGhee, so many more . . . sometimes, the breezes abate and the trees stand still, listening to new music wafting in from Alabama . . . the daffodils and jonquils nod their heads in appreciation of a new master of soul . . .

User darwaymac

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From northern-lower Michigan I send Mackinaw Island Fudge and Traverse City Cherry pie, and a Kirkland Warbler to sing you to sleep.

User vox2

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To Taylor Hicks the next American Idol. From the great sunshine state of Florida I send you the smell of the orange groves, the flowing waters of the St. Johns River, the clear clean water of all the swimming pools that are ready for use and above all else I send you the sweet sweet spirit of SOUTHERN SOUL from your Soul Patrolers here in Central Florida.

Taylor will show the young ones of America what it really means to have Music in your Soul and Soul in your Music.

GOD'S SPEED TO YOU TAYLOR, TILL THE LAST VOTE IS CAST AND THE WINNING NAME IS CALLED: it will be TAYLOR HICKS 2006 AMERICAN IDOL.

User sunnyb
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Wickles pickles from Bama

Milos tea

Dreamland ribs

User stephk817
Thread 145594, Page 3

Thanks!!

How could I forget to send him a Crawfish Boil! ::ack:: That is definitely something that would help him to chill out. cool.gif

User cattnack
Thread 145594, Page 3

I give Taylor the Peace and Serenity that comes with a refreshing Spring morning in the North Georgia Mountains.

User Tam4bama
Thread 145594, Page 3

May God Bless Louisana and New Orleans...I miss Mardi Gras! cool.gif

User janwebb2
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I give the soulman the banks of the Arkansas River with summer time fishin' and plenty of space to ski and swim and then cook your catch of the day right there on the bank and watch the barges go by while you enjoy the hint of honeysuckle.

Keep going TaylorYour the real deal!!

User chewysmom2
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From my home in Southside Alabama my gift is a peaceful pontoon boat ride up the Coosa River with beautiful mountains in the backdrop. Docking in Gadsden at the Top of the River Restaurant. Here you can take your pick from: catfish or anything else from the sea, coleslaw, cornbread to die for, greens, pickled onions and fried pickles.

User BonBon
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North Carolina creating CHILLS in Alabama!

User Thackeray
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Taylor, here's my gift from Colorado:

A walk outside in the beautiful Rockies, strong and eternal, but also every changing. The sun is warm on your face but the sparkling snow keeps you cool. The peaks reaching to the sky with their snowy caps reminds you that your part of a bigger world.

User Tam4bama

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Oh yummy! No hush puppies? This thread is the best evah!!

User mary9to5

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I'm In Memphis TN...

I would like to send the 'Soul Of Elvis', But I believe Tay has it already...

User jeanieteach

Thread 145594, Page 3

Soffffft, sloooooow, soooooothing nights on the riverbanks

Symphony of songs sung soulfully by the whipporwills

Green grasses swaying in the meadows

Gentle breezes fanning your fevered brow

From the "Show Me" state of Missouri - you show everyone what "SOUL"

is all about.

User taydol

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TAYLOR: From Wisconsin I send to you a vision of you on Lambau Field about to make a TOUCHDOWN PASS, the goal is right in front of you and you are soaring towards it, the crowd is on their feet stomping and cheering and waving Taylor flags all the cheeseheads have GO TAYLOR on them, I send this because I think you are about to make the biggest TOUCHDOWN of your life, YOU WILL BE OUR NEXT AMERICAN IDOL!!! cool.gif

User mamacoco

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Taylor, I'm a proud Canadian fan from the small but beautiful province of New Brunswick, at the top of the Bay of Fundy, where the tides rise up to 40 feet in 6 hours, carving freestanding sculptures out of the cliffs. We call them flower pots, because the rich, dark green pine trees, slender silver birches, vibrantly colored wildflowers, and emerald grass continue to grow on these great monoliths rising out of the salt water. In the summer at low tide, you can walk on the rocky beach of the bay, or on the sandy dunes which are lined with 16th century acadian dikes (or digues, as we call them here) and watch immense clouds of sandpipers perform their aerial dance above the rising tide. The air is so pure, you can see forever across the water, and the only sounds are the hush of the water on the shore and the rush of sandpiper wings. My word gift to you is the sense of peacefulness these images always bring me, in the hopes that you can find some soul-time to recharge your batteries today. We're proud of you, soulman.

User UGAandMSU

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I give you a mild spring day in the Ozarks of northwest Arkansas. (Sorry, it's not "me" to wax any more poetic than this...LOL.)

To Taylor, the most brilliant musician I have ever seen, from the Arkansas River Valley!

User auburn_taylorfan

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I love wickles pickles!

User connieb

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I give taylor the beautiful sunsets of gulf shores, alabama..full of yellow, orange, red and purple to remind him of his fans on the gulf coast and his friends at the frank brown songwriters festival...you go taylor..connie b and the gang know you are going to win this thing!!! WE KNOW HOW HARD YOU HAVE WORKED!!! biggrin.gif wink.gif YOU SO DESERVE ALL OF THIS AND MORE! smile.gif

User busy

Thread 145594, Page 4

Taylor I am sending you the vibrancy and smells of Central Park. Smell the hot dogs and pretzles along the warm spring air. The ducks in the Jacqueline Kennedy Onasis Reservoir flap their wings as they swim in a line to no where in particular. Listen to the sounds of people talk in every language under the blue sky.

User rogue_woman

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I give you North Carolina's first thunderstorm of spring, sitting on a covered porch in an old swing with the white paint chipping off...the air is so heavy it feels like inhaling the clouds, the crickets just stopped chirping and the birds stopped flying; the leaves are starting to turn over with the warm breeze, their pale undersides exposed, and the quiet would be deafening if not for the low rumble of thunder from the darkening sky overhead. Have a peaceful day wink.gif

User taylorena

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Hi Taylor, not far from you, just a scant five hours drive from where you are....sending you a sweeping view of the Sierra as the sun rises, the white snowy peaks flashing like diamonds up and down the Golden State, purple-gray clouds adding drama high above. Up here there is little smog, so I send you a breath of northern California breeze to tousle your hair and for you to breathe in the delicious smell of this spring morning, after the night of rain to clear the air.

User wolfgang

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Hi Taylor here from the Georgia Mountains at the annual walk to a meas Christian retreat. Just wanted to let you know everything here is peaceful serene and God is in the air (WOW what a feeling!) There are many prayers for you, and hopes that when you do win! You first give the glory to the Great God almightly my Soul brother! Peace and GODSPEED!

User grannyforbo

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I give him the beautiful sunsets of West TEXAS! Go Taylor!

User wolfgang

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There are some great writers on this thread Maybe we need a american Idol writer! WOW you guys are wonderful!

User MusicFan4ever

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Love to Taylor from the great state of South Carolina...

I'm sending moonlight walks on the Carolina coast, sand between our toes, waves crashing at our feet, the salty sea breeze tickling our senses and making a mad mess of our hair...we're dancing, shagging on the boulevard.

I'm sending soulful songs from church on Sunday mornings...old songs like How Great Thou Art and Amazing Grace...and Nana's homecooking for supper.

Close your eyes real tight Taylor and you'll be right here with me, you'll see the fireflies dancing and the weeping willows swaying. Sitting on the porch eating watermelon for desert. Listen closely and you'll hear James Brown, Hootie and Edwin playing in the background. South Carolina...soft and sweet...from one Southern Heart to another...shine Taylor, shine!

User BonBon

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We are all the Soul Patrolman's unofficial publicists! He pays us in the joy he brings us every Tuesday night!

User Bhamnative

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Hi Taylor,

We miss you here in Birmingham, but we'll hold down the fort till you get back.

You arn't missing much, the traffic on Hwy 31 is still backed up each morning and the Milo's burgers are being sold by the dozen as we speak.

The beauty of spring is here with it's splendor of wonderful color. The Dogwood blossoms are in full bloom and Easter is just around the corner. The Easter egg hunts at all the local churches and parks are underway & even Thomas the Train will be here this weekend at Calera Railroad Museum.

Your Birmingham family & friends (even those you have never met) are so very proud of you. You are a great guy. A true Southern Gentleman. Have fun with your God given talent and continue to feel the music.

Bless us all with your voice & your "juice Harp" let the world know Taylor Hicks is here to STAY!!!

Rachel In Vestavia

User Ibug

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A big HOOK 'EM Taylor! From the National Champion Texas Longhorns!!!

And a big, bright sunshine on your huge career in that West Texas Sky.

User amsmithatc
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Taylor,

I am sending you a walk across the historic sands of Daytona, where we can still hear the roar of the engines as the cars speed past the crashing waves. As the sun goes down, and the moon rises up, you can smell the salty air as dolphins play off the shore.

God Bless Taylor! You definitely have our hearts (and our VOTES!!!) here in Daytona Beach.

Soul Patrol Forever!

User LadyKC
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Taylor...take these juicy peaches from the State of Georgia. Enjoy it after you eventually get to sit back and relax at the end of your day. Georgia gives you the soulful sound of Ray Charles to sing you to sleep, it's flower's in bloom to give you a sweet smell of fragrances each morning when you arise. Our mountains will cover you with their warmth and the beaches will warm your soul.

At the entrance to our State...and I know you have seen it...it's say's "We're Glad You have Georgia on your Mind"...it should read...

"Georgia has TAYLOR on our minds"

GOD BLESS YOU FOR GIVING US BACK GOOD MUSIC!

User MyBunnyDays
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Dear Taylor,

I give you the hush and seep of our Oregon rains, the life-rings inside our ancient trees, and the valleys and archipelagos of our listening hearts.

I hope Idol takes you wherever you want to go. Can't wait for more...

User Quirkygrl
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Taylor,

You bring a breath of fresh air tho the American Idol competiitiion, and something real, a natural warmth that comes from your heart and soul and an uncontained exuberance that overcomes the confining and soulless format of the competition. You are an absolute joy to listen to and watch.

I send you the beautiful flowers, daffodils and crocuses, the early green grass in the meadow that line the pristine waters of the Millstone River - and all the first, fresh signs of Spring near my home in the New Jersey countryside. They, like you, bring me joy.

User Chritty03
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Taylor I send you the feeling you get when you're on the beaches of west Michigan, looking at the beautiful lake that goes for miles, feeling the sun on your skin after a harsh winter, and

hearing little kids splash around in the water while watching those pesky seagulls fight for leftover food. It's my favorite part of living in Michigan (but during the winters I wouldn't mind heading down south from now on!).

To get closer to my 'roots', I also send you the feeling of being in downtown Detroit for an event. The excitement in the air, the crowds, and the feeling that no matter what is said about your home or how other people view it, it's where you fit in and where you always want to come back too.

User avalonpark

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How do you send them gifts. I would love to send him some stuff some support.

User Sandolla06

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I see another South Carolina native has been here, taking our sweet Taylor to the beach. That's my favorite part of this state and really never get enough of it. But I'll send Taylor a very warm sunny morning, light breeze blowing through the tall pines trees. The sound of bumble bees busy kissing the new blooms on the pink azeala bushes and white dogwood trees. I'd like to sit under one of those tall pines on a bed of pine straw and tell Taylor how much pleasure his singing brings us all. Ooooppsss...stay outta the pine straw...red bugs..or chiggers to some of you...LOL

User bmr100

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Taylor, I send you the red sandstone mountains and crisp smell of the air after a rain storm. The birds singing in the trees and the breeze brushing your face. The suns warmth on you back while looking out to the horizon to see snow capped mountains taking in winter but closer to you are green hills spotted with purple, red, blue, and yellow as the flowers begin to bloom. This is the beautiful landscape of Utah. Good luck, and everyone here supports you!!!

User PaulaWalnuts

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NEW YORK STATE LOVES TAYLOR HICKS!

User tntva

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Taylor, best wishes from Southwestern Virginia, Appalachian Mountains and a high lonesome sound of mountain music, melodious streams winding through the mountains and valleys; cardinals perched in blossoming dogwood trees; the wind rushing down the mountainside to cool the valley below; hot biscuits to wake up to in the morning, and the strains of fiddles, banjos, and guitars to rock you to sleep at night. The mountains come alive in spring with blankets of color and music in the air.

I wish you the contentment, joy and awe that being here brings to mind. Thank you for filling our souls with your music.

User SoulsisterDK

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Taylor, my gift to you is an oasis of beautiful nature and proud history from the small country Denmark in northern Europe.

I offer you the strength of my ancient Viking forefathers who founded this kingdom some 1200 years ago and the sense of independence and self worth that defines my countrymen today. I send you visions of green hills, aging forests, coastlines in every direction and majestically designed castles and manors telling intriguing stories of love, heartbreak, defeat and conquest.

I share with you my very own favourite spot to find peace - on an old rickety bench overlooking the rough sea as it catches the sunset - on the small and breathtaking island of Bornholm, where deep forests, edged cliffs and the soothing sound of wind and ocean set your soul free!

Turn north, south, east or west - you will always find someone wishing you the best!

User darkmrvlgirl26

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Sending love from us Texan Thangs in the Lone Star State! tongue.gif

User divinediva

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Taylor...I send you a warm, spring evening in WV...just starting to get dark...sitting on a porch in a swing...you feel a soft evening breeze on your face...you close your eyes and hear little ones in the yard, catching fireflies and laughing joyously...you hear frogs singing their "Spring Song" and the Whippoorwill in the distance...

Do not get discouraged Taylor...We all love you and are behind you 100% smile.gif

User Cyneaka

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This thread is awesome...Makes me wish I could go to all these places and experience all of these things..I am totally getting lost in all these different worlds...it's so calming to just imagine the things everyone is saying, I will have to come back here often smile.gif

User tmans4taylor

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Wander on up to Northern California out of the bright lights of the cities for some peace and quiet except for the symphony of nature. The daffodils are a sight, the green grass glistening, plum trees blooming and the snow capped mountains as a backdrop of this lovely valley. Hope the Golden State leaves you with many golden memories as you look back on this experience. The gateway to your bright and successful future. Congratulations, your hard work has paid off. We love you! Woouooooo smile.gif

User dandypatch

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I am loving all these posts. Is there a way to actually get them to Taylor? I bet he would be all misty-eyed reading them.

User TaylorOnMyMind

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I'm in Colorado... so I'd offer him being snowed-in in a cabin in the mountains for a few days. Complete peace and no stress. smile.gif

User rocknsoul

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Taylor..your power and brilliance have reached out to all of us, way out here in Delaware..small wonder..the FIRST STATE...perhaps we can find a thing or two to offer you...you could enjoy a day on the waterfront, spend a while at the shipyards, enjoy a fabulous meal and perhaps some live music at Kahunaville, while there I am quite sure the local act will invite you up on stage to mesmerize the crowd, perhaps jam on that "harp", and bring the house down! Next day you could take a stroll through Valley Garden Park, so beautiful this time of year, I am certain it will inspire a new song or two for your NEXT cd, and if ya want even more, you can easily cross over into PA and visit the phenomenal Longwood Gardens..you may never want to leave(I wish)!

continue to SHINE Taylor, we are walking along side you...

User Eyes2Blue

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With much love and support to Taylor from South Central Virginia... Just in the foothills of the beautiful Blue Ridge mountains, not far from the Shenandoah Valley... Where the robins and blue jays are singing beautiful welcomes of spring as the sun comes shining on the mountains with the birth of a new day. Dogwoods, Japanese Maples, Weeping cherry blossoms, tulips, daffodils, hyacinths beginning to bloom and fill the longer days of spring with incredible fragrances. We give this to you Taylor, to fill your mind with beautiful thoughts of the many places in this great country of ours, that are filled to abundance with people who have truly been touched by your incredible gift of song. You have touched all of us here in the Soul Patrol, and have become such an important part to all of our lives. Some people will live their lives without ever knowing exactly why they were put on this earth. You will never have to wonder. What joy you've brought to all of us. We have great love and admiration for you, and along with it comes all the support you need. Go for the gold... You deserve it.... Deb in Lynchburg, VA wink.gif

User donna0560

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Taylor,

I am from Northern Michigan. Spring is just arriving. The black squirrels play happily running across the leftover snow & the newfound grass. As tulips try peeping out of the ground for the first time I head over to the bonfire. Gonna stack some kindling, wipe the pine needles from the picnic tables, check to make sure the horseshoes are all there, and plan the bonfire for after you win. Come play a little harp for us and sing....sing.....sing..... I'll get the BBQ ready.

User mimsy47

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From the western Texas Panhandle, I send you wide open skies, gorgeous sunsets where no color is blocked by buildings or trees, the wonderful refreshing wind of the prairies, and heartfelt HOWDY!

User turkeydog

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Taylor, here is some more of that Carolina Blue sunshine to brighten your day!

User Eyes2Blue

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Bon Bon... What an incredible idea you had with this post. I've read every single reply so far, and the love I feel coming with each one for Taylor has touched me so much. Shoot.. I've had an awful week at work, and reading these responses, has lifted me up immensely! How I wish

we could know how to get this thread to Taylor, so he'd know just how much he's grown to mean to all of us... Well, just wanted to say thanks.... I have a feeling you've not only lifted Taylors spirits, but everyone elses as well... Deb

User miknerak

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let's see, I'm from central Louisiana, but live in southeast Texas now....hmmmm, ok I'll do my hometown cause it's more familiar....okay Taylor, this is the image that I carry with me, the one of home that brings me peace....standing on the levee of Bayou Rapides, just as it bends around the corner, trees lining the banks, the sun glinting off the water, the sweet smell of freshly mown grass in the air, the birds are singing and the sun is shining and I'm eating fresh blackberries that grow up and down the levee....the world has taken a break and peace settles over the bayou and I invite you to visit with me and share in the tranquility...oh, and I have a couple of cane fishing rods and some worms, just in case you want to fish a little....

User rebecarooni

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Here in beautiful Maine, I live in a tiny town with moutain views all around and one of the most pristine lakes in the country (Lake Kezar) so I anm sending Taylor some of the down home restful vibe I get every day.

And A BIG THANK YOU HUG!!

User chewysmom2

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I love this thread thanks bonbon. I have read every post and would like to visit each of your hometowns. There is much beauty in this world if we only stop and take time to appreciate it.

User BonBon

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You know what--that is EXACTLY how I bet he'd like to celebrate, rather than out in Hollywood. And you do know, he LOVES good BBQ, don't you?

User BonBon

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With Kellie AND Chris being from North Carolina, he's going to cherish those post if I can just figure out how to get them in his hands!

User BonBon

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Thanks, Deb: Your avatar is darling, by the way. I'm going to find a way...I live in L.A. (Lower Alabama) and I have a "plan." ;-) Never doubt the WILL of a Southern woman when she sets her mind to it, huh?

; -) These posts have inspired me...I know they will inspire him...!

User bluesharpplayer

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Taylor, I'll send you this. It's beggining to look like spring here in Wisconsin. The gound is damp, and there is the smell of wet pavement (not thw "worm smell" but a fresh summer

pavement smell). The robins have returned and chirp all morning long. The lake's ice is gone, and the competitive rowing teams glide gently across. The little kids at the schools are all playing outside and no longer have to wear jackets. And finally beautiful colored clouds drift softly against the twilight sky.

User lv4tay

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Las Vegas loves Taylor's incandescent glow.

User gary_jenny

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a warm peach cobbler as the sun rises over the pines on crisp,cool Georgia morning,since Taylor is on Georgia's mind.

User dixigal

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I would like to send to Taylor, from SW Bama, a nice relaxing hammock outside in the sunshine with the breeze blowing just right to help him drift off into a relaxed sleep. Then waking up and having a big bonfire and a weiner roast with puffy marshmallows for dessert. biggrin.gif

User BonBon

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Las Vegas, NV: The city and state that formed the first step on the way to Taylor Hicks' dream. THAT'S what y'all will always be known for now! ;-)

Las Vegas: Casinos? Pfffft---WE'RE home to Taylor's big break!

;-)

User BonBon

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Miknerak!!! Do you know an old cotton planter's plantation on Bayou Rapides (or across the road) called "China Grove"???

User ryleediane

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FROM FT. LAUDERDALE FLORIDA WE INVITE TO COME AND ENJOY OUR GORGEOUS GIRLS ON OUR BEAUTIFUL BEACHES, THE BEST SUNSETS EVER, THE JAM SESSIONS ON SOUTH BEACH AND THE COOL SOUTHERN COMFORT OF THE ATLANTIC OCEAN. BUT TILL THEN I'LL SEND YOU OUR SPECIALITY-- STONE CRABS WITH GREAT MUSTARD SAUCE AND KEY LIME PIE FOR DESSERT. THANKS FOR YOUR SMILE, YOUR WINNING WAYS, YOUR GREAT VOICE AND THE BEST ENTERTAINMENT I'VE SEEN IN A LONG TIME. SOUTH FLORIDA LOVES YOU!

User Inspiredbymusic

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It was a beautiful day here in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains in Colorado. The sun was shining, a few white clouds in the beautiful blue sky. Would love to send you some cool, Rocky Mountain Spring water and slightly brisk mountain air to refresh you after your amazing performances. You do bring heart and soul to your performances and we all love you for that. Your music and your presence in music has touched so many lives... it will only get better and better from here. Peace to you, Taylor Hicks. smile.gif

User Eyes2Blue

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You are most welcome. No kidding about the Southern Woman.. LOL There's nothing that can be stronger and gentler at the same time, as a southern woman. Wishing you all the best to get these to Taylor. I have no doubt the genuine person Taylor is, he would be most humbled by the love that personifies, The Soul Patrol..... Deb

User kcatan

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Taylor-

It was a beautiful drive home from work today in PA listening to your soul-filled voice from Under the Radar. You are an inspiration and a muse. Keep doing your thing (your soul thing) exactly like you have been. You are incredible!

User PurpleKiti

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I am from NV, the state that hosted your audition. Nevada has it's share of beautiful things, but none quite so beautiful as your soul. We envy Alabama it's most talented and humble son.

User Face

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Hey from Connecticut. Spring has sprung here! The trees in the mountains are budding. All is well.

User silversoul

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Beautiful thread.

Spring is not quite here yet in Chicago (almost)

In the meantime I give him Portillo's Beef & Chicago style hotdogs... deep dish pizza like you've never had...

awesome sights to behold in the city of Chicago- one of the only busy cities with gardens growing in the medians! biggrin.gif

Hope I didn't ruin the poetic notion of this thread. surprised.gif

User dandypatch

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Chicago is one of my favorite cities! It has a little bit of everything! I sell artwork at a gallery in Evanston. Great steakhouse there.... name escapes me now... been a couple years since I have been there. Charlie's or something? Had a great jazz band there the night I went.

User Eyes2Blue

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Deb: this is slightly off subject...but my father died of cancer in 1992...it was sad, but expected and he was 82...but the next day, his fiancee, who was like a mama to me, was killed in a horrible car accident that also killed another longtime family friend. Daddy's fiancee

was in her 60s and I ADORED her...the two deaths coming so close together about got the best of my mind...I went for grief counseling...we were at a military base in Germany at the time-- the young captain, who was the base psychologist said, "Bonnie, you don't always have to be a Steel Magnolia...sometimes it's ok to be a Weeping Willow." That's always remained in my mind...sorry to be self-indulgent, y'all. BonBon

User grayhair50

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(By night) I give the twinkling lights of the greater Los Angeles area (view from my home). The twinkle of future superstardom!

User Face

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And I'll speak from New Orleans...

we send...well...well...our love and soul. pray for us.

User Soullady

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To Taylor I will send from Atlanta, GA the Rodin sculpture that sits outside the High Museum of Art. It sits on the green lawn, sheltered by a massive oak tree. It was given to us in memory of people who were taken away suddenly, people who were following the artistic passion in their soul and were following their dream to bring that artistic passion here. I send it as a reminder because you know there are some voices in your soul that you follow to whatever end. Your music says you're already following them.

User mzcat

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I live in Virginia and Virginia is for Taylor Hicks Lovers not any old Lovers

User stephk817

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New Orleans will write and sing new heartfelt songs as she recovers and gets back on her feet. Praying for you in the Big Easy from the Southwest part of the state. I've been thinking about this today and I know that I said I couldn't share much on the beautiful scenery but I do have something beautiful to share about our state.

Louisiana was hit very hard this summer with Katrina and Rita within three weeks time. It was devastating and at times it seemed as if it was hopeless but the beautiful thing out of all the devastation was the PEOPLE. It hasn't been reported as much as it should have been.

All everyone has seen or heard has been the negative and sensational. It's not the whole story. So many people just opened their hearts and lives to help. Total strangers shared their homes, time, sweat, money, extra stuff and most of all their love.

Oh and on a positive note that I think Taylor would appreciate, they recovered Fats Domino's pianos. smile.gif

User LadyKC

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BonBon...thank you so much for this thread! I've been reading and reading...crying and crying. It kinda makes me feel like I did in the weeks following 9/11 and after Hurricane Katrina. So many States, etc., coming together for the same common goal/cause. Just look what Taylor has done! Brought so many people, of all nature, together for the love of his music. Powerful stuff! What will we do when AI is over? Don't they have a place where you can talk about past seasons contestants? We can all meet there when next season begins and continue to talk about our favorite IDOL WINNER...TAYLOR HICKS! Thanks again for this thread...it is just beautiful!

User humbletiger
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Taylor,

I live in Oregon and I will send you winds from the old and ancient Columbia Gorge...the strong fresh wind from right after an early spring rain, coming swift and sly down the rocky cliff side, taking no prisoners, knocking on the sky and warning all that dare to cross it's path to surrender or be prepared to be moved!!! Just as you have blown into the dusty uninspired souls of so many people all over the earth and rejuvenated them 10 fold!!!

Thank you Taylor for being yourself and keeping your mission one of passion!!!!

(and THANK YOU Bonbon for starting this thread, it is by far one of the most beautiful I have ever seen ever on a message board!)

User Eagles24life
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Taylor.....from Oregon I send you peaceful days of rain and shine.

Quiet time in the mountains under the pine trees or on the beach under the stars.

I send you love, prayers & support.

Please remember, Oregon loves you!!! Shoot for your dreams.....we are standing right with you!!

((((((((((Hugs))))))))))

Karen & Family

Albany, Oregon

User Granuaile
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SEATTLE-I would send Taylor some beautiful Evergreen Pines (they look like Christmas trees) so it would always feel like Christmas.

From my home in Florida I would send him some Mickey Mouse ears.

User shebop
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from oregon, i would offer these gifts...from portland - thousands of lush cherry blossoms, soft and delicate...from central oregon - the ancient rhythms of native american drums along the banks of the deschutes river...from southern oregon...the deepest most mesmerizing blue of

crater lake as you gaze down from the rim...from eastern oregon...thousands of wildflowers as joyful, free and vibrant as your beautiful music. and the rain. sometimes gentle sometimes fierce. always life sustaining. may it all fill your soul with peace and contentment. just as your music does for all of us. thank you for your beautiful soul and your beautiful music. from oregon with love.

User CaliforniaKid
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My Gift to Taylor from California

To my left we have Beautiful Mountain's, to my right we have an Ocean as far as the eye's can see, in front of me we have the Desert.

And where you are in California, We call it

"The Place Where Dream's Come True!

And with my support and the Support of All Soul Patroller's, you will stay right where you are, and your DREAM'S WILL COME TRUE!!!

You will be THE NEXT AMERICAN IDOL!!

I think that is the BEST GIFT anyone can give you!

But just know one thing, You are already an AMERICAN IDOL WINNER to all your SOUL PATROLLER'S!

WE LOVE YOU TAYLOR!!!!!!!!!!

User lianator
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From the Delaware seashore I send Taylor the sound of seagulls outside your window in the morning, the sunshine reflecting off the Atlantic, a message in a bottle, all you can eat crabs, a round of miniature golf, the sounds and smells of summer, the reliable bright lights from the Fenwick Island Lighthouse, and a bucket of Fisher's Popcorn biggrin.gif

ahhh.. sending Taylor my happy place smile.gif

User THhasITFactor
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From Little Rock, AR we would have to give him a pet HOG to watch over and protect him and his goldfish. Woouoooo Pig Soooooiiiiieeee!!!! But seriously we in Little Rock would give him a warm heartfelt greeting with a large parade and we would wine and dine him around our beautiful city giving him anything he wanted from our beautiful Little Rock.....THhasITFactor

User BonBon
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Thank you all for posting here...Taylor was the inspiration, I was just the implement--with a little help from all of you.

I want to send Taylor another Alabama gift today - My hometown is only about 40 miles from Monroeville, home of Harper "To Kill a Mockingbird" Lee--except around here, she is known as

Nelle Harper Lee....

I'm sending Taylor a cyber-mockingbird to sing its lovely song outside his window in California...not a flock . . . just a lone bird...ok...that's too sad, let's say a PAIR, so they won't be lonely...There is nothing quite like being awakened just after daylight by the mockingbird's sweet song. . . it beats the alarm clock every time!

I LOVE that so many people have sent birds to Taylor. . .all types of birds with unique and individual songs...just like he is uniquely individual.

The big red numbers here sure make it easier to find this thread. I'm going to be out most of the afternoon....if you 've posted once, feel free to send another gift from your state...when I do the collage, I'll do it by state and group them, so they won't be all hodge-podge.

Love y'all! BonBon

User dananbethany

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I'm from SC...we've got boiled peanuts. Maybe a palmetto tree. And me of course smile.gif

User NSYDAWG

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I give you a big ole Southern Smile - Nanih Waya Mississippi

User BonBon

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Of all the "gifts" he has received, I KNOW he'd be wearing those ears for sure as he read the rest of his imaginary gifts!

User vax2

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YEA DAYTONA BEACH, VOLUSIA COUNTY VOTES FOR TAYLOR HICKS.

User Eyes2Blue

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Hey Soul Patrol! Deb back again from the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. Something happened yesterday in everyday life, that I just had to share with you, as well as a gift of love to inspire and support Taylor! I hope you will all feel the story in your soul, as well as Taylor realizing just what an effect he's had on the world! So, my gift today is... I was in Lowe's yesterday afternoon after work, picking up some ceramic tile for a friend. As I was waiting around the very crowded customer service dept for it to be brought up from the back, a song belted over the speaker system..

IMMEDIATELY, my heart jumped in my chest, and with no thought whatsoever, I blurted out, "OMG! THAT'S TAYLOR!" Only to realize within a split second that it was actually Michael McDonald. But, I swear my soul felt it was Taylor. In those few seconds after blurting out the words, I looked around at the crowd around me, and the look on their faces was priceless. For, it was conclusive that they'd thought the same thing, only I'd beat them to the punch on what everyone was thinking. Within moments we all began to laugh, and then someone said, "GO SOUL PATROL!!" It was such an incredible moment, and after a very hard week at work, I found myself smiling and humming the tune as I left for home. SOUL PATROL! FOR TAYLOR!! KEEP TAKIN IT TO THE STREETS!!! LOVE YOU GUYS!! LOVE YOU TAYLOR!! Deb

User nan4848

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Hey Tay,How about some sweet corn and a nice big porterhouse from the state where the 'tall corn grows'? IOWA

User chewysmom2

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Thank you for telling such a heartwarming story. Hubby does not watch Idol and was just passing through the kitchen and asked me if Micheal Mc Donald was a guest on Idol.

There is a cleansing rain to day in the state of Taylor(Bama) just like the rain cleanses the air so does Taylors music cleanse my weary soul.

User psychorose

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In the Bible rain always is in reference to blessings--Taylor is our blessing from Bama!!!

User raelevy

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Just going to send Taylor some sweet Virginia breezes...he's like a breath of fresh air himself! And reminding him that Virginia Is For TAYLOR Lovers!!!

User BonBon

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OK...this is the third day of this thread, and I have a third gift for Taylor....it's kind of weird...LOL...like me.

After Hurricane Ivan knocked down 18 massive pine trees into my home and yard and nearly destroyed my hometown, we had no electricity for nearly two weeks...we had just started recovering when Dennis came along 10 months later and our little town of 8000 souls was once again named a federal disaster area...certainly not anything like what the Ms Gulf Coast and New Orleans suffered, but it was brutal...we are 60 miles from the coast of Alabama and from Pensacola Beach and had never had this kind of devastation...

After both hurricanes and after we got a generator going and I could use my leaf blower to help with the cleanup, I felt such a sense of EMPOWERMENT because it was the ONLY thing I could control. And I could see the results of my labor . . . SO! I send Taylor a huge mental LEAF BLOWER to empower him as he travels the path that we all know is his destiny.

HumbleTiger said: "Taylor Hicks: Changing America One Soul at a Time."

Music_Luvr said: "Taylor HIcks is music in the human form."

Can I get an AMEN!?

User ilovetaylor64

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Hey Taylor...florida here sending you warm kisses from the "Sunshine State" you can hear the ocean rolling and feel the cool breeze blowing, the soft misit of the ocean on your face and the slight taste of salt on your lips, the seagulls fly by, their huge wings flapping in the air and at times if you look real close you can see the turtles making a break for it, the wind caresses you

the smell envelopes you...if I close my eyes I can feel you...where are you Taylor?..oh there you are in the depth of my soul.

User Lianimal

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Ugh...I live in Detroit Michigan....nothing much nice to send from here.

Ummm how about people having a front yard barbecue, listening to his CD on the boombox, and drinking 40s. biggrin.gif

User thinlizzy

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Another Texan sending Tay a yummy, gooey pecan pie and some TX style BBQ.

User JaxNativeLady

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I'm also in SC & I'll send you through the dogwoods and azealas down the dock for a warm sail down the Calibogue Sound. I would also like to send you as much peace and joy as you send to us. You are a wonderful young man that has had quite an impact on a very large group of people from all walks of life and from all over this country.

Thank You Taylor & thank you Bonbon for this thread.

User Cookster

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Florida Sunshine of course... wink.gif

User princesscami

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Taylor,

I live in Allegan, Michigan. I give you the sand dunes of the Lake Michigan shoreline. This is a great place to unwind and meditate -- or write new songs.

I am so grateful to be experiencing this moment in time with you and all your family, friends and fans. What an amazing thing.

You have been blessed by God with a special gift of music and joy. May you always be true to that.

User BonBon

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Thanks to you all for sending Taylor gifts from your lovely and uniquely different states. I think Princess spoke for all of us, when she described the joy Taylor has given us just to be part of this.

WE all understand, at a visceral level, that we're experiencing something rare and something BIG . . . We are witnessing a legend in the making . . . Taylor Hicks and Southern soul at its finest.

Hang on, folks, it's going to be joyful ride for the next couple of months until our guy is OFFICIALLY crowned America's next big star!

Nite all you sweet, Taylor "peeps"! You're the best!

Bon Bon

"It ain't no groove thing; It ain't no country twang;

it's a simple refrain. It's a soul thang . . . it's a soul thang."

~ Taylor Hicks' CD "Under the Radar"

User Cookster

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good night! take care...

User grannyforbo

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The beautiful bluebonnets from the Great state of TEXAS!

User SimoneAgain

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Taylor, I give you the fury of the Pacific during a storm, when the air is crisp and the waves are huge and powerful, crashing and pounding against an unyielding sand until finally the sheer force of the majestic surf changes the shape of the shore forever. You are that deep blue sea, and the music industry is the coast. May its shape be transformed by your depth and beauty.

User camrusky

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From Birmingham, Alabama - The Magic City, The Heart of Dixie:

Taylor, I offer you the gift of home. You are a bright light in the midst of us and we are so proud of you. I offer you the memories of a city and State that we share: Vulcan, Legion Field, Alabama/Auburn rivalry, Tornado Alley - severe weather in the spring (go to your safe place), humid summers with pop-up rain showers, surviving hurricanes Ivan - Dennis - Katrina, Christmas too warm, hoping for at least one snowflake during winter, southern cooking and great restaurants, leaves turning in autumn, Gulf Shores/Orange Beach, TRYING to travel 280 during rush hour, beautiful lakes, Vision Land, Talladega Super Speedway, Mt. Cheaha, City Stages, shopping at the Galleria/Summit, birth place of Hank Williams - Helen Keller - group Alabama - Courtney Cox -Kate Jackson - Ruben Studdard - Bo Bice.

We applaud you and want you to always rememer the great Alabama song: "My home's in Alabama no matter where I lay my head. My home's in Alabama - southern born and southern bred."

CAMRUSKY sheds one lone tear in right eye realizing Taylor has been in the same city all this time and she didn't know it.

User freckles314

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Taylor...

From Indiana, I offer you all the excitement of the Indy 500, all the drama of a state incredibly in love with basketball, and the comedy of Bob and Tom to help you on those not so great days.

I offer you a state so diverse that if you are in either the northern or southern parts, it's like two different worlds...that are separate but still HOME. (just as there are two aspects of you) I offer you small town companionship with big city convenience. I offer you the heartland...

User Hendrixx
Thread 145594, Page 10
Taylor Hicks,

Idaho offers you...potatoes? Sorry can't really offer anything else. [confused.gif](#)

User Bo_Taylorfan
Thread 145594, Page 10

Taylor, I live in NC but I am from beautiful New York state. I would like to give you the first snowy morning in central New York. The blazing show of colors from the autumn leaves has passed and for weeks the trees have stood bare, raising naked branches to the gray sky. As soon as you wake up, you know something in the world is different... there is a new quality to the light, everything seems a bit brighter. Sounds are muffled by it and the world is hushed. The sky is bright blue and the sun is brilliant. Everything that was commonplace yesterday is new today, covered in pure white magic. It is breathtaking, Taylor. It gives us new hope and excitement. This is the gift I would give you, and this is the gift you have given all of us.

User idolyn01
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The city of Brotherly Love (Philadelphia)sends you tons of love!

Cheesesteaks, soft pretzels with lots of mustard, and fried up scrapple await you!! We'll give you the warmest welcome ever! Our city is on the tour list so get ready to give your taste buds a treat! WHOOOOOOOOHOOOOOOO

User ilovetaylor64
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Hey Taylor...florida here sending you warm kisses from the "Sunshine State" you can hear the ocean rolling and feel the cool breeze blowing, the soft mist of the ocean on your face and the slight taste of salt on your lips, the seagulls fly by, their huge wings flapping in the air and at times if you look real close you can see the turtles making a break for it, the wind caresses you the smell envelopes you...if I close my eyes I can feel you...where are you Taylor?..oh there you are in the depth of my soul.

User shellebrownies
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Since we are allowed to give multiple gifts, I thought of another I wanted to share:

I wanted to share the peace, serenity, and awe of nature of driving down a winding country road through the White Mountains, surrounded by the majesty of rolling hills clothed in flaming reds, sunset oranges, bright pinks, burnished golds, and every color in between. Granted, this sight would be in the autumn, but in one's mind, it can be enjoyed all year through.

Taylor, your voice has definitely been heard. You possess and give such joy when you sing, it's infectious. If I've been having a bad day, all I have to do is listen to a song or two of yours,

and I'm back in good spirits. (I just can't stop jamming to "Soul Thing"...people just shake their heads and smile at me as I be bop along... smile.gif)

You have an extraordinary talent. I feel blessed to get to experience it every week. I'll be voting my little fingers off for you each week, because you deserve to win this competition.

Wishing you the best of luck.

Shelle from Mass.

User RollTide88

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Taylor, I'm not sure how much you'd appreciate my gift, with you being a cow college fan, but I think a houndstooth Bear Bryant hat from T-town would surely bring you some luck.

ROLL TIDE! smile.gif

Jan

Tuscaloosa, Alabama

User chewismom2

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I love this thread and was so joyous when I saw that there were 54 more posts since I went to bed. Thank all of you for your wonderful gifts you have given Taylor and all of us from your home states. I have a tears in my eyes right now from the powerful words that I have just read. Sometimes I get so disalusioned(sp) with the AI machinery with all its flaws but I will be forever grateful to AI because it has awakened my soul again to the healing power of music by giving Taylor the chance to be heard by me and millions.

User BonBon

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WOW!!!! I'm so surprised, but that brought tears to my eyes!!! The ultimate gift from a 'Bama fan...Taylor has united North-South; Auburn-Alabama; Old-Young....He's an Ambassador for Goodwill!

User GoldenIdol

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I hope I don't get in too much trouble for offering this Taylor, but I'm from Utah and if I had the chance, I would ask you to be one of my five husbands that I'm starting to collect! I'm kidding! I'm kidding! (hmmmmmm)

biggrin.gif biggrin.gif biggrin.gif biggrin.gif

User SimoneAgain

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They don't condone polyandry, only polygyny. Which means YOU would be sharing HIM, not the other way 'round biggrin.gif.

User Eyes2Blue

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Hey Bon Bon and all of my other fellow soul patrollers! I've been away for a couple of days, just got back and wanted to say hi! On my weekend trip, you can believe that I've been recruiting new patrollers with phones for Tuesday night! Two hours straight of the most precious gift of all for Taylor! Deb...

User Eyes2Blue
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PS! So happy alot of you enjoyed the story about what happened in Lowe's. It was just so incredible! Deb

User BonBon
Thread 145594, Page 11

OH, quick show of hands...everyone moving to Utah this week???? ;-)

Good one, Golden!

User BonBon
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Don't y'all wish we could get a bus and go on the road recruiting for the Soulman? We'd be a lot more fun than those political campaign tours made famous in the early 1990s. We could call it the SOUL-er Express! I nominate Deb to be driver!!! Woouoooooooooooooooo

SOUL PATROL---ROAD TRIP!

User Eyes2Blue
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SOUL PATROL---ROAD TRIP!

User stephk817
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Taylor,

I am sending you good Southern Louisiana music. (NOT Britney, I apologize to the music world from the bottom of my heart.)

I was introduced to Marc Broussard through the discussions on what you should sing for the 21st century. Listening to him I hear the distinct styles of music that we have here. We have Cajun, Zydeco, Swamp Pop, Country, Blues, Jazz, R&B, Southern Rock and a combination of any and all. Music is in our soul here and I thank you for waking me from my musical slumber.

I think I will go and make a cup of Mello Joy coffee and just chill out this lazy Sunday afternoon listening to some good music. You have become my joi de vivre! (Hearty or carefree enjoyment of life.) I mean that in a good way too! smile.gif

User Face
Thread 145594, Page 12

I'm from New Orleans. Taylor would fit in nicely there...don't you think?

User stephk817

Thread 145594, Page 12

Yes he would fit in perfectly with NOLA. smile.gif Katrina just knocked her down but not out.

User gbfans66

Thread 145594, Page 12

It took me till page 7 to find another person from Illinois here! After reading all the posts though, I have a couple things to say.

1st - BON BON ~ ~ AMEN!

2nd - Everyone has such wonderful things to say about their state and that shows we are all proud of where we come from.

Now for my gift to Taylor - I'm writing this as I'm under a tornado warning and the sirens sounded earlier meaning they spotted one somewhere close and we're supposed to take cover. I've seen enough of these and watched closely to determine that necessity and finally decided I'd be ok and came to look at the forum. So I send you what I'm seeing outside my window which is the lightning and thunder and tornado because you are that tornado getting ready to hit and hit big, but what's more important is the calm after the storm. Everyone working together to clean up and make everything better which is what we all feel like here. Every Tuesday night we all are working together to get you through to the next round so have no fear, we will be that calm after the storm working together to move you on.

Sorry ya'all but that's Illinois weather in March! LOL

And if anyone knows a way to get a small gift to him, please let us know. I make candy wrappers and would love to send him a little "pick me up", I've been trying to think of a way I can make them for all of us here that just say "Vote for Taylor" on the mini's and you could hand them out to everyone you see! LOL

User soulaz

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My gift to Taylor, from the beautiful state of Arizona, is the absolute peaceful stillness and beauty of a desert sunrise. The sun rises over the mountains, turning the sky the most amazing shade of pink, with the silhouette of the upstretched arms of a saguaro cactus in the foreground. As the sun slowly rises, you can hear the desert slowly come awake . . . the doves are cooing, the quail are scurrying through the brush making a rustling noise . . .

In the madness and pressure of American Idol, I think Taylor needs a "Moment Like This"

User BonBon

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Lovely, Soulaz!!!! Makes me want to pack my bags and head for Arizona---then on to "Hooooooly Wooodd" (Can you hear Taylor playing his harp and singing? ;-)

User hairdresser25667

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MY GIFT TO TAY FROM WEST VIRGINIA AS THE SAYING GOES ALMOST HEAVEN WEST VIRGINIA OH BY THE WAY WOULD LOVE TO HERE YOU SING THAT SONG ANYWAY GOOD OLE COUNTRY COOKING AND FRIENDLY PEOPLE THAT LOVE TO COOK HOME GROWN FOOD-- BEAUTIFUL MOUNTAINS AND A BIG OLE HICKS FAMILY REUNION THAT I THINK YOU WOULD LOVE.

User soulaz
Thread 145594, Page 12

Thanks BonBon! I love Arizona! And, I can hear Taylor right now! I'm listening to Under the Radar as we speak! "It's a Soul Thang!"

User stephk817
Thread 145594, Page 12

That's beautiful. I love AZ. My brother lives there and my favorite place is Sedona and the Grand Canyon. The sunsets are awesome there like you described. When you visit the Grand Canyon it makes you realize just how small and tiny we each are. Yet the beauty takes your breath away.

User Jemrtt
Thread 145594, Page 12
(((NYC)))

I want to send Taylor some "CITY" love and respect all the way from Brooklyn, New York.

User BonBon
Thread 145594, Page 12

My pleasure....I've got "Hell of a Day" wailing right now....I see that we've bumped this thread back onto page one! I'm starting our collage tommorrow...I'll be at it until EASTER! LOL..I can't think of Easter, w/o thinking of bunny, w/o thinking of bunny SUIT! ;-)

User soulaz
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Thank you Steph - I agree with you about Sedona and the Grand Canyon. I've been to both many times, and they still take my breath away!

User gobsmacked
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from the rogue valley in southern oregon. plum blossoms in full bloom. not as delicate as their more celebrated cousins the cherry blossoms, but so much more resilient. the wind is howling tonight, and tomorrow the plum blossoms will still be holding on tenaciously, unwilling to go without a fierce fight, and on their own terms. also much more depth to their shades of pink. cherry blossoms, beautiful and much celebrated, not to be diminished in their beauty, but far more fragile. plum blossoms stand proud in adversity. neither wind nor rain can defeat them. courage.

the mighty roar of the rogue river. stunning to view. wild and fierce. untamed.

the howl of the coyotes that circle our land, poignant and feral. fearsome.

the sparkle of a million stars in a flawless sky. enchanting and mesmerizing. infinity.

lastly, the thousand shades of blues and greens of the lakes, rivers, creeks, sky, parks, forests and mountains. soul soothing and peaceful. tranquility.

User Eyes2Blue

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Oh wow! It's going to be one helluva collage, BonBon.. And I know you'll have a blast doing it! Well, soul patrollers, its Monday! And for our boy, I give the imagination of thousands of fans, going about their regular day getting the kids off to school, donning the scrubs(that's me) to head for the work of helping ill people at least feel a little better with a smile from a little blue eyed lady, those of you going to the corporate world, or the blessed Moms and Dads who are at home helping mold little lives into productive adults.... while all the time in their minds is the soulful voice of a guy whose smile lights up the world, and gives us joy the moment he steps on the stage.... Taylor! Blow the roof off the building... We'll do the rest for 2 hours after NON STOP! LOVE YA! Deb

User Eyes2Blue

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Origionally from Lake Charles here, now in Virginia..... but, I couldn't agree with you more about Britney... Thanks...

User soulaz

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How poetic and lovely. I've never spent time in Oregon, but used to live in Washington State. The Pacific Northwest is just so beautiful! Thanks for painting that picture!

User xlilrebel

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my your life be full of warmth and color of the sunrise over the water on the beach of the eastern shore Maryland.. keeping the soul alive

User sheri234

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Apples are growing with their golden reds and shades
The bare trees are slowly blooming with their picture perfect flora....
Taylor rest your eyes on this beautiful sight
Listen to the robins' melodious shrills, in the kingdom of England
homeland of fabled beauty.

I sit in my leathered chair and think of you

If the clouds were at my very own disposal, I'd place one, under your feet, So that, you'd always feel, like you were walking on air, because that feeling, you give, to me reface.gif

Sheri L

West Yorkshire (Leeds)

United Kingdom

User stephk817
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That's where I'm at! Taylor, do a concert at the LaBerge DuLac Casino when you get done with AI PLEEEEEAAAAASSSSSEEEEEEE biggrin.gif

We've recovered pretty well from Hurricane Rita I have to say. It's a LOT brighter since we lost most of the trees. Lake Charles and SWLA has competent leaders who have done a fantastic job. smile.gif

I could send a tongue in cheek blue tarps, mangled trees, scattered tin, leaning trees *they're leaning back for Taylor WHOO! biggrin.gif *, duct taped refrigerators, MRE's, bottled water, FEMA trailers, FEMA workers, Kathleen Blabbering BlanKo, cRAYzy Nagin, Angry displaced gators, MOSQUITOES, buzzing chain saws, power hammer, massive tree stumps, and debris piles.... Oh it's been a blast. biggrin.gif

User bunny103
Thread 145594, Page 13

This Utahn and family of 30 support you Taylor: smile.gif

User Jossynda
Thread 145594, Page 13

My gift from Montgomery, Alabama is the scent of honeysuckle in the air.

User MrsWOOTaylor
Thread 145594, Page 13

For Taylor--A crisp, blustery, overcast opening day from the home of baseball, our national past time (after ya'll), Cincinnati! WOO! Hey Tay-They are playing down by the river...

User azmama
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Arizona send the crisp refreshing chill of the morning air, the rustle of Road Runner doing his Taylor dance in the desert, and the woooooos of the owl perched atop a towering tree. biggrin.gif

User gobsmacked
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we would all be blessed to have a moment like this! what a beautiful gift to taylor. you brought the moment to life. given the hectic schedule, and the pressure he must be feeling now, stillness is something he probably craves at the moment!

User BonBon
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If I could reply to every post I would...every one is outstanding...but this one about the Road Runner doing his Taylor dance in the desert, sure made me smile! ;-)

Again, thank you all!!!

User gobsmacked
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hey bonbon. just wanted to say thank you for starting this thread. i love reading every post, and find something sweet or beautiful or funny in every single one. the roadrunner doing the taylor dance made me smile too! this thread reflects the best of what america has to offer (which includes taylor's music, as this thread is very much a reflection of how he has touched so many souls). i hope you've already saved everything posted so far. i do think this is the most joyful thread ever begun! you're awesome possum!

User looking4jack

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Wishing you laid-back vibes from the misty-green redwoods of the Russian River area of Northern California, where the breeze carries apple-wood smoke from the fern fronds through the vineyards, to the salt air of the coast, where fishermen and poets looking for inspiration bundle up next to their bonfires and dig their bare feet into the soft sand...

User Maria40

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To Taylor, our next American Idol:

Heart felt wishes from Minnesota, the land of 10,000 lakes, loons singing, and the stillness of the Boundary Waters. It is the start of a beautiful spring. You have re-shaped my whole persona of what the south really stands for.

You make the world feel. Thank you.

User flossie

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My gift to Taylor.....a beautiful spring day in the mountains of East Tennessee. Hang in there buddy! You make everyone smile, a gift within itself!!

User rizzo

Thread 145594, Page 13

Texas here...wish i could send you this weather we are having..sitting on the back porch...having a cocktail and laughing with friends and family...light breeze, good food, but GREAT COMPANY... and laughter....laughter, the most important thing..you gotta laugh! here is to you taylor!

User stephk817

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I used to live in Hawaii, on the Big Island and I can send him lush tropical paradise, crashing waves, humpback whales, ono grinds *food*, flowing lava, rain forests, water falls, black sand beaches, Hawaiian chants and traditional hula, ukulele, steel guitar, melodic harmonies, Saturday jam sessions with my musician friends, melting pot, kona coffee, macadamia nuts, Hawaiian time, and the best thing of all about Hawaii is the Spirit of Aloha. The people are the best. It was the most blessed time of my life.

User BonBon

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Possum, me? LOLOL....I love that, too. I love EVERYTHING and EVERYBODY since I "met" Taylor on TV like most of you.

Gobsmacked is very British---are you, and if you explained that already, I'm sorry I just missed it in the miles of this bodacious thread y'all have all contributed to.

Someone asked if Taylor's grandmama is in Gulf Shores---I THINK she lives in Orange Beach, but that's almost the same thing...that area anyway--and she is said to be in the audience tomorrow night....she is a petite blonde (FEISTY and she loves her some Taylor!) She doesn't look like the stereo-typical granny.

User NSYDAWG

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Today I'd love to give you a beautiful spring day - the air is fresh, teh flowers are blooming and the pollen is in the air.

User stephk817

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I would love to be there with you guys. It must be so exciting watching the Taylor Hicks Legend being born. Whoo!

User BonBon

Thread 145594, Page 14

Ironically, the real excitement is HERE on this board, and on boards like Yahoo and other websites for Taylor....

Unless you are living in Gulf Shores or Bham, or Auburn, "American Idol" isn't massive in Alabama--and you'd think it would be with Taylor AND our past history--Reuben, Bo, Diana DeGarmo, etc.

The online fans ARE seeing the legend in the making--and you sure don't have to be in Alabama to be a part of that. You are part of what is making it happen...Taylor does his part and we do our part to make it happen. I feel much more a part of it here on these boards than I do in the state of Alabama.

An interesting aside, I'm a journalist on sabbatical to write a novel, but I did write an article about Taylor and his loyal Soul Patrol. I submitted it to a LARGE daily newspaper in an Alabama city.

I've placed other stories with them in the past, but they rejected my article saying it was "Too pro-Taylor Hicks."

You'd CROAK if you knew the name of the city.

'Nuff said.

User gobsmacked

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heh. awesome possum is something i say to my son all the time. i may have to break the habit when he heads off to college!

gobsmacked: it's modern british slang and means to be completely astonished or astounded. it's my favorite john malkovich line in the movie johnny english. fast forward to the vegas

auditions. taylor sang. i was gobsmacked. now i'm a lifelong soul patrol member!

not british! from the pacific northwest, and now live in japan, and have a 2nd home in oregon. i did fall in love with london when i took my son last spring though!

there is a fairly new thread, called how did people choose their usernames! it's fun to read through it. there is alot of great stuff on this board, but this thread is one of my personal favorites. still loving the roadrunner!!! beep beep biggrin.gif

User taylorena

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Taylor, here in northern California, the rain is pouring over me. It's so awesome and beautiful, and so engulfing, just like hearing you sing....

User Atherz

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For Taylor, I give the wonderful city of Portland, Oregon. Here is a bright spot in the rain. People of all types can wander freely, exploring the combination of natural beauty and artsy industry. Portland is decidedly "weird". Here you can find all sorts of people from all walks of life: business folk hustling about in their suits, street musicians, artisans at the Saturday market selling their homemade wares, tourists seeing the sights, locals lounging at Pioneer Square-- the city's "Living Room" where young adults play hackey sack and older ones play chess. If you're a coffee connoiseur, you'll have no trouble finding a cup of joe to suit your taste, be it at a commercial cafe or a locally owned dive. The city blocks in Portland are short and pleasant to walk along. If your feet tire, it's simple to catch a bus, lightrail MAX train or streetcar. Before leaving Portland, you have to visit Powells Bookstore. It's a true staple of the city. I believe it's the biggest bookstore in the country, but Powells sells more than books. It's a friendly place where you can peruse the aisles, get a snack in the cafe, people watch, and fulfil all your needs in the literary department. You can find a little bit of everything in Portland, plus there's a wonderful view of snowcapped Mt. Hood that is less than an hour's drive away if you want to take a break and enjoy nature.

Come and visit someday, Taylor! Oregon would be thrilled to have you here.

User astoriamaxie

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I give you New York City Taylor in all it's glittering, dirty glory. I give you our diversity, our power and our hearts. I give you the support of other singers here hoping you will not give up. We are behind you all the way. You have touched us the same as others in more beautiful locations....

but....I give you the lights on Broadway, the Empire State building as well....oh and we have trees too...which are blooming...I give you those too!!!!

NYC LOVES YOU BABY

User Soullady

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Another gift for Taylor from the state of Georgia. This time I want to give you the early morning in Piedmont Park. You are in the center of tranquility with rolling green and cold dew on your bare feet. Your toes squeeze the softness of the grass beneath them. The sky is a sort of purplish pink as the sun starts to come up and Venus still manages to burn brightly in the lightening sky. It's only 6 AM here, which means there's little to no traffic, so you can almost

hear the wind in the empty park around you. You walk beneath the oaks and magnolia trees and hear the rustling of squirrels and brown thrashers in the branches above. And on the breeze is the very faint scent of Mimosa. You are alone and at peace. Then you slip your shoes back on and walk a block to the Flying Biscuit for a good old-fashioned Southern breakfast.

User Eyes2Blue

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I know Taylor will be bigger than LaBerge DuLac but they have been getting some top performers. It's a beautiful facility. Harrah's is talking about rebuilding a resort casino but they haven't made a firm decision yet.

I so agree with you about the power of prayer! I didn't have any damage to my house either. When I shut the door as I was evacuating I just had a sense of peace flood over me. I knew that whatever the outcome God was in control and He said he would meet all of our needs.

One of my neighbor's stayed behind and said that there was a tornado that hit both streets on either side and jumped ours. Many people in my neighborhood lost everything. My next door neighbor had to bulldoze his house because three trees fell on it. I lost maybe 3 shingles. I was very blessed indeed. smile.gif

I'm voting hot and heavy on Tuesday's. We love Taylor here. He's the best ever on AI.

User stephk817

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Yes they have a beautiful course. They also have another top rated course at the Graywood Plantation. Bring your sticks next visit. Lake Charles has been bit by the golfing bug.

User soulaz

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Soulaz (as in Soul Arizona!) sends a big shout out to her fellow AZ Soul Patroller, AZMama!!! Doesn't Arizona rock, girl????

User Eyes2Blue

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Yes they have a beautiful course. They also have another top rated course at the Graywood Plantation. Bring your sticks next visit. Lake Charles has been bit by the golfing bug.

User gobsmacked

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i think she meant the states not posted in this thread. did you guys already post? i need to go back to page one, and read these again. it's such an amazing thread. i wonder if having previously lived in a state counts. i spent a year in alaska!

User BonBon

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Sure it COUNTS--this is our thread, it can be whatever we want it to be--so post away for Alaska...I lived in Hawaii for three years, I'll have something later today on that

And welcome Indiana, this thread has grown so large, it's hard to keep up with who's who. You are very welcome here.

User taylorsgirl

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I live in NY state...Taylor has brightened up my windy grey pre-spring with his smile and his spirit.

User gobsmacked

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something joyful for the early birds to read in the morning. g'nite

User littlemstay

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nc here- the only word i can think of is "Thanks". you have totally brought back MUSIC to the music industry. I love your style, sound, actions and everything else about you. you also bring back the meaning of "southern gentleman". keep up "your way" of doing things- we love it and know you will be great for a long time to some. my family has always lived in the south and we're a laid back society here. nothing better then friday nite football, bonfires in the backyard, listening to a coon dog in the distance bay at his catch. i now add taylor to the list of things that we love-

User stephk817

Thread 145594, Page 15

Taylor,

I'm sending you some SOUTHERN food. I'm sure you would rather have a plate of real soul food over that tofu/bean sprouts/organic crap that you are having to endure.

So I'm sending you some good ol' home cookin' in my best Paula Dean voice. wink.gif For breakfast, homemade biscuits and gravy, grits with butter, some bacon, ham or sausage, eggs, tall glass of cold milk, fresh brewed coffee.

For Supper: Roast, homemade mashed potatoes, gravy, turnip greens, black eyed peas, corn bread and some peach cobbler. Of course the peas and greens have at least a pound of bacon, and the mashed potatoes have a half pound of butter. wink.gif If it's not full of fat it ain't really southern food. biggrin.gif

PS

I really do love your Under the Radar cd.

User dragondawn60

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For Taylor: Here's another gift from New York City. Where I live in Brooklyn, we have a beautiful oasis at the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens. There are so many lovely things to see from the Magnolia Plaza to the Bluebell Wood. But the loveliest place is the Japanese Hill and Pond Garden. There are winding paths that seem to take you nowhere, hills, a pond, a waterfall and even a small island with wooden bridges, stone lanterns, and a viewing pavilion. It is so peaceful to sit there, especially this time of year, and see the cherry trees in bloom and watch the swans and ducks swim gracefully over the pond. It truly feels as if you are in another time and place.

I don't know if you like these, but I also give you fresh-baked Brooklyn bagels hot out of the oven and slathered with cream cheese. And I give you a couple of pies from the two best New

York Pizza places: Totonno's on Neptune Avenue in Brooklyn and John's Pizzeria on Bleeker Street in Manhattan.

User SOULFULL

Thread 145594, Page 15

Hello from Gainesville, fl home of the NCAA National Champs, Go Gators! I am sending you Fla sunshine, a walk along the beach and a soothing misty rain. Stay strong!!!

An update to cap off a long week

We have your back Mr. Hicks ...

User seanhicks

Thread 171575, Page 1

So country theme week is over. Next up, Queen. My favorite type of music (please don't crucify me) is heavy metal, and Queen helped pave the way for it. I have some great ideas for Taylor that I'll share with him when I talk to him tomorrow. Today was rough for him. He woke up and went to breakfast, and on the way back he was listening to Seacrest's radio show and the only thing he heard was a caller saying she thought Taylor Hicks should be kicked off tonight. Then he got back and saw something like "Taylor Hicks Bottoms Out on Country Road" as a headline in USA Today. So he called me this morning and woke me up, talking in his sad puppy voice usually reserved for lamenting about girlfriends.

It's not apparent from watching the show, but those contestants are on an island out there. LA doesn't care much about Idol. Taylor really has no idea how popular he is. We tell him, but I still don't think he gets it. I give him regards from the SP every time I speak to him, though.

And last but not least, THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR VOTING! These theme weeks are all about survival. Taylor is dying to get to the point where he can pick a song to sing and is given more than 80 seconds to sing it. If we have our way, he'll get that chance!

Goodnight everyone!

User silversoul


Thread 171575, Page 1

thanks for the update! good grief- if Taylor only knew. We are planning a "Soulstock 20006" in his honor. There are several of us planning on traveling to Alabama for the finale. He has captured many of our hearts and souls. Tell him to keep smiling and shining. So many of us love him so much.

User shouldbeworking

Thread 171575, Page 1

Thanks Sean,

Make sure he knows we love him!! and to ignore all that negative crap. Glad to hear that he is excited about Queen. 

User Innie

Thread 171575, Page 1

Oh Sean, thank you from the bottom of my heart! Please tell Taylor we are rooting for him, in more ways than one!!! He is doing just great, and are so very proud of him!!

And please, one last thing, tell him to be true to himself, that is all that matters in the end. If he is true to himself, then he will be happy and it will show to the world. Oh yeh, and tell him we all said "GET WELL SOON TAYLOR! NO MORE STREP, PLEASE!" {{{Hugs for the Soul Man}}}}

User shouldbeworking

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P.S. Thanks for the updates, we sure do worry about him and that he is okay through all of this. And L.A. does love him, thats where I am at and everyone I know loves him wink.gif

User musedbytay

Thread 171575, Page 1

Thank you so much, Sean!!!

I'm sorry Taylor had to be exposed to all that negativity today...Hopefully things will get a little better from now on for him.

By the way...puppy dog voice...*melts*

User tntva

Thread 171575, Page 1

Thanks, Sean. Tell Taylor the whole country (world) has gone Taylor crazy. He did a great job last night. We're all so proud of him and voted until our fingers were numb. Tell him he's loved a whole lot. Best wishes to your entire family. We're right behind you.

User TaylorFanInFL

Thread 171575, Page 1

Thanks for the recap Sean! Please just remind Taylor that for every one negative thing that he reads or hears, there are at least 10 positive things to trample it into the ground.

There are so many people, including myself, who did not watch AI past the auditions in previous years because there was no obvious standout talent. Taylor has changed all of that. He has people sitting up and taking notice...in a BIG way.

He's already an American Idol in all of our eyes and we will continue to support him...all the way to the top!

SOUL PATROL BABY!!!! WOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!!!

User music_luvr

Thread 171575, Page 1

Thanks Sean. reface.gif Taylor has nothing to fear. He is well loved. And you are an awesome brother.

User LuvinBo3

Thread 171575, Page 1

Sean, let him know the Soul Patrol has his back. Most weren't happy with his song selection, but, if the 3 stooges wouldn't have made their remarks, the reviews probably would've been different. Tell him to hang in there, and, we're gonna take him to the top.

User Sojie

Thread 171575, Page 1

awwwww that makes me so sad.

I so wish he knew how badly we have his back. We are there for him. It is so great to see this, Sean. Thank you so much for comforting and encouraging him!!! He is a legend.

User synchronicity

Thread 171575, Page 1

Thanks for the update. We're all pulling for him!! IDOL will never be the same again!

cool.gif smile.gif wink.gif

User playford

Thread 171575, Page 1

Thanks Sean for the update..

Let him know we will not let up. We have found him and we can't let go now. I cannot wait until he can do his own thing. I will be a fan for life. And personally, thank you for convincing him go on the Idol ride. Regards to you and your family

User babygirl727

Thread 171575, Page 1

Sean, thank you so much for this update. I am so sorry Taylor had to hear/see what he did because it is not how the majority of the world feels. He has a lot of die hard fans out there and I hope he keeps his chin up. I too adore rock music and I am very excited about next week. I know Taylor will do great. Taylor has all of my love and support. I speak for many when I say that.

♥

User plushaye

Thread 171575, Page 1

Thanks Sean!!!

That's sad. Taylor's in such a bubble over there. There's such a huge following here and around the world for him now. Soul Patrol supports him 110%. Everyone here worked extra hard with the voting yesterday because we know he absolutely deserves to get to the top. The results showed he wasn't in any danger tonight, although he might have thought he was.

Tough day, tough week but it's over now. Onwards and upwards!!! Keep propping Taylor up and calming him down. You're a great brother!!! Remind him that Soul Patrol is totally behind him and will be even after AI is over. smile.gif

User HicksSoulFan

Thread 171575, Page 1

Thank you so much for sharing this Sean!

Go Taylor! biggrin.gif

User shadylady216

Thread 171575, Page 1

Sean,

Thanks for the post. Please continue to let Taylor know who much we all love him! He has put joy in my heart! He makes me smile! I play Under the Radar over and over again. Taylor is the best!

User Tygerlili

Thread 171575, Page 1

thanks sean *warm fuzzy* wink.gif

User flexy633

Thread 171575, Page 1

Thanks for the update, Sean! We all love him here on the Soul Patrol!!!! Tell him to rock out on Queen night and just be himself again. Who cares what the Three Stooges think - it's what America thinks that counts!

User grannyforbo

Thread 171575, Page 1

Please tell Taylor that he is loved by every generation--brings back a lot of memories for us grannies--those of us who grew up in the 50's when music was fun and full of dancing!!! keep it up Taylor. we'll vote until our arthritis stops us!!

User journey_07

Thread 171575, Page 2

If Taylor only knew. Thanks Sean for the update. Taylor is awesome!! biggrin.gif

User taylorfirst

Thread 171575, Page 2

Thank you so much for everything Sean. Start to finish.

I can't believe he doesn't know the level of support that is out there for him. I really feel for him being on his AI island. I went to the rehearsal yesterday and I think what gave me a taste for the world that the contestants are in was the fact that the stage manager kept calling them 'kids'. It sounded very demeaning to me. I thought, do you know who you are dealing with here?

In any event, I believe that he has the biggest and most devoted fanbase in the history of AI. And more than that, the overwhelming majority are just really good people who are with him for the long haul.

User BonBon

Thread 171575, Page 2

Please tell him that the world is also now in love with Joni Hicks--she's now more famous than Kenny Stabler ever was in Alabama ;-)

Also, please share two quotes with him from two dedicated Soul Patrol fans...

Music-Luvr of Quebec, Canada said, "Taylor is music in the human form."

HumbleTiger from Oregon said, "Taylor Hicks: Saving America One Soul at a Time."

User doctorjudy

Thread 171575, Page 2

Wow,

Does he not know how feverishly we vote. And we come from all walks of life. Wish there was a way to let him know just how much we love him.

Dr. Judy Halliday

User belvedere

Thread 171575, Page 2

Thanks, Sean. Tell him we love him . . . the real him. The Las Vegas HIM, the Levon HIM, the Taking It To The Streets HIM, the UTR HIM. Please don't let those LA guys convince him he needs to change. cool.gif

User French_Hick

Thread 171575, Page 2

Sean, thank you so much for that update! You are such a sweetheart!

Please continue to let Taylor know that his fans love him dearly and we will never NEVER give up on him.

He is already the winner in our hearts!

User AngelKyren

Thread 171575, Page 2

Thank you ever so much Sean. Always great when you have the chance to stop in.

Much love to you and Taylor and the family.

We, the Soul Patrol, are behind Taylor 100%!

User ksylvstaylor

Thread 171575, Page 2

I tend to forget that Taylor is in a bubble out there, and he could not possibly realize how obsessed so many have become. Taylor is almost always the main topic of conversation in all my contacts with others (positive comments).

User soul_patrol2010

Thread 171575, Page 2

Thank you Sean. Please let Taylor know he is fully supported by his legion of fans. We will continue to vote for him. Every week when he is on the air, it puts a smile on my face and in my heart.

Next week: Rock on Taylor!!! biggrin.gif biggrin.gif cool.gif

User cacai

Thread 171575, Page 2

thanks for your post, Sean. please tell Taylor not to believe everything he hears or reads out there. LA doesn't get it and is so out of touch with what the real world really like to see and hear, and that is Taylor. he will always have our support because we believe in him. his talent and our votes will get him to the top of the AI pole.

♥ ♥ ♥

User cincy

Thread 171575, Page 2

Thank you Sean and please be sure to thank Taylor for all of us for bringing the joy back not only to AI but to music. Hug his neck for me personally, will ya????

User TaylorsDame

Thread 171575, Page 2

Awwwwwwwwwwwwwwww, Sean!!!! frown.gif I hate to think of sweet Taylor being so sad! I sure wish that there was a way that we could send him some old-fashioned fan mail. Is there possibly an address where we could mail him a card and let him know how much he is loved? I know that AI allowed that last year. Pleeeeeeeease let us all know. I want to write to Taylor! biggrin.gif

User HicksFanInBham

Thread 171575, Page 2

waves to Sean Told you he would be fine! Thanks for posting this. It means a lot to his fans to hear from you.

User navajo1983

Thread 171575, Page 2

tell him not to worry, we will keep voting. queen has a lot to choose from and i am sure he will nail anything he picks. taylor is the one to beat! rock on bama boy!

User Thackeray

Thread 171575, Page 2

Sean,

Thanks for the update. Tell Taylor that all he has to do is keep being true to his music. The world knows his name and his voice, and we will not let him down. Thank you, too, Sean, for having such faith in your brother, and encouraging him to to go on this journey.

It's just beginning, and each step, even if hard, will be worth it, I'm sure. Taylor has awakened music in people in more ways than he'll ever know. Tell him to sing what he loves, and everything else will take care of itself. Blessings on you both.

User simplepleasures

Thread 171575, Page 2

I cant wait to someday hear you and your brother on stage together..you on your sax and Taylor singin' and dancin'..with your lovely Mamaw so proud in the audience!!! biggrin.gif

User AmerAikenIdol

Thread 171575, Page 2

Oh, Sean!!!

Breaks my heart to think our sweet Taylor is fretting over things!!!

He is SO loved by many, many fans. Please tell him that the Soul Patrol is Tirelessly Voting and Defending him daily!!!

We absolutely love the dude, his music, his spirit and we're totally committed to seeing that confetti falling around his head!!

Don't fear!!!! The Soul Patrol has Taylor's back!!!

BTW- is he feeling better? I'm worried!!!

User lenamarie

Thread 171575, Page 2

Thank you, Sean. Pleeese make sure Taylor knows how much he is loved and how much support he has. We will stick by him no matter what. He has given us so much, it's only natural that we will not waiver. A lot of us wouldn't even be watching Idol if it wasn't for Taylor.

Boy, is he in for a shock when Idol is over and he truly sees the following he has.

I am glad both he and you are excited about Queen. Advise him well, as only a brother can. I can't wait to see him having fun doing Queen next week.

Oh, and that "sad puppy voice" thing makes me want to cry. Sending Taylor a BIG))))hug(((.

User stephk817

Thread 171575, Page 3

Thanks for this update! Tell Taylor that we love him and are 100% behind him. We are not going to let him down.

His music has touched me in a way that has reignited my passion for good music. I just received his Under the Radar CD and I love it. Taylor is a gifted singer and songwriter. I vote nonstop for him every week in order to be able to help him reach his dreams because when he reaches his dream I will get to listen to him for a long time to come.

I thank you for believing in him enough to encourage him to try out. You are a great brother and we are all blessed because of that.

Maybe you should share with Taylor how he has turned a bunch of mature, intelligent, professional women into a bunch of giggling and gushing fans. redface.gif

We have gone bonkers over Taylor and we have his back! Just tell him to keep having fun. As long as it's fun for him then his passion just comes through and touches us all.

User TaylorFanMJH

Thread 171575, Page 3

Thanks Sean.

Hopefully, Taylor gets it after tonight. We LOVE him! We vote (or try anyway) for the entire 2 hours. We are with him so do not listen to anything else. Our family lives for "Taylor night" (aka Tuesday night). Then, we rewind and watch it again and again all week!

His CD "under the Radar" is incredible. Will he have an oppurtunity to sing one of the songs from that album on the show? That would seal the deal with out a doubt!

User Classicoyote

Thread 171575, Page 3

Thank you so much for keeping us informed. I was so happy when Ryan chose his group as the first ones safe. I've been a Taylor fan since I first saw him in the early auditions. He has brought a nice change to AI. Let him know we are all behind him and look forward to watching him perform next week. I'm a Soul Patroler from Laytonsville, Maryland. We are everywhere. Keep up the great work Taylor!

User silly_soulfish

Thread 171575, Page 3

Thanks Sean. Assure Taylor there are legions of us out here rooting him on! I am excited to hear that he is excited about Queen week. If Taylor gets excited about a song...well you know. He just can't be stopped when he is feelin' it! Much love to you both from Arkansas!

User souled

Thread 171575, Page 3

I imagine Taylor must be in such an odd place right now...we can only hope all our love and good vibes make their way to him. He is touching people in ways he can't imagine right now, but he will find out soon enough. He deserves to and will make it all the way. A CHANGE IS GONNA COME!!!! SOUL PATROL!! (sorry...got carried away) cool.gif

User Tygerlili

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oh..and Sean... much love to you for taking the time to share with us... You have been a real angel.. and a great brother. Thanks for all you do... keep giving him the support.. and keep telling him he is loved.... newspapers and media grab the awful and run with it.. but ignor all the wonderful things that are taylor. His fans wont ignor those...

thanks again

User vickyh1

Thread 171575, Page 3

Thanks Sean....tell Taylor we are definitely in his corner...

I hope your advise allows Taylor to bring his magic to the stage....and bring back the spunky Taylor we have grown to love...

We want him to know how much he is loved.....if he only knew....

User stealmagnolia

Thread 171575, Page 3

Sean, tell Taylor every Tuesday for 2 hours I vote like crazy and so does everyone on this board! AI is like a part time job for me!

2 hours of voting - 155 votes got through - I try to use 2 phones, but I am not very coordinated-but I still try!

Love from Louisiana,

Angie

User Ayeyea29

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Sean please tell Taylor the most of us think he's by far and away the best singer that's ever been on American Idol. I personally think his talent dwarfs the show. We are in his corner till the end, and the end is no where in sight.

User JamieSoulPatrol

Thread 171575, Page 3

Taylor definitely has the most dedicated fans of all the contestants...

We are behind him 100%

Thank you so much for the message Sean!

User Sagie

Thread 171575, Page 3

Thank you Sean, this has got to be so stressful to Taylor and I hate that so much. But make sure to tell him that on all the sites that give percentages of the actual calls that are made, he is NUMBER ONE. He has given so many of a new lease on music and he brings that music to life for us. We have his back, we want him to succeed so we can buy more of his precious music and go to his concerts. We believe in him.

User taylorrocks

Thread 171575, Page 3

thanks Sean....keep reminding Taylor how much he's loved and supported. AND please tell him to start having FUN again with his singing and DANCING! We love that! I can hardly wait for each Tuesday to roll around, and have been *disappointed* the past 2 weeks that he's been "still" (shame on Simon's drunk dad comments!)

.....regaradless, my family and I still vote our fingers off for 2 hours every Tuesday!! The 2 best AI shows I've kept on my DVR is Taylor singing and dancing around....he is AWESOME.... and has danced into our hearts and SOULS!

User 2sueann

Thread 171575, Page 3

Sean...thank you so much for the update. Please tell Taylor the Soul Patrol will not let him down. We love him, believe in him and will have his back no matter what. We too are egarley awaiting when he may choose his own songs and play the harp. Please tell him not to worry. Give him our love!

I ♥ TAYLOR HICKS biggrin.gif

User plushaye

Thread 171575, Page 3

Sean,

An IDEA. I know it comes out rather ugly to read but can you cut and paste this thread into a Word Document and email or fax it to Taylor??? If he sees how much he means to Soul Patrol, it would definitely cheer him up!!! smile.gif

User pixiegirl741

Thread 171575, Page 3

thanks for updating us Sean, that is sooo awesome of you. just had to say that b4 i pass out. lol. last night was a long stressful night here smile.gif luv and peace to u and your family, sincerely, pixie smile.gif ♥

User HicksSoulFan

Thread 171575, Page 3

Yes, please let Taylor know that we are behind him no matter what. Go Taylor! Go Soul Patrol!

biggrin.gif cool.gif biggrin.gif cool.gif biggrin.gif cool.gif

User soulaz

Thread 171575, Page 3

Thank you so much for giving us these updates Sean! And please let Taylor know how hard we are pulling for him! He has never let us down, and we will never let him down!!! Big hugs to the entire Hicks family from a grateful fan!!!!

ARIZONA LOVES TAYLOR WOOOOO!

User TaylorDaMan

Thread 171575, Page 3

Sean, no one takes USA Today seriously as a newspaper anyway. The sports section is the only worthwhile part of the whole paper.

I thought Taylor's performance was average for him, but better than most of the others. I wasn't wild about the song choice, but that might be because I listen to your brother's two live shows from 11/05 and 12/05 in Birmingham and his Under the Radar and In Your Time CDs all day long at work and at home, so I'm a little spoiled by great Taylor performances and have high expectations. tongue.gif

But I still vote my fingers into little nubs every week regardless of how he does. He's one of my favorite singers in the world and I think he deserves to win AI. biggrin.gif

User vickyh1

Thread 171575, Page 3

Sean....tell him he could call me and wake me up....I'll talk to him all he wants....

User bellsybop

Thread 171575, Page 4

Sean..

Our motto here is coming more and more to light ~ ~

UNITED WE STAND!

Taylor is a blessing to us all and we are devoting every ounce of energy to keeping him going straight to the top!

This show is a launch pad for Taylor; and we want to see him take off and go anywhere he wants to. He has waited too long to have his voice appreciated~ and what a bunch he has here to love it!

We are strong~ so keep Taylor that way for us!

What we'd do to shout back at him!! Goodness~ it would be heard around the world!

User idoleejit

Thread 171575, Page 4

Sean, please let him know that even though it wasn't his best performance the Soul Patrol still kept him NUMBER ONE in the voting and will continue to do so right until the final. We know what he is capable of and we know that last night he wasn't feeling well and wasn't able to do his preferred song. I got in over 700 votes for him last night and will continue to do so right up

to the final, no matter what he sings.

Every night when I tuck my kids into bed I tell them "I love you always and forever, no matter what." Tell Taylor there are several hundred thousand people (at least!!!) sending him the same message. We will keep him on top NO MATTER WHAT!

User BlueMagnolias

Thread 171575, Page 4

Thanks for the update Sean...and from the farmers and the lawyers and the doctors and the secretaries and the fastfood workers and the executives and the housewives and the teens and the baby boomers...let him know that HE HAS CUT A PATH for all of us to follow...and we are right there with him.

He IS the Music. Please, don't let him forget that...

~Blue

User bigsteve52

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User lv4tay

Thread 171575, Page 4

Thank you for the update. Las Vegas is proud to be the city that helped launch Taylor's national popularity.

User RoseisRose

Thread 171575, Page 4

Taylor has one of the best fan bases out there for any season ever...so reassure him that he has nothing to worry about. In fact, this fan base will be there for him for years to come.

And yes, maybe he didn't have his best performance (which as you said, he has heard people talking about), but you know what? Country week is now officially over and done with, and now he can look forward to revving up for an exciting show next week.

And, btw, I know you are his brother and this will sound weird, but I bet that puppy dog voice you mentioned him doing probably sounds downright cute. wink.gif

I also notice from your profile that music does run in the family (since you are involved in music as well). I think that is awesome.

Give him (and your family) our love and regards, will you? smile.gif

User border0531

Thread 171575, Page 4

Sean, thanks so much for taking the time to keep us updated; you are indeed an awesome brother and Taylor is so lucky to have you in his corner.

Please tell Taylor how much we all love him and that the Soul Patrol has his back!

Take care of your brother, and of yourself. We need you! smile.gif

User stephk817
Thread 171575, Page 4

biggrin.gif Great idea!

User TaylorsDame
Thread 171575, Page 4

Ooooh! Tay can call me, too! Anytime! biggrin.gif I love you, Taylor!

User BirminghamGal
Thread 171575, Page 4

Thanks so much for the update Sean... it means a lot that you posted tonight. We are all just crazy for your bro. Please keep telling him how much we love and support him and we will certainly keep voting.

BTW- I was watching the local fox news tonight and they interviewed Taylor's band mate and he told the news lady that the song "Country Road" was not Taylor's first pick and that AI did not "approve" his first choice. UGH... !!!

Make so much since now. If Taylor can't sing what his soul tells him to sing then "all" his soul wont be into it.

I am sure this week will be much better for Taylor. He'll feel right back on top again.

Tell him we love him!

User StrangeLight
Thread 171575, Page 4

sean likes metal? \m/ oh yeah. hmmm... i wonder what taylor would sound like singing some kyuss? oh "demon cleaner" would be so sweet!

i'm sorry that taylor had a rough day, though. but he'll own Queen night, i'm sure. thanks for the update, sean!

User SOULFULL
Thread 171575, Page 4

I think we get so hyped waiting for Taylor to sing, anticipating what song he chose & how will he perform. He has set his own standard so high. He has a legion of devoted fans. We all want to see his dreams come true so he can make plenty of music for us to buy. True, everyone is not going to think Taylor is great and I am always surprised at those who don't. However, everyone has different tastes and opinions. He has plenty of fans to make him a star. The Soul Patrol stands with him 100%. He's truly an original. The world has gone bonkers over TAYLOR. Thanks for keeping us informed and let Taylor know we appreciate his call out to the Soul Patrol. Peace!

User CrystalClear
Thread 171575, Page 4

Hey Sean, tell him that they are just sour pickles wink.gif . No one takes them seriously. Taylor did a perfect vocal.

User memawraine

Thread 171575, Page 4
Sean, Jasper, AL sends LOVE for you and Taylor!!!!

Voting entire 2 hours from Jasper and only 12 votes thru

(But approx. 50 text votes!)

User BlueMagnolias
Thread 171575, Page 4

Oh Yeah! Heck, he can phone me collect ANYTIME!!!!!! cool.gif

User shellebrownies
Thread 171575, Page 4

Thank you so much, Sean, for taking the time to fill us in on how things are going with Taylor in L.A. How awful that he had to see and hear those negative things about himself! I can't even imagine! *sniff* (sending lots of cheer-up hugs Taylor's way)

I do wish that he knew just how many fans of his music he has. He has already reached his goal of "having his voice heard"...and he hasn't even started yet! So many of us are moved by your brother's talent...truly a unique gift.

What I find personally amazing is how Taylor's music reaches across generations and lovers of all different kinds of music. My husband loves him, as do I, of course, but so does my 9 year old daughter. I've got UTR and also I've burned a disc with Taylor's AI performances that I play in the car. As we drive along, my daughter and I be bop along with Taylor, singing all the words to both his AI songs and his original ones! (You should see her do the "Dawgpound Windup" whenever Takin' It To The Streets comes on! It's wonderful!)

I'm so happy to hear that Taylor is looking forward to Queen week! Can't wait for him to blow the roof off that place! smile.gif

Thanks again for stopping in. The Soul Patrol is behind Taylor 200 percent, and we won't stop voting 'til he reaches the top!

User texbel
Thread 171575, Page 4

It seems like Taylor loves music more than anything, so maybe the best thing you can tell him is that he has helped a lot of people to love it again too. Tell him, also, that the drive-by media will jump on anyone who appears to be even a little bit down. No need to take it personally; they are just doing their job. He needs to rest, get his strength back, and go out there next week to do what he does best - make us fall in love with him and with the music!!! In other words, just be himself. He is already a star!

User Nebu
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Reading Sean's post makes me very sad. Taylor has so many fans and many celebrity fans. I wish one of those use to how celebrities are talked about by magazines, critics and others, could take him out to dinner one night and explain how he will have to deal with jealousy and people printing anything to make money off of him in magazines, and even nonfans will say hurtful things especially when the judges set that tone. I hope he only listens to his inner voice and knows how great he is and that he has a magic that can win any and everyone over, some will take longer than others, but time will tell. I hope he just enjoys this, it is no longer an

audition, he is already a star and always had a command of singing and performing and hope he stays true to humbleness without being insecure about his great talent. I wish him well and will pray for him, vote for him, and will keep falling more and more in love with his talent, and if he can win me over, he can win anyone over. Lets all say a prayer that this competition and all the stress and crap that comes with it strengthens and doesn't diminish his spirit for that would be very sad.

Wishing Taylor, his family, his friends and all us fans a long span of his hit songs and great entertainment and peace and joy and love in life!

User stephk817

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Just as we suspected. Thanks for that tidbit of information.

What came across was that his heart wasn't in the performance. On playback he sounded good vocally but you could tell in his eyes that he didn't really want to sing that song.

However, he looked in his element jamming with Queen though, so tell him to just let go and enjoy himself. smile.gif

User idolyn01

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biggrin.gif biggrin.gif Hi Sean!

Hope Taylor is feeling much better....no fun being sick. And about the naysayers, IGNORE them. We have this under control! And tell Taylor NOT to let them talk him into having a dye job!!! HE LOOKS FANTASTIC with the gray!!!!!! Looking forward to hearing and seeing him Tuesday night. Let the dance steps begin again! Missed that! He is one great guy and has truly stolen many hearts! Young and old alike are voting for him! Even the arthritic fingers don't give up!

Love Taylor just the way he is.

User Nitch

Thread 171575, Page 5

Thanks for the update. It's sad to think he has no idea about his fan base. I'm so glad that country week is over. I know he'll do well next week. YEA!

User miknerak

Thread 171575, Page 5

Sean,

It absolutely breaks my heart to hear how Taylor thinks the world feels about him!!! I wish there was a way to let him know, REALLY know how much we all love and support him. I for one have been voting for two hours like a madwoman each week...and I am not the only one....I think that Taylor has that something special that comes along not so often that captures his audience and doesn't let go until they (the audience) leaves this world. I'm not saying that Taylor is Elvis, but that is the closest I can come to conveying the staying power that Taylor has. I was a fan since Vegas, and I will continue to be a fan until I am dead and buried, and since I plan on living to 125 that is a mighty long time. Tell your big brother not to worry. The Soul Patrol is mighty and strong and will not let him down...not now...not ever. We are ALL in it for the long haul and long from now, after the confetti of the finale is swept away

and AI is a distant memory, we will still be there, celebrating our 50th anniversary of Soulstock 2006-Soulstock 2056! I am proud to be a fan of such a worthy artist. I am honored to be his fan. Taylor, do not despair....Your Soul Patrol has your back, baby, now and forever!!!

Kim

User GypsyMoon

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Sad puppy voice....that about kills me!!!!.....Got nothin' but love for the SoulMan!!!

User DMBjunkie36

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bumping & sending out a big thank you to Sean! taylor is truly a part of america's heart & soul, now & forever. i only hope that my hundreds of votes will give him back a small portion of the immense joy he has given to me.

User texasfan4ever

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you are so right Sean, "These theme weeks are all about survival." I can't wait either for Taylor to bust it loose! Tell that boy we ALL LOVE HIM! And tell him SOMEBODY TO LOVE is my pick! tongue.gif

User speedmonkey

Thread 171575, Page 5

Hi Sean,

Thank you so much for keeping us up to date. I could tell Taylor was scared tonight...If he only had a clue how many fans he has. I hope he really is able to step it up next week....we all love him so much. I won't to see him jumping all over the stage again...dancing ...singing and just being Taylor...this is why we all love him so much...he is so real...Tell Taylor we will keep voting ...until the show is over for him...He is #1...Soul Patrol...

User Dandish

Thread 171575, Page 5

Hey Sean, thanks for the post - you're a great brother.

Taylor has nothing to worry about! He has got to realize that he has ignited something that is unstoppable now. I really hate to think that he doesn't realize the effect he is having on people and how much love and support is out here for him. Please keep telling him!

Soul Patrol all the way BABY! A fan for life -

User senoramama

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tell him he is an inspiration. He is extremely humble and that is a beautiful thing, but when you watch him sing and love every minute of it, its gotta be hard to be that humble. I love the fact that he has brought the real music back with a passion and never backs off!! I wish I would have kept that courage when I was singing in high school. Music is my passion, I sing on the porch, but I love it and it is good to see

a true musician lovin every minute of it!!

Sharon Hadley

Tulsa, Oklahoma

P.S. Can't wait to watch him rock out to Queen, how cool is that

User Nebu

Thread 171575, Page 5

Awww, that broke my heart. And I can just see him with sad puppy dog eyes tooo... what woman could resist wink.gif

User stephk817

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Sending back to the top for others to hear from Sean.

smile.gif

User Gabhyde

Thread 171575, Page 5

Dear Sean,

Thanks for your update. Please tell Taylor not to fret anymore. Soul Patrol will support him through thick and thin. We love him unconditionally and how much inspiration and joy he has brought to us. He is so loved by everyone not only in USA but around the world.

I am sorry that he had to read such negativity about himself in the newspaper. How it breaks my heart to know that he's hurting in LA and you are such an awesome brother to help him to through the rough times.

Please tell Taylor to take good care of himself and tell him how much we really love him.

User yappy

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buckle up for a ride on the Hicks Highway. I got the front ! tongue.gif

User xMiss_cloveRx

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Sean,

I'm a heavy metal chick at the core too. But I've been enamored with Taylor since I saw his audition.

Make sure you let him know how much we adore him. The Soul Patrol is the most dedicated group of fans I've ever seen. Tell him to take it easy, breathe deep and just do his thing out there. It must be kind of confusing, and all of this sudden fame might even cause a bit of an identity crisis. Just tell him to remember his roots and with every performance, try to pick a song that accentuates his strong points. Taylor always has my vote and I'll stand by him now and throughout his entire long career ahead. I'll be in the front row at all of his shows screaming "Wooo" until my voice goes out. He has truly opened more doors for me musically and exposed me to some artists that I had never previously listened to. Plus, I've been playing my guitar again and singing around the house.

Thanks Tay!

~Nicole~

User Yummys_Girl

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Thanks for the post Sean. Please assure Taylor that we love him and our suporting him 100%. He is so well loved and appreciated

User biceandhicksfan

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Thank you Sean! It's always good to hear from you.

User cajuncool

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Like Grannyforbo on page 1, I like it when Taylor is obviously enjoying himself. To me it seems like he looks happiest when he's being himself by dancing all over that stage. Sean, tell him we are up dancing with him with great big smiles on our faces. No worries, Taylor, we love you!

wink.gif cool.gif

User grayhair50

Thread 171575, Page 5

Wow--who wouldn't be cheered up after reading these posts! Please tell Taylor that there are a legion of "Angelinos" (L.A.) who are crazy about him and we would fill up the whole auditorium each week, screaming and with our signs, if we could only get tickets!!

The Soul Patrol are a very devoted group of people and we WILL make this win happen!

Thanks for dropping by.

Grayhair50 (gray hair & 50 smile.gif)

p.s. PM me if you know how I can get tickets. wink.gif

User taylorsgirl

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Taylor needs to know we think he is amazing! Thank you for coming on here and posting these news flashes...much appreciated.

User stargurl

Thread 171575, Page 6

AAwwwww, Sean . . . lots of folks in L.A. care-- this Angeleno voted plenty for Taylor last night! So glad this week is over-- and so looking forward to seeing Taylor ROCK next Tuesday nite-- please tell him to just have fun with the music-- and that we've got his back! wink.gif

And thanks for taking the time to update us.

Goodnight, Sean-- pleasant dreams, Taylor!

User cattnack

Thread 171575, Page 6

Thank you, Sean. You know we can't get enough Taylor. I am so grateful you encouraged Taylor to do this. He wanted his voice to be heard...well, he sure got it. As so many people

before me have said, please let Taylor know that the Soul Patrol is fired up and ready to go. We are more determined than ever! We love him. ♥

User 21PLUS

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Sean, here is another grandmother, the same age as yours and Taylor's, who votes with two phones the whole two hours! I loved seeing your grandmother in the audience. I always think of her during Taylor's performances.

User arcasey

Thread 171575, Page 6

Thanks for the Update... My heart goes out to the contestants and all of the pressure they face. I never voted on American Idol before Taylor, and now, I am a Soul Patroller for life.

We believe in Taylor and knew he was special from the moment we saw his first audition. He has all of my support and he consumes most all of my "fanbase" idol-talk. So many, many, many love him! Go Soul Man!

User mimosamorning

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Hey Sean, So good to hear from you. I was watching the results show tonight and Taylor really look petrified, like he really thought it was over. But when Kellie was called over to his side she had a big grin, and so did Chris when he was called to Taylor's side. Why were they smiling? Because they KNEW they were OK, they were with our guy. If only Taylor could feel that. I hope our input, your family and Taylor's friends can convince him to relax, be himself and kick some booty up there. We love him and we've got his back! Its a guaranteed soul thing. And by the way, You are a cutie too biggrin.gif

User tayloray

Thread 171575, Page 6

Thanks for keeping us posted, Sean. Taylor's fans are represented here, but there are legions who never post. All dedicated to seeing him as the next AI. We're going to keep on voting. Tell Taylor to keep on bringing the music and the dancing to us.

WOOOOOOOO! Love that Soul Thing.

User karentaylorfan

Thread 171575, Page 6

Thanks so much for the post Sean.

I have nothing but smiles & hugs & love for your brother! He's incredible!

Karen

User Jenram47

Thread 171575, Page 6

Thanks a million Sean, we are all so thankful for the up-date. Please keep us posted! Tell Taylor he can not believe what he hears and reads..we are all 100% behind him.After tonight and then when he talks to you tomorrow, hopefully he'll come to realize how loved he is.Just be himself and he'll never go wrong.

User TaylorHicksRox12

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Sean,

Thanks for the update. I'm so sorry to hear Taylor had a bad morning. Tell him to stay true to his self and don't listen to the negative opinions. I have loved him from the auditions and will continue to love him no matter what! He has a lot of fans who feel the same. He is a breath of fresh air and the only reason I watch AI. I can't get enough of his Under the Radar cd and can't wait to see him in concert! GO TAYLOR!

Lots of love,

Steph

User Dotmeister

Thread 171575, Page 6

Thanks so very much for that update, Sean! Please tell Taylor we all love him and support him and will be voting for him every week for the full 2 hours, until our fingers are numb! Tell him to ignore the gossip! LOL Take care of yourself, Taylor! Hope you're feeling better! Can't wait to see you perform next week!

User Saffron

Thread 171575, Page 6

Sean:

Thank you for taking the time out to update us!! My heart breaks for Taylor feeling so sad this morning. Man, if only he knew how much we love him and his soul and his music. I can't wait until the AI bubble pops, and he can REALLY SEE how many fans he has worldwide and how adored he is.

I can't wait to see him rock out to Queen. I have a feeling it is going to be a very magical night!

(((Hugs))) to Taylor!

User mayasoul

Thread 171575, Page 6

Poor Taylor! If only he knew just how many people out here think he's absolutely INCREDIBLE! To heck with the guy on Ryan's show, and the newspaper article... he means so much to SO MANY. Don't be sad, Tay! You are AMAZING!!! Can't WAIT to see you perform again!

User humbletiger

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Sean, thank you for posting this, I think a lot of us needed it! Please tell Taylor that he has so much love and so many prayers heading right into his soul...from all over the earth!!! I am proud to be a loyal fan of his and will never stop voting. This is a very special group of people here and I think we all feel this way! We're taking him all the way Sean!! All the way!!!! Thanks again for posting!

User sky21

Thread 171575, Page 6

Yes, the REAL him!  We looove you Taylor!!!

User humbletiger

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Thanks again sean, just read this again and it made my day allll over agian!

User MariaAtkinson

Thread 171575, Page 6

Thank you Sean for been a wonderful brother and keeping your

brother's fans up to date with what is going on with Taylor.

I said it before and I will say it again Taylor is now more then an American Idol he is a World Idol.

A Brazilian fan

Maria

User gobsmacked

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just wanted to say that taylor has awakened souls around the world. i've bought his music. i've found myself buying lots of other music, because he has renewed my passion for it. my family managed to get in 1,477 votes this week. even as my son and i head back to japan, i have family dedicated to voting on our behalf. he is so inspiring to watch and listen to. there is no 2nd choice for me. i'm 100% on board the soul train. the soul patrol will not let him down. our love, prayers, wishes and votes will carry him across the finish line. i'm so overwhelmed, and so sure about him, my son and i are flying back to america on may 23rd, just so we can vote for him in the final week. this was supposed to be brief, but brevity is not my forte. taylor you are such a beautiful soul.

User gobsmacked

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uhoh. double post. sorry. reface.gif but i meant what i said, and i said what i meant!

User felidea

Thread 171575, Page 7

Hi Sean!

It makes me sad to know taylor felt so down. Pls try the above suggestion. I think taylor should read and listen to only positive things like in this thread whenever he can..

it'll help keep his mind and soul joyful and focused on winning this contest. You're such a wonderful brother.

Taylor,

You are a phenomenon that is reaching around the world. Your music moves people, and your voice touches souls.

Thank you for fighting so hard to get your voice heard.

U are an inspiration. Don't ever give up! Aim for the top prize!

We love everything you're doing and we love your music!

A Singapore fan.

User havingfun

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Sean,

I don't post often, but have a blog with a Taylor tag.

Tell Taylor to remember many of the people in power during Elvis' time were critical of him. So hang in there.

I echo many of these posts in my thoughts and feelings and no matter what vote for Taylor each week.

I also have a good radar in my house. My daughter with Down's loves Taylor. Many of her conversations with her older brothers are Taylor, Taylor, Taylor. Her world revolves around three things. Tuesday nights for Taylor, weekends for my husband's group, and Wednesday nights with Taylor. To see a child like her react the way she does with every opportunity to see this man makes you realize that he has something special, whether you knew it before or not. She pays no attention to any of the other contestants, but spends the whole show going "where's Taylor?" She knows the name of the show is American Idol, but to her Taylor is the only one on the show. And you should see the high fives as soon as Ryan says Taylor is safe. She runs straight to me from her spot directly in front of the television and says "Yessss". So Taylor can add to his list being the first crush for a very special little girl. Let him know that.

For her mom, Taylor isn't a sex symbol but a true musician. I grew up on a wide variety of styles of music, and spent a lot of time at radio stations that played anything from country to all types of rock. It is easy to see that Taylor is from a special place all his own when it comes to music, and I can't wait until he can break out of the AI mold and let it rip for the world. I expect he will reach heights none of us can imagine. We will keep voting for him right until the end. He may not be the producer's idea of an American Idol, but he now definitely belongs to the world. And part of that is the negative dunderheads who make their living telling us what we are supposed to listen to. That doesn't mean we listen to it, though. At least I don't. Time to prove who really owns American music.

Tell Taylor we love him and do as Laura Bush does-don't read the negative press because it moves you away from your focus.

User TaylorFan1709

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Sean, you are awesome and thanks for the updates, we need them so much, you help us as much as we help Taylor smile.gif You are a good brother and keep lifting up his spirits!! smile.gif

Taylor, You have swept over the nation! The ratings are so huge because of you, we have all seen the other types, but no one has seen the likes of you! We have all been waiting, for your kind of music and someone with your charisma and originality to deliver it, makes it that much better! Have fun and don't worry, we know Simon was not prepared for you, so we will keep voting like the rest of America, until the message gets through his thick skull! smile.gif smile.gif biggrin.gif

User kylovestaylor

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Sean,

Your brother has brought us so much joy! We, as soul patrol fans, love him with every part of our being. I was not a fan of American Idol, until I saw your brother in the auditions. I must admit hearing someone talk with a southern accent gets me every time. I remember thinking to myself, 'I sure hope this guy can sing'. He opened his mouth and honestly, time stood still for me. He wanted his voice heard and

I, for one, am so very thankful I witnessed his performance. It literally took my breath away and I haven't been the same since. Taylor is like a breath of fresh air. He is humble, soft-spoken, gorgeous and a truest performer in every sense of the word. Reading all of those negative reviews really hurt and I do not think they were deserved. He had fun with the performance. And, afterwards, his reactions to the audience was priceless! His smile is heartwarming and his laugh. Don't even get me started about how much I enjoy his laugh! smile.gif Pure, joy!

Sean, please send my love to your brother. You are so blessed having someone like him in your life. Tell him there is no one else like him. He has changed our lives forever!

User TaylorFanMA

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Thanks for the update Sean. It breaks my heart to know he was upset yesterday and it frustrates me to know he is unaware of all the fans he has.

We will do everything in our power to get him to the top. I too am an American Idol newbie and the only reason I am watching AI this year is because of your brother. He is da bomb! cool.gif

User hazell2000

Thread 171575, Page 7

RELAX!!!

FACT: TAYLOR HAS ALREADY GONE WAY BEYOND A.I.

FACT: EVEN ON A BAD THEME NITE HE'S STILL COMING IN AT THE TOP

FACT: PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD are tuning in week after week just to

hear him - his cd's are now selling internationally

FACT: MILLIONS OF PEOPLE are planning their entire weeks around

watching & voting for him

A lot of us don't even care whether he wins or not - we keep voting for him in record numbers just to be able to keep seeing him every week on the show, doing MORE of his kind of music for LONGER segments.

HE IS NOT JUST A FEW WEEKS WONDER.

HIS LEGION OF NEW FANS ARE IN IT FOR THE LONG HAUL.

WE'LL KEEP BUYING HIS MUSIC & WE'LL BE GOING TO HIS CONCERTS!

User idolcritik

Thread 171575, Page 7

taylor is very unique and original.. i like him alot and he will do very well when this is all said and done ... i would be the first to buy his album but he shouldve gone last nite... at least in the bottom 3. just my honest opinion.

User twayblayde

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Tell Taylor to just keep concentrating on his music. If he does that, he shouldn't fret and he will be tomorrow's American Idol.

User TaylorFan1709

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America doesn't trust AI, to ever let him be in the bottom three. Taylor will be in the bottom 3 when there are 3 left! Trust me on that one! You don't get it and probably never will, but read the poem 'Footprints in the Sand' it might help. wink.gif

User damm

Thread 171575, Page 7

thanks sean! i wish he could get to the boards and see how much we all love him rolleyes.gif

User piacere

Thread 171575, Page 7

Many thanks, Sean! Please tell Taylor that we're doing our exercises so we can be ready to PUNCH SOME VOTES next Tuesday. We've got his back, his front, both sides, top and bottom - the Soul Patrol has got him covered - We love you, Taylor!!!! ♥

User candychristina

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Tell Taylor we LOVE HIM!!!!!! We love you too for dropping by!!!!

pats Sean on back for SOULmanship**

User Scott1676

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Sean, please let Taylor know how we feel. I know I personally have nearly driven my poor wife (who does love him as well) crazy talking about him, his cd, etc. "So, watcha think about ol Taylor?" has become a common conversation starter for me and so many ppl I've talked to respond with obvious joy and admiration. Even ppl who are not actively voting for him have not been able to deny his magic, talent and infectious personality. We wont let him down, so just tell him to put all negativity out of his mind.

User kelleygirl41

Thread 171575, Page 7

Hi Sean, Please tell Taylor that I have LOVED him since I heard him at the auditions!!!!!! I said back then that he was going to win. I just can feel it. He has the COMPLETE package!!!!!! I can't believe that he doesn't get how much America LOVES him!!!!!! Every week, I can't wait for Tuesday just so I can hear him sing again!!!! He makes me smile as soon as I see him. He's infectious. Please, Please, Please pass all these thoughts on to him so he can keep doing the great job he's doing. Don't let Simon change who he is. We love the Taylor that dances and sings his butt off. Go Taylor!!!!!! I will vote until my fingers bleed!!!!!! biggrin.gif

User RedFox

Thread 171575, Page 7

Last night wasn't that bad vocally, and Taylor's been kicking ass overall. So just keep the faith!

The fact that there seems to be more people voting for him after the judges bashed him means more than words can explain!

User Swebb6652

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Taylor's not going anywhere. He's too talented, and too beloved by his fans, and we want him there. Taylor, we love you, and we are voting our fingers off for you. Get some rest, and quit fretting - we got your back! smile.gif

User Fanofclay

Thread 171575, Page 8

Oh no, I am in tears. How can he not know how much support he has. They all get bad reviews from time to time. Taylor has brought so much into so many of our lives. I am a 58 year old, mother of three, and grandmother of 6, we all LOVE Taylor. I downloaded the tape of Taylors doing "Taking it to the Streets", when I have the grandkids over, we are all up dancing with Taylor. He brings such joy and excitement that is lacking this year from the rest.

Please send him our love and that we are here supporting him all the way!!!

User DazedDolphin

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Thanks for the update, I was really worried about Taylor, but I never lost faith that he would make it through. Please let him know that we are all pulling for him, he has my votes and always will. Taylor is one of a kind, and well, that's why he has the largest fan base over all the other contestants. He's unique and he's ours. wink.gif

User castle_town

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Sean Hicks, thank you very much for the update. We the SP appreciate your preaching to his fans. It means the world to us. WE HAVE TO FIND SOME WAY TO CONTRIBUTE TO LET TAYLOR KNOW HE HAS MILLIONS OF FANS ACROSS THE WORLD. COME ON SOUL PATROL WE HAVE TO!

User idolwatcher33

Thread 171575, Page 8

Thank you for the update Sean. Tell Taylor that he is more popular than he'll ever know.

User prpldva

Thread 171575, Page 8

Sean, please tell Taylor to never give up! We have faith in him! He must have faith in us. Soul Patrol! Whooo!

User TayMate

Thread 171575, Page 8

Sean, thanks for the post! Everybody has said all that I want to say and more. ONE thing that should be repeated is please let Taylor know we want him to STAY TRUE TO HIMSELF!! WE

MISS THE TAYLOR FROM "TAKING IT TO THE STEETS" AND "LIVING FOR THE CITY." He's lucky to have you for a brother! You're both awesome!

User Vermathrax

Thread 171575, Page 8

Thanks Sean for all of the information and giving us all our "inside info". lol we are behind him all the way to the finals and beyond that also.

User MrsStacy

Thread 171575, Page 8

Hey Sean, you let Taylor know that we never had any doubts, and no matter how long and drawn out theme weeks are THE SOUL PATROL has his back!!!!!!

Virginia is for Lovers....and we love TAYLOR!!!!

User MariaAtkinson

Thread 171575, Page 8

Oh my Gosh you made me cry like a baby.

Bless you and all your family and Your little girl sure

have good taste smile.gif

User justplainolme

Thread 171575, Page 8

That is sooooo Sweeeeet! biggrin.gif

User happyhabit

Thread 171575, Page 8

Your such a great brother to always be there for Taylor. Thank you for the update. When Taylor feels down or unloved tell him to pop in and read some of the posts on here. The soul patrol (and goldfish patrol) are behind him and love him no matter what!

♥ from Washington

User x_1013_x

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Sad puppy voice?!!! Awww, Taylor, I love you man!

User sjfound

Thread 171575, Page 8

Please let him know that we all love him and support him and come back to watch him every week. I'm the same age as Taylor and have watched Idol every season and never have I been so impressed with someone as Taylor. (Sure he's really cute) reface.gif, but I just love watching someone who is so passionate about music and really puts himself out there heart and soul. I can imagine the bubble they all have to live in there, so please let him know that we support him. As long as he has the opportunity to be himself on stage, everything else will just fall into place.

Sara

User Taylormaid4ever
Thread 171575, Page 8

Sean, please pass on my thanks to Taylor for bringing music back into my life. His music connects with me in a way I can't explain and on so many levels. I am looking forward to him having a long and successful career and can't wait to attend his first concert!

His fans are behind him 110%, and we have dug in our heels for the long haul. I spend over two hours voting for him continuously on Tuesday nights and my entire family knows not to mess with me during that time!

Keep up the great work Taylor! We love our Soul Patrolman! cool.gif

User nobeers
Thread 171575, Page 8

I agree! Thanks Sean for the post!

User estgirl
Thread 171575, Page 8

Thank you for the update, Sean! I am so sad Taylor happened to catch just the negative comments about him. Please reassure him that he does have a legion of fans faithfully supporting him each week. I believe the majority of them are the silent ones who haven't signed up for these boards, but they do vote. In addition, your brother has a huge fanbase in at least 38 different countries. Our own international fan club thread here--the IHOT (International House of Taylor)--is growing daily. He is loved and supported by more people than he can even imagine. Please keep on reassuring him! You are a great brother! Thank you!

User socco
Thread 171575, Page 8

Thank you for the posting Sean. It's very comforting directly hear from you.

To be honest with you, I was very shocked when I read a post quoting you yesterday. It gave me an impression that Taylor doesn't take theme weeks seriously. Now I am a bit relieved after I read your post.

Just for reminding:

Every week is critical and important. and Taylor can't have free choice until top 4.

The song time is always short until the final 2. I think Top 6 and Top 5 final rounds are the only opportunity for contestants to sing 2 minutes.- the longest song time except the final 2: That's most critical point when contestants should step it up and shine to ultimately win it all. but They are stil not free from theme at that point. and Winner always had a season best performance before top 5.

Since Taylor is on an island. Sean, I count on you for supporting

him in many ways. Please do listen to people and get helps from many capable people. and don't forget to appreciate fans who vote for him no matter what.

I appreciate your thanking for the fans. I hope your great ideas on Queen night help him next week. (I remember you suggested " levon" for the first performance. worked it out quite good. wink.gif

User MaTaylahhhhGram
Thread 171575, Page 8
Thank you Sean

As I sit and read these posts, tears are streaming down my face. Taylor brings out the beautiful side of us all.. In this world of turmoil..Taylor's voice has touched our souls I know I will be a Taylor Fan forever. Love you Taylor !!!!

User idolbabble
Thread 171575, Page 8

Hi Sean... Thank you so much, and please post more often we love hearing about Taylor... and you are the only source we can trust.

Hearing that Taylor gets sad when he hears negative statements out in public makes me very sad too. Please tell Taylor his life has already changed, he internationally known now.

Randy and Paula have been his fans since the auditions and, believe it or not, Simon likes him too. Simon has never made a negative comment about Taylor's singing, but he does tease him about his dancing. Taylor needs to ignore him. Simon's comments are only his opinion.

Also, remind him Randy, Paula, and Simon haven't been "judges" since Hell Week. Since the top 24, the fans have been the judges... and, since Taylor has the biggest fan base, we say Taylor will be the next American Idol!

Taylor needs to be himself and have fun on stage; then he will shine like the bright star he is.

Tell Taylor we love him, and again, thank you for posting... we truly love hearing from you.

User modbaker
Thread 171575, Page 9
Sean,

Please let Taylor know that for every negative comment he may hear, there are THOUSANDS of positive things being said about him. Not only on this board, but in offices and homes around the world!

He has big time support and he just needs to feel it!!!

User L8DBACK
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Sean,

Tell Taylor that we all love him and the whole nation is Taylorized! The first time I saw him on AI, I knew he was a special person. He will always have my votes till he becomes the next American Idol! smile.gif

User vickyh1
Thread 171575, Page 9

lovely post.....thanks much....just brightened my day....

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OMG, Taylor has to know that all of America loves him. I liked him from the beginning but when he walked in playing that harmonica, that was the clinker. Taylor has the most talent and the best showmanship American Idol has. Last night when he started the first group of 3, then they put Mandisa and Ace to start the other 2 groups, I knew all of America overlooked his bad night of Country Road. When Kellie joined Taylor and then Chris, I also knew they were the top three.

I honestly think TAYLOR will win this year hands down.

You go Taylor and sing me something good this week. You seemed a little down singing Country Roads and even last night but from now on, pick yourself up and pay no attention to people who have no idea what true talent is and keep on doing what you do best. SING & JIVE!

User Cookster

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I hope you read this Sean so you can pass it on to Taylor....Tell him that he has impacted people so much there are comparisons to Elvis Presley! I mean I have read in more than just this board....People are saying that there hasnt been anyone that has generated this much excitement since Elvis....What an AWESOME thing!

User idolwtchr

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Thank you so much for posting Sean. I'm sorry that Taylor has to hear negative things from the press and judges. I'm so glad that you tell him that his fans love him. We will not let him down. We will support him during these difficult theme weeks and afterwards too. We are all going to fans for a long, long time.

Thanks again.

User tmans4taylor

Thread 171575, Page 9

Sean,

Thanks for sharing! Taylor and your family are taking the spotlight in a classy way.

Won't he be floored when he realizes how popular he is!? smile.gif

We love him just being Taylor.

Best wishes!

User Noura

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OMG Sean, he has no idea, has he ? Your brother is becoming a world phenomenon. I'm a big fan of his since the LV audition and I'm from Bahrain. Do you even know where Bahrain is ? Does anyone ?! smile.gif That's how popular Taylor is.

Please tell him he's doing great and that we love him no matter what. Heck, he can sing me the yellow pages and he'd sound awesome biggrin.gif

Thank you for posting redface.gif

User cathr572
Thread 171575, Page 9
Hi Sean:

First of all I want to thank you so much for keeping us updated. It really means so much to us that you take time out of your day to let Taylor's fans know how he is doing and to let us know that our support for Taylor is appreciated. You both seem like great guys!

Second of all, I just loved Taylors performance of "Country Roads". I was very surprised when I started hearing all the negative things being said about it. My personal thoughts on that are that Taylor is the biggest threat to the other contestants because of his immense talent and general "likeability factor". So, the press and other contestants fans are extra hard on him because he really is in a league above the rest.

Third of all, Taylor has such a great support system in us "Soul Patrollers". We all love and believe in Taylor and his talent. Even if things seem low, we will always come through for him! We are very dedicated to helping Taylor win this thing! smile.gif

Best of luck to Taylor!!!! And thanks again for keeping us updated!

Sincerely,

Cathy Richard, Massachusetts

User kdmal1

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Taylor is the best... I will continue to spent every Tuesday night with a cell phone in each hand, pressing send and then end...over and over while my husband has our home phone pressing redial, flash, redial, etc...

User lorriebird

Thread 171575, Page 10

Dear Taylor,

Thank you for giving us THE reason to watch Idol this year,

just like Bo did last year. And since you have so much to

see in this thread I'll keep it short...

Just continue to be yourself, that's why we love you.

Lorrie

User casalady

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Al puts these people through grueling, overinflated theme nights then bash them for doing the songs. This is the first year my husband and I have watched from the beginning and vote (a first). Taylor stood out above the rest because he is so genuine and multitalented. He is the WHOLE package; singer, performer, and entertainer. We love him just as he is and that is what makes a FANTASTIC PERFORMER. Whatever he does is HIM and different from the rest. Taylor, keep on being real. You are who you are and we all love you for it. We hang on every week

just to see what you are doing next; whatever it is will be genuinely TAYLOR and not manufactured. YOU GO BOY! wink.gif

User musicgrl03

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I LOVE YOU TAYLOR! you have been an inspiration to me. keep singing and never quit

User toyracer

Thread 171575, Page 10

Sean, I don't know if you will ever read this, but this is important.

Please tell Taylor that he has fans out in the real world that "get" what he is doing. And I'm not just talking about liking his style.

This is very important, because he is doing things vocally that the majority of viewers have no clue about. It is important that he knows that a few of us understand and that we pass it on to the rest of the Sul Patrol and the world at large. I know you don't have the time to look around this Board to see for yourself, but there are threads everywhere that break down each performance technically and explain the finer points to everyone.

Tell him to keep doing exactly what he has been doing. We "get" it, even if the judges do not.

User AwburnBoFan4Ever

Thread 171575, Page 10

Thanks Sean! Pleeeeeeeeeeease tell Taylor we are all supporting him, and voting for him. He has many many many fans! He is an amazing talent! I know he is going to go all the way. And lastly please tell him not to listen to the negatives and to just be himself! We love him just the way he is!

Peace

A

User doctorjudy

Thread 171575, Page 10

Nice post.

Don't forget the pets. Our pets love him also.

User meluvjava

Thread 171575, Page 10

Sean...Thank you for the post. We really appreciate it. I was little concerned about the Queen theme...actually for all the contestants. BUT after watching the clip last night with Queen...I cannot wait! It looked like everyone had a blast! I think we may all be pleasantly surprised. Thanks for letting Taylor know that we are here and are behind him all the way! When he does find out how much people love him and his music, you better have the smelling salts handy. We are also very appreciative of his shout outs to the SP. It makes our week when he does that! Peace! cool.gif

User SoulsisterDK

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Thanks for the update, Sean cool.gif We have faith in Taylor - he's already a ★

User RedSoxFanMom

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chiming in from Louisiana to say we LOVE you Taylor!!! I own a tanning salon and put "beep twice if you vote for Taylor Hicks" on the flashing sign and you wouldnt believe the response. Sometimes it makes it hard to help my customes but i just grin and wave...

This is only my second year watching Idol and never have i voted more than once per night until i saw Taylor. I dial and redial for 2 hrs solid and have a teenager on my cell and hubby's cell doing the same. Just seeing Taylor on Tues and Wed night makes my week brighter. Who couldn't look at that smiling face and not have a lighter heart?

We're here for you Taylor!!! God Bless.

User Zetta

Thread 171575, Page 10

Sean, first and foremost thank you for such a wonderful update and taking the time to clue us in.

The love for Taylor on this board and through out America is so tremendous and I wished Taylor knew how much.... He is loved and supported in so many ways!

THE SOUL PATROL WILL CONTINUE TO LOVE AND SUPPORT HIM AND HE WILL GO ON TO WINNER THIS COMPETITION!

User CandysDandy

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from Ohio: I'm a stay at home mom and my husband is a family physician. He wears a Soul Patrol button on his lab coat everyday (with a little prodding from me)and I wear mine everywhere I go. Our two sons, 18 and 23, think he's great too. I have "Under the Radar" and play it all the time. I have never dialed soooo much each week for anyone else. Tell Taylor he is awesome!!!

User RobynAnn

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Sean, this is the first time I have ever even dreamed of voting, or even watching AI. Taylor has moved so many of us to do things we wouldn't normally do!

I love his voice, his mannerisms, his charm. He is an IDOL in the truest sense of the word.

-R

PS-You have to get it though to him how much he means to all lof us. He has to know what is going on here...

User kumachan

Thread 171575, Page 10

Sean, as always, thanks for the update. Poor Taylor!

((((((((HUGS)))))))) to him and to you too. I'm sure it's not easy on you and the rest of the family either.

Please let him know that the Soul Patrol is alive and growing by the week. We love us some Taylor Hicks.

User katt001

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Taylor has brought more fans to the show who wouldn't be caught dead watching AI before than he could possibly imagine. My boyfriend, a die-hard death metal fan, cheers with me every time Taylor comes out to sing. We listen to him, rewind his performances over and over, and wear out our fingers dialing in votes on Tuesday nights--when we can even get through that is!!!! If he only knew how truly special he is to so many people...something about him touches our hearts and now that we've found him, the world is a more fun and soulful place.

LOVE YOU, TAYLOR!!!!!!!!!!

User sandwiches

Thread 171575, Page 10

Taylor we love you! Dont give up. I wish you knew how much we love you. Hang in there.

User stubbygray

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Thanks Sean,

My mom said that during his performance of "Country Roads" that he looked sad.

Please, you're a great brother, don't let him get sucked any further into this AI machine.

Taylor, brother, WE LOVE YOU! Don't let these Hollywood cats make you question who you are. Let this be a growth experience and come out stronger for it in the end. Go back to your roots man. You have an ENORMOUS following now. We will all wait in line to see you do YOUR thing, the Taylor Hicks, WOOOOOHOOOOO! harmonica thing.

Go back to your roots. I know AI and America are trying to put you in a box right now, but it'll all be over soon and you'll be a stronger, better man and performer because of it. How are you supposed to feel the music when you feel like you're not allowed to dance and move? Break out of the box man, forget about the silly criticisms and DO YOUR THING, please (I don't mean to sound bossy, just a pep talk). Don't let this show get you down. You're a superstar!!! WE LOVE YOU and PLEASE DON'T FORGET IT!

Much Peace & Love

Susanne & family in Florida

User TaylorLove

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Dear Sean:

It's really important to me that you relay what I am going to say to Taylor. Taylor, since the moment I was honored and privileged to "meet" him during his audition, has brought a new spark to my life!

He has brought JOY into my life again. My boyfriend realized it too and immediately went looking on the web for his music. He downloaded the first CD and we both listened to it with wide eyed smiles on our faces, we were transfixed! We have purchased two Under the Radar

CD's (could have burned one, but that wasn't even an issue). We had to each have our own copy!!!! He is the epitomy of graciousness, and he is so gifted in song! WE LOVE HIM FOR WHAT HE DOES. This love is UNCONDITIONAL like a parent has for their child. I want you to make it crystal clear to him that he is cherished is more households in the world than he could imagine. PLEASE RELAY THIS TO HIM! Also, please tell him not to take any negative things to heart. I wish I could protect him from all of it, but I leave that task to you, his brother. Please give him a big squeeze for us and I will continue to support him for as long as I have breath in my body.

GO TAYLOR! Keep your spirits high - like you've done for me!

User TaylorLove

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Pssst: I took the day off (hee hee) because I wanted to talk about Taylor the entire day...ssshhhh wink.gif

User stubbygray

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I've been awful this week! If I had a dime for every time I've written Go Taylor, Go Bucky in the past three days, I wouldn't have to worry about -not- working surprised.gif

User JennyPA

Thread 171575, Page 11

Being from the North, Pennsylvania to be exact, I have to say how grateful I am that there is an AI that gives an opportunity to showcase a great talent like Taylor. If it wasnt for them, I never would have known what I was missing.

Music, to me, is for lifting up and inspiring the human soul. The first time I heard Taylor sing, I was captured by the spell he is able to weave thru the music that he shares with us. For some, music is the means to an end, the way to make a dollar, to be famous. For Taylor, I believe that he lives, breaths, a gives life to the music he plays...and that kind of love has the power to change peoples lives and they way they look at the world..... cool.gif

I just wanted to say thanks to Taylor, for sharing himself with us...

User TaylorFan1709

Thread 171575, Page 11

Haven't seen you post, welcome to Soul Patrol smile.gif My brother is a family Dr. and he loves Taylor!!

User stubbygray

Thread 171575, Page 11

Thank you for saying all that. I felt it but could not put it into such perfect words. Thank you! Go Taylor!

User big_music_fan

Thread 171575, Page 11

Isn't he allowed to know how Under The Radar is selling? To put it mildly, I'm sure his sales have increased significantly in the past couple of months!

Wouldn't that be something "real and tangible" he could use as a marker to know just how CRAZY we all are about him??

User Merrygirl

Thread 171575, Page 11

Oooooooooo, that makes me so mad that Taylor believed that bunch of bull crap! mad.gif

Taylor,

We love you. We really, really do. And not just the Soul Patrol, but America loves you, too. So many of us when we vote, can't get through all the busy signals. That means many, many, many more people other than the Soul Patrol are voting for you. America is for you. We promise. We won't let you down. We're going to vote no matter what you sing or how you sing it. That's how much we love you.

It's not just your singing and performing that has made America love you so much. It's who you are. It's your personality. Shoot, you probably get about 10 million votes just because you shout out to the Soul Patrol every week. That alone makes so many people want to be your fans. Who wouldn't want to be a fan of someone who actually acknowledges his fans and doesn't see himself as above them? You're the genuine article. There's no one like you.

I'm about your age and I've never really liked a musician before very much. I've just liked certain songs and I buy that person's CD for the songs. But, you're so much different to me. I love your voice. I don't care what you sing or even how well you sing it and I as well as many others really care about you. We just want you to be happy. We want to make your dreams come true.

So, buck up, buddy. Take a deep breath, count to ten and as much as your little puppy voice might be cute, I don't want to hear it. You leave that voice for lamenting over girlfriends, because we haven't "dumped" you and we're not going to. You better be listening!

Love,

Christy

Tulsa, Oklahoma

(Okay, I know. He'll never read it. But, I know I feel better, now.)

User flsiren

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Taylor, Taylor, Taylor...just do your "thang" and let the cards fall where they may. You have a huge fan base and I know we'll be hearing from you for years to come. Someone stated that Californians don't care about AI, but they care about you! As a displaced Californian, whose friends in LA include many, many musicians, I know you're getting the "buzz." You bring your soul to your music and I feel underlying emotions from you. It's easy to tell when your into the song and when your not, but emotion is still there. This passion for the music is what will carry you through your career.

I'd also like to tell you that you transcend generations...from my 15-year-old granddaughter, to my 32-year-old daughter, and finally to this 54-year-old grandmother, you're the reason we tune in!
[size=14] wink.gif

User Pepperdog
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That's why Taylor should be the "American Idol". He appeals to such a broad demographic, he's not just a "niche" performer. It will truly be a CRIME if he does not rise to the top of this thing....

User angel5575
Thread 171575, Page 11

WE LOVE TAYLOR AND PLEASE LET HIM KNOW HE HAS A LOT OF FANS OUT THERE PULLING FOR HIM! THE NEGATIVE REMARKS ARE JUST JEALOUS PEOPLE OUT THERE! JUST IGNORE THEM!! TELL HIM TO HOLD HIS HEAD UP THANK THE MAN ABOVE AND DO HIS BEST WE ARE ALL VOTING FOR HIM AND LOOK FORWARD TO BUYING HIS CD!!!

User stubbygray
Thread 171575, Page 11

Mehhh, I wouldn't say a crime. I know what you mean, but I also know that he's already gotten the exposure he needs to sell millions of cds and fill stadiums with true music fans who are looking for some Taylor JOY. He'll be fine. He just has to get through this (increasingly ridiculous) AI thing.

User Pepperdog
Thread 171575, Page 12

No, a CRIME!!!! I want to see someone GO TO PRISON for it!!!! wink.gif

User danibm
Thread 171575, Page 12

Taylor is loved, tell him so for us - make him get it.

cool.gif

thanks for the sweet post, keep us updated.

wink.gif biggrin.gif smile.gif

User Earle361
Thread 171575, Page 12

Thanks for the update. Tell Taylor to play to his fans and forget his critics.

We love him!

User rikki_1018
Thread 171575, Page 12

First - thank you Sean for posting to us - it is so appreciated!

Second - Taylor - where to start.... its obvious to us how much love & passion there is here for you - but if you're not given the opportunity to read these boards yourself (and the thousands of others & blogs out there) and to know just how much you have influenced a rebirth in the love of good music in so many of us - I hope Sean will take the suggestion of

printing these pages and getting them to you!

I'm sorry I didn't think to catch the name & quote appropriately - the mother and daughter w/Down's... brought me to tears.

Who better than children to win over?? Kids are the most painfully honest people alive (thinking all the times have mine made me cringe) and they are also the pickiest and the ones with the most infectious enthusiasm! Inspiring children (and adults) to love music as you do... its an amazing thing. Another trait we love about you!

As far as the "judges" - someone was correct stating they haven't been "judges" since He// Week - all they are now are critics. And I, for one, don't like someone else telling me what I should like!

User gobsmacked

Thread 171575, Page 12

tell taylor that the soul patrol has secured base camp, and we have his back as he continues his ascent to the summit of ai5. wooooooooooo.

User phylfig

Thread 171575, Page 12

I think Taylor Hicks is great. Keep telling him that from this fan! He really does have a lot of fans out there. Tell him to keep being who he is and believe in himself because we like him the way he is

User stephk817

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Yes we do get exactly what Taylor has done for each and every song. He is truly a gifted musician.

User azmama

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Sean

Tell Taylor he has plenty of fans that support him and love him. It is unbelievable how many people have purchased his UTR cd. I myself have one, it is the only thing I listen to in my truck.

My review is he is the greatest new singer to be discovered!

Oh yes if he is homesick, I am about 7 hours away from California , being a southern mama, can come cook him some southern style food for him for comfort.

User darkmrvlgirl26

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We're here for him until the end. No Matter What! cool.gif

User TaylorLove

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To Infinity and Beyond!

User angel_elizabeth

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I love Taylor. He IS the 2006 American Idol, as far as I'm concerned.

Sending lots of well-wishes and love to him.....

User Earle361

Thread 171575, Page 12

Amen!!!!!! Find joy Taylor, because that is what you bring to us when you sing. Find joy this week and jump into your song with both feet!

User compubear

Thread 171575, Page 12

Sounds like Taylor's on an island surrounded by sharks! Won't it be glorious when he winds and can then truly find out how many loyal fans he really has out here. I'm a fifty year old grandma, and love the ageless music Taylor brings to his performances. Sean, hope you PRINT OUT ALL OF THESE POSTS so Taylor can read them later. Hugs and prayers for Taylor, and all of us SP's! We rock!

User lbug

Thread 171575, Page 12

Well as the old Hans and Franz SNL sketch used to say -- "hear me now and believe me later." He is LOVED!! By a LOT of people.

The Soul Patrol is squarely behind Taylor. Does not matter what he reads or hears. He has the mojo and we are pushing it right along.

Tell him to cheer up and BE HIMSELF! Everyone loves that Taylor Hicks.

To heck with Hollyweird/H**I La!!

biggrin.gif biggrin.gif biggrin.gif

User CijiDunne

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HOW I WISH HE KNEW HOW MUCH HE IS ADORED! THAT WOULD MAKE US FEEL A WHOLE LOT BETTER! But, we can't get lazy, voting needs to happen to keep our man in the race! I LOVE YOU TAYLOR, WE ALL DO! DON'T FORGET THAT!

User shinebrite39

Thread 171575, Page 12

Hi-

I've been voting for Taylor from the beginning loving him from when I first saw him @ the Auditions. However The last two weeks he doesn't seem like himself. Word is going around that Taylor was told not to dance as much on stage, & that's why he's been standing @ the mike & singing,It did look like he was holding back this week. Please if this is true tell your Brother to be his fun deep down to the bones heart felt singer that he is & not to listen to nonsense like that. I want the Taylor I first saw back!

biggrin.gif

User dancing4taylor

Thread 171575, Page 13

Thanks Sean. You are such a supportive,loving brother. Taylor, you make me smile smile.gif

User bestboy

Thread 171575, Page 13

Looking forward to Queen Week! I wonder what his first choice song was? cool.gif

User mamacoco

Thread 171575, Page 13

Thanks for the update, Sean. You tell Taylor that we'll do whatever it takes to keep him on top. I'm Canadian, and I travelled to Maine on Tuesday so I could vote this week. Whatever it takes! Taylor's talent is SOOOO worth it.

User CarissaD

Thread 171575, Page 13

Thanks so much Sean for keeping us updated, you are our lifeline to Taylor. It is soooo sad to hear that he was down yesterday frown.gif Please tell him that he has put a smile on so many faces. He brought music back into my life and I am so grateful to him.

Hugs to you and especially to Taylor.

BTW, I LOVED his performance Tuesday night.

User stubbygray

Thread 171575, Page 13

WOW! You traveled to Maine just to vote! That's awesome! I'm sure Taylor will be THRILLED to hear that. I know I am. Thank you!

User Inspiredbymusic

Thread 171575, Page 13

Dear Sean,

I think Taylor has fans with a WIDE variety of music interests and don't think you should be afraid to show what you like! I like songs from just about every genre, every single type of music I can think of, it just depends on the song and my mood.

That is so sad that all he heard was the negative stuff about his performance...it was suggested by a Soul Patroller, Kitti I believe, that you print out the "Quotes to Brighten Taylor's Day" thread. Might bring a smile to his day. There were lots of fans, myself included, that liked his performance on Tuesday. Your Granmda sure did seem to like it too judging by her reaction! That was so sweet to see!

I think that is cool that he talks to you about his girlfriends. I bet you are going to get an earfull very soon, if you haven't already about all the girls after him!

Thank you for relaying the info to him in L.A., you sound like a great brother and I bet Taylor is glad to have you.

Thank you also for helping to get him to audition for AI. So many hearts, so many lives have been touched, and will forever remember when they first saw that "gray-haired" guy at the auditions. (By the way, I actually thought he looked younger than 28, 29 in his picture of him standing in line. I thought mid - 20's. I am in my early 30's and have seen other guys getting gray hair earlier than some, but I saw the youthful look on his face and the expression in his eyes and knew he wasn't too old!)

I think we all are waiting for the moment when we can see and hear him perform a song with more length of time! It's always over too soon in my opinion!

With love and peace,

Inspiredbymusic smile.gif , a proud Soul Patrol fan

User diamondfire_42

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Sean,

Please tell your brother to keep the music in his heart and don't let the grind that is LA and AI get him down. He took a big step coming into this competition and it will be worth it in the end. What he said he wanted is to have his voice heard. We hear it. We listen to it. We respond to it.

My dad is a musician (see his pic in my info.) and that is what separates Taylor from the competition. He is a musician, not just a singer. When I watch Taylor, I see the complexity in the music. I see/feel the love, passion, hate, agony, joy that encompasses being entwined in the music and the performance of it.

My father didn't make it in nashville. He is 72 and still plays. He finally wore out his 1954 Martin D28, but he meets up with some old friends and others that want to play every three weeks at a truck stop in Neoga, Illinois to spend a couple of hours jammin' and joking with each other. If Taylor ever wants to make an old man (don't tell dad I said that) happy, stop by the truck stop, bring a guitar, his harmonica, some stories. In return, he will get to dance with my 3-year old niece, a meal, some laughs, and maybe dad will share a nip of his special 'soda'.

Tell Taylor good luck. He may not see me, but I will be seeing him someday down the line. On that he can rely.

User CijiDunne

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I'm sure enough to buy that couch he wants! He was so funny on that interview, he still wants a new couch first and foremost! What a guy!

User saharabloom

Thread 171575, Page 13

All I can say - if AI has done nothing but bring us Taylor Hicks then it's been worth it.

I don't think Taylor is a typical 5 - 10 year artist who has his day in the sun and then it's over. This guy is the real thing. I'm talking my Grandkids & great grandkids are probably gonna be listening to him as a 'classic' for the early 21st century. (I'm 29). The guy's gonna be doing 'Best of' CDs in about 20 - 25 years.

They'll probably even be studying him in music appreciation and theory courses in years to come. He has more than just talent - though the amount he has is enough - it's the whole package - everything he emits, like an aura, the feeling he puts out when he sings. Living in this day and age, we need something to smile about and Taylor can bring it!

What the music industry doesn't get is that when we listen to music - we don't care if the man or woman has the perfect figure or can swivel just right - it's the music. But That's what we care about, the music. And Taylor's got music like 'fire shut up in his bones'.

Sometimes, it seems they (music industry) gets caught up in only caring about talent a little bit. Like, if they produce the album just right it can cover any faults that person might have. If that were the case we wouldn't have Janis Joplin to name just one.

And from what I can see on these boards, there are plenty of women that feel Taylor has the COMPLETE package - not just a synthesized sound and designer looks.

User mamacoco

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Just one more thing before I go, Sean. Taylor Hicks has touched the hearts and souls of so many people. He should be proud of what he does. And I'm not the only one who feels that way - there's a legion of fans out there singing the praises of Taylor Hicks, with more joining every day. They stand for kindness and generosity of spirit in a way I haven't seen often in this world. It's a reflection of who Taylor is, from what I've heard. I'm proud to be a Soul Patroller, and to be connected in this way with such an admirable person.

User Weazlegirl

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Now I'm sad too! That's AWFUL. I feel so bad for him. I wish there was a way to get in touch with him via mail. I HATE writing but if it'd give him some encouragement, I'd love to let him know we love him and support him. I've listened to "Country Road" over and over. Not everyone thinks the same way those newspapers do! I think his voice was wonderful... "Almost heaven". smile.gif

User Weazlegirl

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Sean, if we made a thread for encouragement, can you print it off and show it to him? Or is he not allowed to do that? I wasn't clear if he actually got to see these boards or just knows about it.

User FelixFrankfurter

Thread 171575, Page 13

I was gonna BUMP this but got beaten to the punch.

I second everything that's been said here so many times and in so many ways. Taylor Hicks is infectious.

FACT: I hardly ever watch TV, and I've never watched American Idol before this season.

FACT: I hardly ever read Internet bulletin boards, let alone post on them.

FACT: I don't buy as much music as I used to, because everything seems so gutless, heartless, soulless, flavorless, focus-group-tested, and boring.

FACT: Taylor has changed all of that. He's the cure to everything that's wrong with the music industry and the world today. He's managed to plant me and my wife to our couch on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. He's the best that "Reality" TV has ever had to offer (though he deserves heartier compliments than that). I've downloaded his performances and ordered "Under the Radar." I visit "GrayCharles.com" more than is probably healthy. And he's moved me to post on a website I didn't even know existed a few months ago. It's impossible to explain why all of this is so, but it's probably pretty simple when you break it down: he's infectious. I hope he's enjoying the ride as much as the rest of us clearly are.

By the way, I like the "Country Road" and "Trouble" Taylor Hicks as much as the "Taking it to the Streets" and "Living for the City" Taylor Hicks. In my own humble view, the man can do no wrong. He simply outclasses the competition, and I don't mean that as an insult to them, because they're clearly talented folk.

Anyway: Sean, thanks much for posting, and please pass along the message if you ever get the chance. I doubt any of us really knows how many fans are out there who have been similarly sparked, even if in the smallest measure.

User WinkyDink

Thread 171575, Page 14

The SOUL PATROL is with our SOUL PATROLMAN ALL THE WAY!! cool.gif

User Leilanipel

Thread 171575, Page 14

It's really simple.

We know what we want, and we are going to make it happen.

This man and this music deserve nothing less. He sings, we vote, and it's done.

It's really simple.

User Duff

Thread 171575, Page 14

Sean,

Soul Patrol is behind Taylor all the way. Please tell him this each time you speak to him. He truly has a legion of fans all over the world. Soul Patrol hangs on every word we hear about him so keep posting and let us know how he is doing !! He has our love and support.. now and always !

User Litzypops

Thread 171575, Page 14

Sean,

Please let Taylor know that we HAVE, we ARE, and we WILL stick by him through thick and thin. He is the only reason we are watching AI, and just please do your best to convey to him how much we love him and appreciate his music.

Tell him not to worry so much. The true potential of Soul Patrol is yet to be known!

User admaz

Thread 171575, Page 14

Sean,

Thanks for letting his fans know what he is going through. If he really doesnt believe how big his fan group is, just look at how many people are on the Soul Patrol thread and it just re-opened yesterday! If there was a place to send fan mail I am sure that he would be getting millions. Love always to the Soul Man!!!

User soullover
Thread 171575, Page 14
Sean,

Please let Taylor know that we are all behind him 100%! I wish he could fathom just how much he is adored by so many! I can only imagine the stress he must be under but tell him to keep his chin up- EVERYTHING WILL BE OK!! Soul Patrol will NOT let him down!!

User taydol
Thread 171575, Page 14

Sean, Tell Taylor his LEGION of fans has turned into a MULTITUDE many many times over and then some, TAYLOR ROCKS!!!! cool.gif

User LadyBeBop
Thread 171575, Page 14
Heavy metal!!!

Sean, I would have pictured you as a jazz cat, same as me. smile.gif

(now excuse me as I put on my AC/DC album...For Those About To Rock...We Salute You!)
tongue.gif

:in all seriousness, hugs Sean:

Thanks for everything. Tell Taylor that everything is cool. We're all behind him.

User Housewife
Thread 171575, Page 14

Sean this makes me so sad that he was hit with first the radio then the newspaper and it was bad. frown.gif He clearly has no idea how much we are all behind him. We will not let him down! This is his dream, and we would like to see it come true for him he deserves it!

Taylor we are behind you all the way. Country Roads was great! I have rewound my tape many times! Great vocals! smile.gif

User TaylorOnMyMind
Thread 171575, Page 14

oops I'm way late with reading/responding to this thread!

Poor Taylor! I cringe with the thought that he had to hear the negative stuff. frown.gif

I'm looking forward to Queen week for sure, I'm gonna be going to the dress rehearsal this Tuesday, so I'm extra excited!

Thanks again Sean!

User Noura
Thread 171575, Page 14

Well said, my friend. It kills me to think a bunch of morons (who won't recognize talent if it hits them in the face with a stick) made "My Precious" sad !!

I could strangle someone with a shoe lace mad.gif

User stephk817
Thread 171575, Page 14

He is infectious and needs to know just how much he's impacted the music scene. smile.gif

User stephk817
Thread 171575, Page 14

Well said and so true.

Hooked on Hicks

More excerpts from the Soul Patrol ...

User tkjohnny

Page 3, Msg No. 4

Hi guys and gals ,this is my first post on here,,i justed wanted to say that i love hearing good people sing,,the past two seasons i have picked the top 2 before they even got to hollywood,,,,when i saw taylor hicks sing in las vegas, i knew he was good , but when i heard him sing in hollywood i about fell out of my chair,,,the boy can flat out sing,this man has got one of the best voices i have heard on AI so far... yea bo was good ,,i have fellen in love with this mans voice,,i would love to see what yall think ,thanks JTK

User engaged06

Page 39, Msg No. 19

taylor hicks was the first person who really stood out for me!!!grey hair and all he's got the whole package!!! he's amazing to watch,diffrent,and his voice has so much soal and feeling to it!!!!i hope it takes it all the way!he's got my vote till the end..and i don't think he's going to have a problem singing anything!he's confident,without being cocky..he looks like a natural up there on that stage,although i love his grey hair you watch they will try to dye it for him to apeal to a younger crowd(but i hope he tells them to stick it he is who he is!)could very well be our next amercan idol if he keeps it all togther and picks those songs that are right for him,bo bice excelled in that area i think taylor will too!!!! i look forward to seeing him again...

who else is with us on this????????????????

jennifer

User tkjohnny

Page 46, Msg No. 16

Hi guys and gals,,i posted a few pages back,,,I was going to tell yall my grilfriend dont watch AI she thinks its gay,,but she loves to hear good singers sing,,we live in austin.. so if you dont know.. austin is the live music captol of the world,,so we go and listen to bands all the time,im 36 she is 37,,i played her that song by taylor hicks, Georgia on My Mind,,,and told her nothing about AI,,and said listen to this man sing and tell me what you think,,lol she said that is the best voice from a man she has heard in a long time,she said he sings that song better then ray does,,,thats when i told her he is from AI,,she said ill never miss a show this season with him on there,,,goes to show you that you dont have to be a AI fan to spot a good voice , you dont have a voice like that and not make it,,I'm telling you guys if taylor can hold off to pull georgia on my mind when he gets to the top 5 or so,,it wont matter what song he sings after that he will take home the gold trust me on this,,,,love to hear what yall think about him wating to sing that till the end,,,GOD BLESS YOU TAYLOR HICKS,,AND GOOD LUCK TONIGHT,,,,JTK....PS he will sing that song some time in the show its to good for him not to sing it

User ciocio

Page 48, Msg No. 16

too bad I cannot watch TV at the same time with you guys..

i will be able to see Taylor the day after tomorrow.

I am in ASIA and I am not a english speaker.I visited this site just to share enthusiam on Taylor with many people. I think I saw one Swiss Taylor fan and a Canadian a british and a Malaysian so far.We don't air AI in my country. We 'download' through the internet.. I watched Hollywood Audition over and over again..never got bored of it..

can't wait till " the day after tommorrw"

User hornfan

Page 57, Msg No. 20

Hi,,,i just got here,,first time to post,,,i haved played in a band for allmost 10 years now,,and been around some BLEEP good singers in my life,,jammed with tom petty,,im not going to bore you with my music history but i can say i have been around,,,anyways i have to say, when i heard talyor hicks i about fell out of my sofa,,this man truely has a voice that comes around once in a great while,,the last great voice i heard like that is the 1 and only RAY,,,this guy is truly blessed with a great voice,,I hate AI,its to bubble gum for me,,but my wife really wanted me to watch it last wed night,,and im so glad i did,Talyor Hicks is the real deal my friends,,,and if he does not win this,,it just proves to me that this whole AI thing is all bubble gum and for kids,,its all about the money and the what appeals to kids,, and its not for real music lovers like my self,,,anyways thanks for listening to me and rock on Talyor....ps i think i posted this in the other talyor hicks post,,o well soory if i posted 2 times

User buckeye73

Page 84, Msg No. 1

Just chiming in to say that I am pleasantly suprised. To be honest I really have never liked American Idol. I tuned in at the end of it a few weeks ago to wait for the next show to come on, and I saw him auditioning. I was like, what the hell is this? Someone is singing REAL songs? Someone actually looks like a REAL person? Someone is singing with REAL emotion? No way, this can't be right. Being a musician myself, I was truly blown away. Anyways, I can't believe myself, but I have tuned in ever since just to see how he is doing. Even crazier, I now find myself logging in here to see if there is any buzz about him. Well, this 80+ page thread answered that question promptly!! How long will this trend of me watching American Idol last? As long as Hicks does...once he's gone so am I. I truly hope he makes it far, for my own selfish reasons. But with my pessimistic views on America and its current popular tastes in music I am a bit worried...just turn on the radio. I hope to be proved wrong!!! Some say he has image problems. I say his image is refreshing. Keep it REAL America!

"Oh, well, a Touch of Grey, kind of suits you anyway

That was all I had to say, and it's all right."

User oldanduncool

Page 126, Msg No. 9

Hello, all! I am brand new to American Idol. As an almost thirty-something professedly un-hip type, I just haven't been interested. But I'm on board this year thanks to Taylor - I happened to catch his audition and was thrilled to see such a fresh, original talent. I'm watching now and plan to vote! So, help me out here. Your posts refer to his cd and downloads of songs. Where can I (legally) get these?

Thanks, all! And thanks for giving me faith that America will recognize and reward real originality and ability!

User aton

Page 144, Msg No. 19

Hey all, just a few observations from a new poster:

First, I'm in that small segment of the population that doesn't care much for reality shows. I also don't own a single Ray Charles, Joe Cokker, or Sam Cooke album. I also live far north of Alabama (Ayla Brown's home state to be exact).

I do look for and appreciate the wonderful things in life, however, so none of the above really matters.

I've played his audition over and over and over again. I love Paula's initial reaction. I love watching the smile break across Randy's face. In Hollywood, I love watching him turn the room around.

His entrance last night, where he couldn't walk across that silent, empty space without filling it with music, then sitting down and with a smile asking the judges how THEY were doing, was one of those small, wonderful moments you rarely witness.

Then, upon receiving the good news, being so happy he could only express his joy again with music.

This is someone you root for in life.

I want to see more music pour from every part of his body.

I want to see him belt out a song that brings him to his knees.

I want to see him bring down the house.

Good luck Taylor.

User texas_hick_777

Page 175, Msg No. 4

Ok, I've sat back and watched long enough. I'm hitching my wagon right along with the Soul Patrol train. I have enjoyed Taylor ever since Las Vegas where he first performed, really one of the only ones that has stood out for me. Over all he is a good musician, an entertaining performer, and just comes across as a very likeable guy. I was reading through the interviews of the Top 24 and every time they were asked what defines an American Idol I can't help but see it as them describing Taylor, excluding K.P's response which was her own name. The music I have of his I enjoy listening to over and over again, and look forward to seeing how he adds his own personal style to the different genres they'll have to perform. This man is a musician, and he knows his craft, so I feel confident that he'll go far. Will he win? Possibly, hopefully. I know I've read people wanting him not to change a single thing, but if you look back every single person that has entered American Idol has gone through some sort of makeover, some for the best, others for the worse. In my opinion what I would like to see change with Taylor is his hair style, not his hair color, but the style. So far it has been very shaggy, which is fine, just needs some style to it. Also, if he trimmed down a bit, I say this because I have seen pictures of him when he was in college where he was thinner, and he looked good. I am not bad mouthing him, I was rooting for him all the way, and I will be voting for him when the time comes. In fact, this will be the first American Idol in which I will be participating in with voting. The other performers are good, in some aspects, but they, for the most part, fall into a stereotype already seen here in American Idol. The small teenagers with the powerful voice, the cookie cutter boy-band members, the divas, the rockers, etc. But Taylor is something new to American Idol, Soul, but like Bo with his Southern Rock style, I think he can take that Soul and sculpt it to deliver some very entertaining, and over all good performances no matter what the song is. He is not limited by this classification as a blue-eyed-soul singer. Like I stated earlier, he is a musician and he knows his craft, and I think that when it comes down to song selection he will do the right thing for his voice, and for his abilities, and I look forward to seeing what is to come.

User closetidolfan

Page 192, Msg No. 2

kind of ya to say, frenchy...

oh, i've posted what i feel.. but truthfully, i'm not eloquent at all as most of you are..

i'm an older guy.. i'm 56.. i've grown up with music.. i was in the the record business for several years.. i bought and sold records .. collectible and rare stuff.. used to travel the

country ..used to go to b'ham twice a year and do the record shows there.. probably some of the hands here went to it a time or two..

i miss my business.. had to direct myself to other things.. made alot of friends over the years from all over the country and some from overseas via the music ... sold out of my business.. over 200,000 records.. kept my personal collection of 10,000 or so.. anyway.. don't mean to ramble.. but guess i thought i should give you a little insight on this fan..

i can relate to taylor's style.. he hit a nerve when i first saw him.. rejuvenated my interest again because nothing out there has done it for years.. sure have enjoyed meeting and talking to so many nice people here... it's been wonderful for me. no kidding. anyhoo..

User katjastar

Page 197, Msg No. 19

When you look at Taylor Hicks it's obvious this guy was born to perform. I don't know what "problem" people think he has. It's the spirit of soul that causes him to move this way; even when he's not performing.

I like him because he's rather mysterious and fascinating to watch. I agree with Simon, I can't wait to hear what he's going to sing next. I'd tune in every night of the week if it meant he was on. To me Taylor is a paradox inside an enigma wrapped up in a question mark. heehee I'm from Canada but I'm going to drive the hour to my friends house in Buffalo just so I can vote for this guy.

User Thackeray

Page 388, Msg No. 11

Hi, folks. Just thought I'd chime in as another who really is taken with this singer. He had me on the third note of his audition. I don't remember ever being so effected by a voice. I didn't catch his name, and missed the first Hollywood week (bad VCR!) and ended up googling "American Idol gray haired guy" to find out who he was. That of course lead to his other music. Now I can't get his "Georgia" off my mind. Somehow, it reminded me of my favorite Shakespeare quote, of all things: "Is it not strange that sheep's gut should hail men's souls from their bodies?" I feel like Taylor's voice hails my soul from my body (without the help of sheep's gut, of course :-)

So, other than spending way too much time on this forum :-), what are some of the side effects that you've experienced from hearing this man's voice? Here's my list:

- downloaded every sound clip I could find
- ordered his CD
- downloaded music of some of his influences
- bought CD's of some musicians he reminds me of
- dusted off my guitar and renewed an abandoned effort of learning blues guitar
- tried same on another instrument I actually can play
- picked up a copy of Acoustic Guitar and found a reference to an org that helps teachers bring guitar into the classroom ->

User plushaye

Page 389, Msg No. 18

My jaw dropped after the audition. I turned to my daughter and said he sounds a bit like Elvis. What's more, Taylor talks a little like Elvis (accent-wise) and in certain angles, looks like Elvis. When he got off his knees after "Ain't No Sunshine", he had "that look" and it so reminded me of a brooding Elvis look. He's not trying to be Elvis at all but there is a superficial resemblance that's hard to miss. Bet it's been called to his attention too, which is why he probably shies away from performing Elvis songs.

User melhomiak

Page 421, Msg No. 12

When Taylor walked into that room I thought this is another one they are showing who can't sing. After his singing my jaw dropped. I love his voice. I am scared alot of younger people will not like him because of his age. I can definately see him in the top 12 and i hope he goes on to the top few. And this is coming from someone who loved Carrie, Scott, Fantasia, etc. Taylor is different and that is a breath of fresh air. I hope he goes on to sing some Crocker, maybe even some uncle kracker anything that does his voice justice. I can see him doing older songs. I just pray others fall for him like i did and he blows past some of these that I can not belive made it to the top 24!

User daernoeth

Page 447, Msg No. 5

Ive never watched american idol before but just out of curiosity i tuned in for the auditions. Nobody was really catching my interest and then this grey haired fellow comes along. He got my attention but i didnt realize how much till i saw the recording again. It was like... WOW! now this guy is someone to cheer for!

Every time he has been on he has just been... different, unique and like Simon said "interesting". None of the other contestants strike me as anything out of the ordinary. I will only watch this show as far as Taylor is in the competition and ill make sure to get my votes in every time. I cant wait to hear him sing tomorrow!

User gypsygirl

Page 481, Msg No. 7

Okay, I am sure this has been said a 100 times but I would totally go out and buy this guys music and would spend money to go and see him play live. As for The Sherrif, is this the same MB lovin' Sherrif from Cali? If it is, I love you girl for being on here.

I had to google Taylor to see if there was anything available music wise from him and was really happy to see that there was. I can't wait to see him sing again tomorrow night. I bought his CD from Lasers Edge and can't wait for that to arrive.

Kind of hard to believe that Birmingham is representing for a third time. Let's all hope that the third time will be the charm.

User CijiDunne

Page 496, Msg No. 7

I have to tell ya...I have watched Idol from the very beginning. Never has a contestant given me chills like Taylor. I was a big Kelly Clarkson fan from Day 1, but her head got too big and she forgets where she came from. Plus, I didn't care for her music that much, too much yelling in her songs. But for Taylor to move me as much as he does, I am now a Taylor addict, cannot get enough and this is actually the first time that I have joined message boards and e-mails! I'm totally nutz and in love with the guy! I have a 24 year old daughter that he can marry! I would love him to be in my family! She's cute too !

User bunnyjunkie1122

Page 506, Msg No. 14

alright, this is the first season i've watched AI and its pretty good. but really the only reason i signed up on the site was to talk about Taylor Hicks and give him support. he's an amazing guy and his name should be a household thing. and what a smile. is it just me or does anyone else have a huge crush on this guy?!? and i'm all for the hair, it shows character to keep it and not cut it or dye it. i think its sexy. =)

so anyway, i think he has a wonderful voice and i hope to see/hear more from him whether is thru AI or not.

User fishfortaylor

Page 537, Msg No. 11

I'm a 37 yo guy who never in his right mind would ever think about joining an AI MB but after watching Taylor Hicks perform for the judges he has won me over. I'm trying to wrap up everything before 8pm (even though I know they'll hold out on him till 9pm since the show knows that he's a major draw!).

I would love to see him sing "Have I Told You Lately That I Love You" by Van Morrison. I think he said somewhere that he's a Van fan. He definitely has the soul and spirit for it. He's definitely gonna blow the roof off tonite and thank goodness I have Cingular cuz I'm gonna be voting for the very first time for him.

Good luck bro!

User MelodyFields

Page 572, Msg No. 13

Though I have watched American Idol from the start, this is the first time I have wanted to vote and join a discussion board. Taylor Hicks has talent that cannot be denied. He has such a strong passion for his singing that you can't help but to be drawn to him. At first I thought that the competition would be tough between the guys, but after tonight Taylor rises above them all. I wish him all the best and I hope it is a good sign because I had a really hard time getting through on the phone line

User acadia

Page 584, Msg No. 20

Taylor, if you do read these messages, I would like you to know that this is the first time I've ever watched AI and been impressed. You sang Levon by Elton John, and you put your own mark on the song and as a fellow musician I was so impressed. It's not an easy song, if you wanted an easy EJ song, you could have picked "Your Song".

You have a distinct, southern voice... perhaps a comparison would be a mix of a bit of Joe Cocker and Bob Seager... a maybe a little CCR. I'd love to see you perform "Shameless", I think the soulfulness of the song would do you justice, but I am not certain that it would show off your range. As much as I respect the opinions of the others that post, "Dock of the Bay" would not be a wise choice as it would not show your range, it is typically sung in one octave. Whatever you sing, keep your confidence and your humility. It's what I can believe in. Wishing you all the best!

User LadyStarblade

Page 588, Msg No. 20

(blinks and looks around) Well, better late than never, eh? I go by the moniker of Lady Starblade (or LSB for short) and while I've never been much of an American Idol or message board fan...I am a new proud, and according to my roommate, very loud member of the Soul Patrol. She watches Idol religiously and got me watching...first ep I ever saw was the Las Vegas auditions where this gray-haired guy caught my attention...he has the same hair as a good friend of mine, so I got vaguely interested...then he sang.

Now I've been following every beat of this year and been very pumped about having such a new and facinating addition to the wannabe pop stars. And based on his performance tonight - and oh, wasn't it lovely to watch Simon eat his words and say he was wrong? -- I'm feeling purty darn good going into the results show.

So, go Taylor, go Taylor go! And personally, having just gotten back from Memphis a week ago...I'd love to hear him croon an Elvis tune or two...

By the way, I've been trying to vote for the last 45 min...keep getting a busy signal. I like that. LOL

User Itansey

Page 599, Msg No. 10

When I watched Taylor tonight, I actually had tears in my eyes. Not because the song he sang was so great. It was good, but not great. I absolutely loved Taylor. I saw him the first day he auditioned and have loved him ever since. He exudes charisma. This is not "put on". He really loves to perform and he does it with so much ease. I enjoy watching him. I also believe that that guys have done "way better" than the girls. There are a couple of good ladies, Mandisa, Paris and Katherine. However, the guys are extremely strong. I love Taylor, Elliot, Chris and Patrick. But, I have said, from the very first day, that the new American Idol would be Taylor. I would be shocked if he didn't make it. Go..... Taylor.

User IdolFanInATL

Page 614, Msg No. 19

You Nailed it Too!!! What a great group of people in this message board. It is nice to find individuals who have an appreciation for music and talent. You're right...this guy does it for me, also. I haven't been really moved by a singer in this generation lately. You have to go back kind of far to find his type of Soul and Charisma. You can tell that he is doing what he LOVES to do, right? I think we are on the verge of something with Taylor because he affects a lot of people and that's not just special--it's rare

User PULL4TAYLOR

Page 630, Msg No. 1

I can't believe that I just voted 25 times in the last 2 hours for someone on a reality show. To be honest I am not a fan of reality TV. I have picked up AI in the first few seasons here and there because my kids liked to watch as I said previously. I am hooked on AI this season. Actually I am hooked on Taylor Hicks.

There are very few performers I am willing to do anything to see. I drove for 13 hours and stayed 3 nights to see Dave Matthews Band perform one night.

Taylor Hicks makes you feel the music deep into your soul. I was talking to everyone at work all day about him, I tried my best to explain how you can feel the fire burning inside just watching this guy. I said just watch him tonight you won't be disappointed. I didn't even realize until about 15 minutes ago how excited I was to see him perform 1 SINGLE SONG!

If I had a choice between driving 30 minutes to see Dave Matthews and 30 hours to see Taylor Hicks. You can bet your last dollar that I will drive 30 hours. I am actually teary eyed that such a performer has come along for me to enjoy.

Honestly if he doesn't win this season, there is seriously something wrong with America.

User glendaidolfan

Page 633, Msg No. 9

Well, I have to say that after watching season upon season of American Idol, we finally have a contestant who exceeds everything I've seen in the past seasons. Taylor Hicks is amazingly "original". I watch him sing and I feel like I'm watching one of the best singers/performers in music. His music comes from the depths of who he is, so authentic. I was blown away on his audition! I can't think of one contestant who comes close in comparison to this "Soul Train" of a guy. Thank you, Paula, Randy and Simon for selecting someone who is sooooo worthy of this competition. He's my pick for this season and I think he's going to exceed all record sales of past Idol winners. Taylor, thanks for sharing your tremendous gift. You are a huge enjoyment to hear and see.

glendaidolfan

from Oklahoma

User PixieDust383

Page 635, Msg No. 13

When I first saw Taylor on the auditions he blew me away, right there and then I knew who I was voting for this season if the judges gave him a chance. He is amazing, his voice, his

musical talent, his personality, just everything about him is amazing. Tonight they saved the best for last, I couldn't wait for Taylor to hit the stage and when it finally happen I was so exited. He did great and I know that each night it is just going to get better. I started to dial his number as soon as Ryan said the lines were open and it was busy, it was busy for a solid hour and half! but I kept trying because I wasn't going to let a busy line stop me. In the last 30 minutes I managed to phone in 100 votes. I wanted to call at least 100 times, so I achieved my goal. Taylor Hicks is the best, he is my American Idol.

User MRMIB1947

Page 650, Msg No. 3

Just blown away by Taylor. I'm old, maybe that's not good to admit. 54 and Vietnam-era Vet, been down my own hard road since the 60's. I loved the music, always the music, for its beauty, for its lyrics, for its soul. I started watching AI last season and got into it because of my wife. Taylor sang and I was blown away. Tonight he sang Levon and all of the idealism came back.

I would buy an album by Taylor right now before AI is even over. I am grateful that bringing a loving heart to the stage still makes the grade.

User GreyHairDude

Page 660, Msg No. 6

Well Im a Black man just watching tv one day and I saw Taylor Hicks walk in didnt think much at first . Then I got to thinking hmmm I know this guy. I saw im in the pan handle of FL . When he opened his mouth i was floored. Sorry I needed a drink of water I got choked up! Mr. Hicks has a very special gift from up above. He holds a key many of you dont know of. "The door to your heart" Music is just more then words its a special feeling you feel deep inside. Its a feeling like no other, Its like being touched by Angles.

The blues is the base for showing how ones feeling deep inside, Like a comuncation devise.

Im not trying to tell you something most of you all ready know, but if your digging deep to understand what your feeling, think of it as a touch of god. mr Hicks holds a very special gift only a few ever get. Mr. Hicks Good Job tonight may God Bless you .

Sorry for going on but i felt i must write this to get it out Thank you for the Read.

User moonstarmama

Page 672, Msg No. 6

I think Taylor is the best AI contestant they have ever had. I think he could outsing any of them without really trying. I have been wanting to hear a unique voice ever since I started watching Ai and they have finally found someone! I don't think I would have never even liked the song he sang had someone else sang it. Something tells me he could sing anything and make it sound good.

I agree that he should sing some Otis Redding. I would like to hear him sing "Cry to Me". Isn't that an old Otis Redding song? Anyway, I hope he goes all the way because he is just amazing. I'm going to enjoy watching him perform every week, that's for sure.

If they do country this year, I think he would sound good singing some Kenny Rogers. I better shut up, because I'm just starting to ramble now. I'm very excited about this guys talent.

User fionaswan

Page 678, Msg No. 6

I NEVER post - but I am really inspired to join in here...

Thank you Taylor for giving us a rare gift.

And thank you to all the other people who appreciate him like I do.

I have spent my life following the likes of: The Grateful Dead, The Allman Brothers, Dave Matthews, String Cheese, Bob Dylan, Blues Traveler, Pearl Jam, Neil Young + many other

greats and I have to say that I would pack my camping gear in my car, blow my rent money & sell grilled cheese out of my trunk IN A HEARTBEAT to follow Taylor Hicks.

I don't understand how he's remained so underground until now & why in the world hasn't SOMEONE given this guy a break before AI???

I fell in love the minute I saw him and no matter what - he's MY American Idol!

*Please - someone - let me know if there is an email or snail mail address where I can send fan mail.

User mrswebchik

Page 681, Msg No. 12

I've never cared much for American Idol until this year, when my husband and I were actually able to sit and watch it (in HD surround sound nonetheless...) every time it was on, right from the very start.

I actually liked Taylor from the first audition, and was sooooo excited to see that he made it all the way through. He is a breath of fresh air in what has become a smarmy business.

Absolutely loved him waltzing into the room with the harmonica in hand last week.

Finally made it on here today, and read his little bio. I think it's great - Cindy Lauper is one of my all-time favorite singers, too. I love unconventional, unknown artists, and hope he makes it through, because the mainstream musical world needs to be shaken up a bit. I had to leave the house last night right before the last two performances, and thankfully remembered to drop in a tape so I could watch it this morning. I was very pleasantly surprised to see how wonderfully he did.

And now I know what he meant when he said "Soul Patrol!"

User voteHICKS

Page 698, Msg No. 2

Yeah, this is my first time ever posting anything, but I feel like I need to.

I absolutely love Taylor, and he had me from the first time I saw him on American Idol. He's wonderful and he's infectious, and I love his voice. Last night when he performed I had a smile on my face the whole time he was on. I thought it was so cool that he gave a shout out to his fans AND I voted my butt off last night. He did a fantastic job, and no matter what happens on American Idol, he will always have me as a huge fan, and I intend to follow his career from here on out. He has the most amazing voice I have ever heard, and I love the way he moves when he sings because it really is true - I've never seen anybody so in love with music, and so happy with what he's doing. And he's sexy

PLEASE keep doing your thing Taylor - you've made me one of your biggest fans.

User hicksfan

Page 722, Msg No. 8

Last night i was trying to keep up with the board, but there was NO WAY. Finally i just gave up and waited till i had time to read them. It seems its still moving pretty fast today. BUt hey its ALL FOR TAYLOR AND TO SHOW ARE LOVE TO SOMEONE THAT LOVES MUSIC THE WAY HE DOES.

He reminds me of hubby, My hubby loves to play(GUITAr) and he doesnt care if its for a crowd of 5 or for much much more he just loves to play. That is hard to find in musicians now of days, that passion just to do what God gave them. And for me it can just be seen in them before they even start singing or playing. This is what drew me to TAYLOR just his love for the music.

User Gabhyde

Page 842, Msg No. 18

[size=14][color=orangered]I love Taylor!!! He is so cute, fun, and has such a beautiful voice. His voice gives me goosebumps...soothing and so easy to the ears. Taylor has certainly won

many hearts, far and wide....and I live in Singapore. I really thought it was so appreciative of him to acknowledge and thank the soul patrollers here. It feels wonderful that Sean said that he appreciates ya'll. So, think about us living out of USA that we would LOVE to vote as frantically as ya'll in USA when its voting time.....Go Taylor!!!!

User TaylorFANday1
Page 875, Msg No. 16

I have never posted on here before either. Nor have I ever been so into this whole AI thing but Taylor Hicks has just consumed me. He is unbelievably great!! He is a true star. I expect to see him go to the top. Some record company needs to grab him now because there are alot of people waiting in line to buy anything he records! And to see him LIVE in concert!! He makes me shiver and can put tears in my eyes because he sings with true conviction straight from the soul. He sang better than Elton John sang his own song. Oh my Gosh can not say enough ! I will be shocked if he isn't the next AI!

User Airam
Page 895, Msg No. 1

I can't believe I'm doing this, but I'm going to add my thoughts to this board. I don't usually post to message boards! First of all, as with everyone else, I was enchanted with Taylor Hicks from the moment of his first audition. *Everything* about him, from his facial expressions to his movements while he sings demonstrates the passion he feels for music. He's in love with it, and it exudes from him so much that it jumped out and grabbed me. I read a post from someone that said he "lost" music until he heard Taylor sing. This may sound extreme to some, but I completely understand! I am in my mid 40's and have teenaged kids. I have always loved to listen to music -- until the past few years. I thought it was my age -- I couldn't relate to what was being played. I've jumped around from genre to genre...trying to find *me" in the music - trying to find something that touches me inside. This will sound completely insane, but his music and his delivery brings tears to my eyes and fills my heart with emotion. I *feel* it! Sure, there are tons of really great talent, inside and outside of American Idol -- but there is just something special about seeing and feeling Taylor's raw emotion. It's as refreshing to me as a flowing waterfall in the middle of a desert. It also blows me away to see how many views and posts he has versus everyone else. Does he appeal to everyone -- young and old? I hope so. However, it doesn't matter to me whether he "wins" American Idol. As far as I'm concerned, he's already won and I look forward to being his fan for as long as he makes music.

User tayhicks
Page 897, Msg No. 11

Hi all,
this is the first time i post in AI forum. Soul Patrol. so happy for Taylor got so many fans, awesome, very long post, can not stop reading. tonite i download 3 songs sang by taylor, enjoy it a lot. i consider to buy his CD, browse ebay, his CD sold for USD 59..wowwww I can not vote for him, i am not staying at US. All of you that in US have to keep voting for him, don't take any changes. we never know. I did googling, there is a lot of taylor's fans website, but all of this no use, if you never vote for him. Please please keep your vote ONLY for our taylor. Thank you.

sorry I have deleted the external links. Thank you

User happytexaschick
Page 902, Msg No. 14

How am I going to make it another week without hearing or seeing Taylor? That man has me HOOKED! I was yelling at people to get out of his face on the screen last night, because they were blocking my Taylor-view! He just makes me smile, deep into my heart, whenever I hear him sing.....I cannot WAIT to get my "Under the Radar" CD! Taylor, man, you're causing more

of a stir than Clay ever did - and I'm a HUGE Clay fan! And a huge Bo fan, for that matter. No matter what happens on Idol - you are GOING TO BE HUGE!!!!

Thanks for bringing a light back into my music, and into all of our hearts!

Teri

User icesis60

Page 905, Msg No. 6

Taylor is my favorite. Period. To have a person so "one" with music is refreshing and unique. It takes soul (no pun intended to this thread, I think it's a perfect name for it) to have a song move through you in the way it does for him. Few aspiring musicians could even hope to have his level of energy. Paris has very similar energy, she moves with it. True performers.

Personally, I feel very lucky to witness the national beginnings of such a talented, inspirational, and gifted artist. And that's exactly what he is: an artist. It's a whole new level this year with Taylor in the mix, and I can't wait to see him each week blow away the competition with his range and style. Cheers, Taylor. I'm honored to have the opportunity to bring you to the top.

User milajoy

Page 909, Msg No. 6

Hi all! This is my first actual post on this board, but am a constant lurker. I just had to join the boards just to add my support of Taylor. He is just so very special. My hubby, who as never watched an episode of American Idol, happened to walk in to the room when Taylor was walking in doing his harmonica performance. He actually sat down and watched! (WOW!). He said, "that guys totally different from the teeny boppers". I agreed. When he was told that he made the top 24, we both teared up. As of now, my hubby is totally adicted. He actually voted for Taylor for the whole two hours. We now have another thing that we can share, and I am just thrilled. Thank you Taylor! We both can see the love of music pouring out of him. It's very rare and very special to be able to watch this very special person have the chance to share his gift with the world. Things like this surely don't happen too often. We feel blessed to be able to watch this star rise. Win or lose, we are life long fans.

User Tygerlili

Page 913, Msg No. 13

WARM FUZZY

yes yes yes... the is the first year my oldest son (17) has stopped listened and cleared his schedule to watch the show with me. It seems to me that some of the youth are starved for great music... the ones i have met thru my teen boys and mine spend lots of time collecting alot of the older music and music from other countries because they havnt been really turned on by most of the music being put out these days.

from the age of 15 thru 69 my whole family has only one contestant they are watching TAYLOR welcome to the boards Joy..

User ILOVETAYLOR4ever

Page 920, Msg No. 14

Hello, I am a newbie to the boards but have loved and been behind Taylor since his first audition. I still have it taped and watch it all the time. I watched LEVON like a hundred times last night. I got chills each time. He is a true artist and performer. Even my kids like him, they call him "The gray hair guy." What is up with all this talk that he doesnt look the part. He is a very handsome man, he has that slow southern drawl that I love and his smile is contagious. I also bought his cd, cant wait to get it. His voice is so soothing and calming. He is doing this not for the fame but because he just loves music. Shoot, wish I were not married and a little younger, I would snatch him up in a minute.

User klaa3

Page 949, Msg No. 3

Just some rambling thoughts...

Admission: First year of watching American Idol. Always thought it was cheap,overcommercialized tv (before even watching it). Caught an episode this year, saw Taylor, and I am hooked. (It's the music, I'm a married guy). A breath of maturity in the crowd of teeny boppers. Really refreshing.

I am really hoping for a Bucky/Taylor showdown. Come on, be honest, raspy voice singing southern rock? - that IS good stuff. That would be some really good music (Bucky/Taylor).

Honorable mention - Chris was great with 'Wanted', wasn't he? And, Paris, yes, Paris, just lit the place up. Nice to watch all this.

User pamheartssimon

Page 951, Msg No. 10

this is my first year watching AI all the way through, I would usually stop watching after the goofy auditions, but Taylor made me stand up and take notice now I am hooked and cant stop watching! I came to the Soul Patrol when I found out I wasnt the only one who thinks he is crazy sexy and I must say I love how positive this thread is! A breath of fresh air just like Taylor props to all of you for being so darn classy amongst the wolves. This is also the first year I voted and I logged in over 350 votes for Taylor wednesday night. I am hooked on Taylor and the Soul Patrol!!!!

User AmerAikenIdol

Page 957, Msg No. 4

Okay... I tried to resist getting so involved this year. I was only going to quietly watch on the sides, root for my favorites, and then put it away for the next week...

Yeah, right!!!

Then here comes this infectious smile, joyous attitude with a pure love for music and life. Not only that, but he has talent coming out of the kazoo.

That's my first impression of Taylor Hicks.

I think I'm hooked already.

I haven't voted for him... yet!

I haven't been to any of his websites... yet!

I haven't downloaded any of his music... yet!

But he's the brightest spot in this year's competition and count me in for the long haul, because I'm here to stay!!

The Soul Patrol ROCKS!!!!

User heartandsoul

Page 960, Msg No. 1

I've been here a while but my main purpose is to give a voice to the 18 yr. olds and latter teens sick of "our" music scene! I am sick to death of the crap for music I've grown up with, no more bubble gum pop pulease! I've reverted to the good stuff and don't set foot on rap or pop soil LOL. I'm sooo happy that Taylor's broken the mold!!!! YOU GO TAYLOR! God, bless you. I absolutely love that Taylor's fan base has such a wide variety of ages. I seem to fit in more with the 40 year olds rather than the teens and I guess I've always been that way, not that I'm striving to be older than I am or anything like that I just love the same music that they do and same movies and such.

Quite a mature latter teen HAHA,

heartandsoul

"LET'S DO IT SOUL PATROL!"

User Hazyone101

Page 961, Msg No. 19

This is the first year that I have ever watched AI past the first few episodes of a new season. Usually I just watch to see all the really crazy, goofy people they have to wade through in the beginning just so I can keep up with what people are laughing about at work. Then we all pretty much lose interest after that.

Most of us are still watching and there is just one reason why - Taylor Hicks.

We don't really pay too much attention to the other contestants.

They are really nice but when it comes down to it, they are just like all the other singers you hear on the radio who all pretty much sound the same.

Taylor is really unique and has a voice that stands out from all the others, and most of the voices you hear on the radio.

And yes, he is really hot with that silver/black hair.

Reminds me of George Clooney or Michael McDonald.

If he makes an album, I'll buy it.

User Kitykat32

Page 1020, Msg No. 16

Someone ask me why I love Taylor so much. I would like to share that now.

I love Taylor because he touches every ounce of my soul every time I hear him sing,he makes my heart smile every time I see him. God has given him a very special gift and he uses it to make people happy,to make people smile.The first time I seen him and heard that lovely voice I knew something amazing was about to happen and I wanted to be part of it and thanks to the Soul Patrol I am.

Once in a long great while there comes along someone in music that makes you stop and lisen,that makes you stop and think..He has that extra special something,so real,so himself.

Years from now when people are talking about the great legends of music the name Taylor Hicks will come up,because he will become a legend. I can not put in to words how he touches my soul with his music,his talent is beyound words.

I simply wish I could say to him.....

Taylor thank you so much for sharing your wonderful special gift with the world and letting us be part of it.

We Love You.

User NewToAiSoHi

Page 1032, Msg No. 18

Hello , I m new to AI..i really never watched it before this season. I thought it was a bunch of the fake pop singer wannabes and basically it was for teen girls. That was just my opinion. My Wife watches and tivosthis show and she finally forced me to sit threw an episode. And just like that (snaps fingers) I'm hooked, and reeled in by this taylor hicks... at first i was like "who is the crooked neck old guy?" and my wife is like "your going to love him", and i totally did. so last night i went ahead and watched all the idols this season in one setting lol. Mostly I was just fast forwarding to see this Hicks guy.Man he is great! I dont even listen to music much any more and I really dont have a favorite or even current artist that i would really say i liked... until now. He has made me a music fan.

Also I work at a plant, thats ninety percent male... and at lunch most of us were talking about hicks..and what he should sing ..like a bunch of school girls lmao(it seams alot of us were forced to start watching my our wives or daughters). If he gets kicked of the show , i Guarantee none of us would watch it further.

And I loved that song choice by him.. "Levon". Thats like, really kissing simons butt imo.

Because simons from england and elton john is practically a hero to them.. I think because of his tribute to diana. I dont know .

GO HICKS! KEEP IT COMING MR!

User doood

Page 1052, Msg No. 6

just a shout out from the depths of asia - malaysia. everyone here loves soul patrol!! if this was world idol, taylor would snag it by a mile. His performance "Levon" made my hair stand!! his voice is just.. a breath of fresh air.. rolling back the years.. soul music is truly great!

P/s: I've noticed that all contenstants who've done elton john succesfully usually go far in the competition. E.g., clay, george huff, bo bice

Also, was Levon a song written during the war? I really want to know what the lyrics stand for.

GO GO TAYLOR!!

User soul_patrol2010

Page 1057, Msg No. 12

Taylor Hicks is the king of soul on American Idol.

Being a live sound engineer, I have heard a lot of different singers and Taylor Hicks is the real deal. Ever since his audition capture my ears, I've been hooked to the soul patrol.

It has been interesting reading posts trying to bash Taylor. Some people do not understand and appreciate a "real musician" on stage. He is not just a voice on stage, he is a singer that makes the songs come alive. That is a sign of a true musician. I have repeately watched his performance and he just shines on stage.

So impressed I am with Taylor that I did buy his CD. It's been delayed getting to me because it is soooo popular.

For me, it doesn't matter if he wins American Idol or not. He has made me a fan and I will buy his next albums.

User returningidolfan

Page 1070, Msg No. 16

Hi everyone. It's been awhile since i've been on these posts. they sure have changed since the first season. i just haven't had time for or been inspired by previous seasons since the first.

i've watched this season's shows and felt compelled to show some support for the soul patrol. i think there's a few amazing singers this time around. taylor hicks being the most impressive.

the gray hair caught my attention (my under thirty boyfriend is also going gray quickly) but i kept watching for his amazing talent. i find it hard to believe he won't be in the top 2. (the only one with a chance to beat him is katharine).

i'm inspired by his passion. thanks to fellow posters who tuned me on to some of his previous music.

User fly_girl05

Page 1144, Msg No. 6

Well I have to honestly say that this is the first time I have watched AI. I watched the auditions because those are truely hilarious! Then out of nowhere came this guy who moved like Ray Charles and could touch my soul with his voice. Now I am hooked and won't miss it just to hear him sing. All previous shows had basically the same type of people singing the same things. This season we have Taylor and then there is David. Both have unique gifts that are desperately needed. I can't wait to hear Taylor sing and won't miss a show. May the power of the Soul Patrol and his wonderful talent take him all the way to the top!

User allaboutsoul

Page 1144, Msg No. 18

This is my first post here, and as soon as I heard talor I was stunned, he has real soul and talent. AMAZING!!! I never voted before, but I did last week for talor because he is such a moving artist. When he sings I can hear his emotion, his soul and it touches me, emotionally. I really love his personality to, and he would be the perfect AI because he can bring people together with his gift!!!!!! I just ordered his under the rador cd and I can't wait to hear it. I'm a huge billy Joel fan!!!!!!! and now i'm a huge talor hicks fan!!!! GO SOUL POTROL!!!!!!peace

User comrade631

Page 1182, Msg No. 2

TO MR TAYLOR HICKS

I JUST WANTED TO TELL U YOU HAD ME AT HELLO I THINK U R SUCH A GREAT PERFORMER U REALLY TOUCH MY HEART I FINED MYSELF IN THE COMPUTER FOR FIVE HOURS STARIGHT WITH OUT EATING NOTHING JUST VISIING DIFFRNET TAYLOR HICKS FANSITES.U GOT MUSIC PUMPING THROUGH UR VIENS,UR BLEESED.THANKS TO U I HAVE A BIGGER APPRICATION FOR MUSIC.TO BE HONEST WITH U IVE NEVER LIKED AN ARTIST FROM THE BEGGING YEAH I LIKE DIFFENT TYPE OF MUSIC. BUT UR MUSIC BRINGS A SMILE TO MY FACE.AS SOON AS I HEARD U SING A CHANG GONE COME BY SAM COOKE I GOT ON THE INTERNET TO LEARN MORE ABOUT U N I ENDED UP BUYING YOUR CD JUST LOOK AT MY AVATAR. ITS CRAZY I JUST SAW A LITTLE CLIP OF U SINGING N I HAD TO BUY YOUR CD USUALLY I HAVE TO HEAR ABOUT 3 SONGS BEFORE I COULD BY SOMEBODYS CD. EVEN IF U DONT WIN IDOL U ARE MY IDOL N A LOT OF OTHER SOUL PATROLMERS I SAW THIS THREAD THAT SIAD WHOSE BETTER CLAY OR TAYLOR THATS HOW U KNOW THIS MAN IS GOOD I NEVER NEVER WACH IDOL I NEVER VOTED UNTIL WENSDAY IS LIKE U TURN EVERY SONG AROUND HELL U COULD MAKE BARNREY I LUV U TO A GREAT SONG N I WILL DOWNLOAD IT.....

BYE MY IDOL OF AI06

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User Nakami83

Page 1227, Msg No. 2

i asked four of five of my friends tonight if they watched american idol and they said that they didn't because everyone sounded the same and looked the same and was trying to fit into some kind of pop mold. i told them all about taylor and how he was SO MUCH DIFFERENT than the cookie cutter pop mold, and was amazing, so now they are going to start watching to look out for taylor. also my fiance hated american idol, but once he saw taylor in the auditions he started getting more interested and then was really into it when he sang "levon" the other night.....if taylor is making someone as anti-american idol as my fiance interested he has to have something special!!

User TaylorFanMA

Page 1263, Msg No. 14

I finally decided to get an account here and post (I have been a lurker for about a week now). I found myself getting interested in Taylor the day he auditioned. There was something about him that drew me to him before he even opened his mouth to sing. Once he sang I knew he was in. I couldn't believe Simon basically said he didn't have it. I thought he had it and then some! Once he played the harmonica I was a goner, and I think at that point Simon too saw the makings of a star.

The thing I like most about Taylor is that he isn't afraid to be himself. He is quirky, passionate, and has a voice that cuts right to my emotions. You can feel the song when he sings it and it just makes you feel good.

I am a northern woman who is 37 years old and normally don't get myself drawn into the "fan scene". I can't help myself this time and I will be rooting Taylor on through the very end. GO TAYLOR!!!

User mightyzee

Page 1267, Msg No. 17

Hello - another member for Taylor's Soul Patrol calling from the UK. I don't know if Taylor can win AI, but I don't think it matters whether he does or not. It's not often you see an artist that leaves you transfixed because there are just not that many who are special enough to 'speak' straight to your soul. The first short clip shown of Taylor's audition on UK TV left me

gobsmacked. I'm 55 years old, white, female, living in leafy British countryside; my musical tastes were formed in the sixties and seventies. I'd put Taylor right up alongside the great Joe Cocker - that's how much he moved me. But I really think he's special enough not to need comparison with any other artist - he's unique. a one-off, the real deal. The rest of the AI competitors just pale into insignificance in comparison. If he doesn't make it really big I'll eat my hat....

User lora724

Page 1281, Msg No. 16

When I listened to Taylor sing Levon and cried, my daughter thought I'd lost my mind. I couldn't help it, I was moved so much through his voice. At that time, I hadn't ventured to the boards, but thought I'd come and check out the AI site. Out of curiosity, I checked the Soul Patrol (not even sure this was what he'd referred to on the show) and when I noticed other people had been brought to tears as well, I knew I wasn't crazy!!!! And the posts continued to flood this thread of people being moved and I was speechless. Never before had I witnessed this. And I knew I must do something to help this man continue to reach people! This is only one of the ways I can do that.

User Englander

Page 1316, Msg No. 17

Hi Everyone, Just wanted to pop on and say hello, we have watched a little of American idol over here over the past few years but this series has us hooked, due to Taylor. We have watched him since the auditions and really want him to win. WE don't have many.. ha. or any blues or soul artists over here and listening to him is a joy.He is totally unique unlike some of the contestants who some how seem a tad manufactured.

I wanted to ask when the show in the US is transmitted, over here we watched the first round of 2 groups of 12 this friday 24th Feb. and we had it back to back from 8.30 in the evening to 12.50 am. A true fest.!

Good evening to you all

User Lindsay6684

Page 1427, Msg No. 5

hey, everyone! i'm so in love with taylor hicks, so i just wanted to stop by and say hello...

i'm a huge, huge, huge constantine fan and when he got sent home last year, i swore i'd never watch idol again. i couldn't help it, so i started watching again this year, but i swore i wouldn't vote. um, taylor made me break my own rules!

as far as what i'd like to hear taylor sing... i think he did an awesome choice choosing "levon" the other night, but... being that "sittin' on the dock of the bay" is one of my top 10 favorite songs, i'd love to hear taylor do it. i was listening to it last night, and i honestly think that how i picture taylor singing it in my head, it could potentially be better than the original! taylor is the BOMB!!!!

User dandypatch

Page 1502, Msg No. 12

Been pondering about what makes Taylor so special to me after seeing him for such a very brief time on AI (how can anyone really judge who's GREAT at this stage, when it's only just begun?).

It's hard not to fall into the lemming-like mentality that automatically pegs every contestant based on the few snippets of songs we've heard so far. ie - who's a rocker dude, or a crooner or an Aretha wannabe, etc. etc. - even to the point of comparing contestants to past Idol contestants.

Not being a huge aficionado of blues music, I never even thought to compare him to the blues greats that everyone compares him to. I had to go to listen to sound snippets to make any kind of comparison.

What got me at the get-go was definitely his voice. Even though I have heard so little of it, to me Taylor sings as Taylor, not anyone else. He makes the song his own. I like that. It's refreshing to be able to listen to someone and NOT say "he sounds just like so-and-so". He's an artist. I am an artist. It is so very difficult in any type of arts genre to be able to pull ahead. Difficult to stay away from the temptation to be a copy cat or to mimic someone else's style. Those that break ahead are those that make whatever art their own. The key is to stay true to your heart. It's often said that there's nothing new under the sun. True artists can take something old and make it new again. I saw that quality in Taylor when he sang the snippet from "The First Cut is the Deepest." Personally, I don't care for that song, but Taylor made it his own.

I think he touches many ordinary folks... those that realize that he's not there to become a cookie-cutter star. Those that in their own lives, don't wish to be cookie cutters, but love what they do and let the chips fall where they may. He said he just wants to be heard. For a true artist, that is ALL that matters. To be seen, to be heard... to have an impact on someone's life. If anything else comes of it, that's gravy.

User comrade631

Page 1620, Msg No. 6

TAYLOR HICKS IS MAKING FAMOUS PEOPLE MORE FAMOUS,I NEVER HEARD LEVON,OR CHANGE GOING COME AS SOON AS I HEARD THOSE SONGS I WENT ON THE INTERNET N DOWNLOAD IT THEM N A LOT OF OTHER SOUL SONGS I DIDNT REALIZE I WAS MISSING OUT IN SUCH GREAT MUSIC, KNOW IM LISING TO SWANKE RIVER LAKE BY RAY CHARLES,ELTON JOHN CAN U FEEL THE LOVE TONIGHT SAM COOKE DONT KNOW TO MUCH ABOUT HISTORY/U SEND ME N A LOT MORE.I USED TO SAY ROCK N RAP ARE MY FAVORITE TYPES OF MUSIC NOT ANY MORE ROCK RAP N SOUL.....

THANKS TAYLOR

User Kitykat32

Page 1623, Msg No. 3

I would like to say something...Before Taylor came into my life I had'nt been excited about music in years,not sence I bout my first Springsteen tape when I was a kid. Taylor has brought the music I love back into my heart. I Want you all to stop and think a moment just what the woderful man has done for us. He is giving his music to make us smile,to make us happy,to make us feel good about music again.To me his voice is like the 7 angels just to lovely to put into words. The music just burns in his soul.He makes my heat happy again when I lisen to him.He is sharing his wonder special God given gift with us.Just so we can smile.I love you Taylor.

User Brunettebeauty63

Page 1643, Msg No. 2

Interesting Taylor is getting to be a household name.

He has been my choice from day one.

He has such Passion & Soul.

A man of my personality, I am the same.

I identify with him, he has a love of music to the deepest part of him.

America loves an entertainer, he is one!

America loves when you give it your all in a performance, he is one!

America loves you are genuine Taylor, we have one!

Will you be the next American Idol, even with grey hair for all the young ones.

You just might be, on my thread 50 & over group, of course we feel

pretty close to you, you resemble us all over 50 year olds. Some of us don't have grey hair yet, and the ones that do, like me, I do dye jobs.
You are one of a kind Taylor, an original, like me, and we stand out, good or bad, people appreciate our individuality...
You are unique, stay that way, for that is your Charisma...
God blessed you with a powerful desire to sing and from the depths of your soul, passion spills out in every song you sing.
I found songs you have sung on the internet, you are better than we have seen yet, you will be in the final 12.
I said it from the first audition.
America knows a good thing when it sees it...
Mr. Soul man, you can, and you will be with us for the duration!!!!
A fan from Milwaukee, Wisconsin...
You can tell you love what you do Taylor!!!

User Svenidol
Page 1982, Msg No. 2
Howdy y'all !

Well, I just signed up on the roll call thread, so I figured I'd pop on over to this one and say "Hey!"

I loved Taylor from the first audition, but had a little sympathy with Simon's assessment that he wouldn't make it through - not for lack of talent, but because he is SO unique and comes across as being too real. When he came in for final judgement playing the harp , I thought maybe he suspected he was walking the "Last Mile". I was fired up when he made it thru, and just LOVED seeing/hearing Simon's comments last week.

I gotta say, seeing a fan thread nearly 2000 pages long gives me hope for his continued survival.

Let's burn up the phone lines tonight y'all! I don't care what he sings, so long as he puts his heart and "soul" into it!

Let 'er rip buddy!

PS - where can I find a suitable avatar? I'm kind of a techno-illiterate hillbilly

User ILOVETAYLOR4ever
Page 2054, Msg No. 7

Ok ok everyone. Lets roll back a few weeks ago and remember when we first saw Taylor. How it gave you chills and you couldnt wait until you seen him next. Remember how you watched Levon a million times and you get chills everytime. Remember what he said to Paula "I love music." Remember we are here to celebrate a true talent and lend him our support. Remember how humble and thankful he is to be given this opportunity and just have his back and vote until our fingers fall off!!! There is something special about Taylor, its his love for music and how much he enjoys entertaining his fans.

User ClayandTay
Page 2121, Msg No. 13
Hello Soul Patrol,

Well, after two years, and vowing never to return to the craze that is AI after Season 2, I decided to watch a couple of weeks ago. It only took a minute and I could see myself getting reeled in all over again. I watched again last week, and I saw "him" once again. He has this certain innocence about him, a charm. He sucked me in and I love hearing the excitement he has when he sings.

Many people can say they love to sing, but with him there is no denying that he loves so much what he does. He sucks you in and you dont want to leave. You are in a peaceful quiet place.

Dag, you Taylor(in a nice way) for making me to begin a craze I never wanted to see myself get into again.

Soul Patrol, if you have room for one more, you can count me in.

Good luck tonight Taylor

ClayandTay

User jorjagal

Page 2213, Msg No. 19

My husband came home talking about "some guy" folks at work knew who was going to be on AI. Seems they had his CD at work (a very large insurance company) and everyone loved it!

This was before the auditions aired. I'm glad he mentioned it, because we normally don't watch AI. But, W W, Taylor Hicks. I find myself smiling after each of his performances.

We have watched all the shows and think is just great! (I can't believe my husband is watching too.) It's even better he's from B'ham.

When the auditions first aired, we saw a not shy, but modest guy full of spirit. It seems - my opinion only - that maybe some of the great reviews and the success is slowly altering his modesty. Last week he seemed to try and work (a little to obviously) his way onto random camera shots and this week he just came across a little more "less modest" than before.

Taylor is so very good, I just hope this is not all going to his head. I know it is a heady experience and would be for anyone, but his "southern-ness" is a very big part of his appeal. Hollywood-ness and self-importance will not suit him. And I like him enough - can the man sing - I hope he scales back a little to the Taylor we first saw at the audition and Hollywood week.

So, Taylor, if you're reading this, even if you think I'm wrong, please take a moment to see if maybe you are changing with your success and whether you feel it's for the better.

Good Luck! You have great talent and appeal and hopefully, a head that is BLEEPed on real tight for the future. And remember, the minds of Georgia are on you!

User MrsBlueEyes4

Page 2347, Msg No. 13

Hey All, This is my first post here...BIG Taylor Fan. He is the reason I still watch the show. I read most of your comments and agreed with them all. Taylor should be the next AI. He has more soul than any man I have ever heard. I have been to little smokey bars on Bourbon St, and the first time I heard him sing the blues, it was like being there all over again. I could close my eyes, and still smell the cigar smoke. He gave me goosebumps. It was wonderful. I growup on blues, jazz and bluegrass music all my life. I could listen to Taylor sing all night long. And love that gray hair, VERY SEXY!

User TheNorseWitch

Page 2376, Msg No. 7

Hi, everyone!! GEAX TAYLOR!!! (oops, LSU fanship is showing, sorry, hubby influence is overbearing, er, overwhelming, LOL)

I have NEVER been a groupie. EVER. But ever since I saw Taylor's first audition, I was HOOKED! Like the rest of you.

So Taylor's brother is on this board? Do we know his screen name? Can we pass cyber hugs to Taylor thru him? (LOL)

I have a myspace page, and have found a lot of Taylor's music via myspace searches. Whenever I am depressed I listen to his music, and it immediately cheers me up. (I also ordered his CD)

I don't have it yet (pant pant) but when I do, watch out! It will be heard so much in this house, my kids will be SICK of it!!!

I LOVE this guy! We live in MD, and most of my friends watch AI. THEY love Taylor ALSO!

This is so bizzare. I have NEVER connected with a contestant before. Is this not crazy? I am going to be 49 years old the 28th of this month, and I feel like I am 18. Good grief!!! I love this thread. Because I know I am not the only one who goes gaga over this guy. I feel like a complete nut. But he so totally ROCKS! I am so glad I am not alone, LOL! I feel like I am in GREAT company! My name is Kasidy, just wanted to introduce myself. HI EVERYONE! It is SOOOO good to meet all of you! YOU GUYS ROCK TOO!

Your friend in solidarity for Taylor to WIN!

Kasidy

User Goodenough

Page 2491, Msg No. 12

I'm new to Idol. Just started watching with the auditions. It also was the first time I saw Mr. Hicks. Now I'm stuck on it, I'd love to see him make it through. As a kid with a guitar and as a person, Taylor inspires me. I really believe no matter what you're doin if your soul is in it you'll shine. Thats what legends are made of. Hopefully I'll be able to see one of your shows someday.

For AI I'd love to see him do Neil Diamond's "Brother Love's Traveling Salvation Show". I know he could work the audience and with his vocals it would be amazing. Shine on Mr. Hicks and thanks.

Chadley

User southerngirl

Page 2795, Msg No. 10

okay!

i have a speech ready:

ever since i heard taylor hicks' first audition, i was hooked.

hooked with hook, line, and sinker!

i thought, my gawd! listen to this!

there is hope for the music industry.

so now here i am, just pluggin along with all my new found freinds,

trying to do our part to make sure that TAYLOR doesn't go back into the world of undiscovered talent.

so here i stand, night after night to make sure that NO SOUL GOES UN-TAYLORIZED WHILE I'M ALIVE!

i'd like to thank my mom...

User Justafan

Page 2827, Msg No. 9

LOL..no cure?? I'm in trouble. I'm in the same boat.

My desktop background is Taylor in a light blue shirt reading something--I just LOVE his hair and imagine how nice it would feel to touch it. And I love that photo of Paula holding his face--OMG that man is handsome. It is so nice and so fun to feel this way about someone. He is magic to me.

I've fooled around and made a couple of images to use for avatars--never did that before ever. Joined SOUL PATROL, added myself to the map, spend way too much time on the computer looking for Taylor news, Taylor photos, Taylor songs, just anything Taylor. Like I have nothing else to do! It's madness.

Not a day has gone by that I haven't watched his videos and listened to his music dozens of times. I LOVE Taylor's music. If I had heard just a clip before he appeared on AI, I would have bought his CD. Like everyone else, I am stunned that most of us had never heard of Taylor Hicks before AI.

Am considering whether or not I can work it out to travel to watch Taylor on AI with other Taylor fans, and am looking ahead to make sure I have vacation time to travel to see Taylor in

concert when it happens. Why would I do this??? I'm incredibly busy and barely have time to do what I need to do. But I can't help it. Literally, I cannot help it.
I'm wishing I didn't have to sleep so I'd have more time toward helping the Soul Patrol and getting a formal fan club organized--all for the love of Taylor. How fun to be part of that!
Am counting the days until my Taylor CD finally arrives in the mail.
Find myself thinking.. "Is it Wednesday YET???" often, throughout the day. I also think.. "What TIME is it?" and yes.. "IT'S T TIME!!!!"
I also go "WOOO!!!" for no reason at all, just because it feels good, and I am not kidding.
When I'm not watching Taylor's latest AI performance on the computer, I'm singing it in the house and humming it at work. I loved "Easy" and loved "Levon" and can't wait for his next performance. "Easy" has been going through my head since I woke up this morning.
I wonder how he's doing and if he's ok. Is he eating well? Does he get enough sleep? How's his family's doing? I worry about his privacy and hope he's well-protected from the loonies out there who would stalk him. I really just want to love him, protect him, listen to him, watch him, adore him, but not in an invasive way, just as the fan that I am. He's rockin' my world right now.
I don't know if this is akin to the Elvis frenzy or Beatlemania or any other mania. I think each of those were different in their own right and I think this is different--Taylormania is different. It's more mellow. I mean, for me, I'm not going to be out there screaming and crying. I actually have children just about Taylor's age, so all you young gals in your 20s crushing on Tay don't worry about me. I'm just groovin' to the soul sounds from our soul man, Taylor Hicks. And loving every minute of it.

User Hicks_chick
Page 2849, Msg No. 7

Hello fellow soul patrollers. Been off the thread for a few days, and have been madly indoctrinating other family & friends in Canada's capital city Ottawa, to watch and fall in love with Taylor Hicks.
WOW!! So much love for him in the great white north! He warms our hearts and souls. He also looked positively smashing on Tues night in "THE SUIT". Just put him on a wedding cake and cut me a slice honey!
But today, listening to the sound track for Forest Gump, a gaggle of female admirers (friends of mine) suggested I submit "Joy to the world" as a great song choice for next week. There it is Stacey & Lydia. I've got some change in my pocket, going jingle-ling-le-lang...
Taylor love, go Tay, all the Way from Canada.
We love you.

User finnish
Page 2856, Msg No. 8
Hello Soul Patrol!

I thought I'd finally join the bandwagon, I've been cheching the boards for a while now. In case you didn't know: Taylor has at least one fan as far as Finland. That's right, it's me. We get American Idol two and a half weeks late here so I only just finished watching the girls' first performances so I haven't yet seen one whole performance by Taylor but I've still been a fan for a while. I remember his first audition but what really melted my heart was those 10 or 15 seconds of "The First Cut Is The Deepest" and since then I couldn't wait to hear him sing again. Of course I had to go online to see how he is doing since we get the show so late and I had to see if there were others who liked Taylor as much as me, I need to know if people are going to vote to keep him on telly, 'cos I can't! Anyway glad to join, hi all!

User tonib49
Page 2911, Msg No. 12

Hi, my first post here. Taylor grabbed me the first time he auditioned. I voted for him 2 weeks

in a row, but the 2nd week I thought he overdid the woos, so I voted for Chris also. My cousin and a co-worker's husband commented the same which bothered them. But after listening to Taylor's Georgia on My Mind, I was captivated- he's my idol. He has the range and the soul- and he plays the guitar and harmonica!!!. He's the real thing. I got my cousin the naysayer to listen to Georgia and wow... she was instantly converted. She asked me to play it over and over and I watched her close her eyes and just enjoy Taylor's voice while she shook her head and snap her fingers in unison to his music. Then she asked me to make a CD for her co-worker who is a Taylor die hard. I told her I already ordered his CD, and she said, why didn't you order one for --- (co-worker) too? We're planning to see him at the next Idol tour already- he'll be there.

User TheNorseWitch

Page 2931, Msg No. 12

I had a thought. An epiphany, if you will.

You know, I have NEVER EVER had a daggone inclination to be a groupie for anyone. EVER. I was around for the BEATLES!! Nothing. Not for the Who, Cream, The Rolling Stones, nothing. Good grief. This is a phenomenon. Like no other. Unreal.

Thing is, I just love him for his talent. not anything else. It's a respect, an awesome respect for a man who has got IT. Something that you just don't ever SEE very often. Once in a lifetime do you ever see this kind of talent, this amazing ability. To draw people in and mesmerize them as he weaves his magickal web of sound, of presence, of SOUL. He is a magician, who, with slight of 'hand', has put everyone with a kindred heart under his spell.

He is the Magick Man.

GO SOUL PATROL!

User gobsmacked

Page 2971, Msg No. 10

who would disagree with you. not on this board! i watched exactly one episode of ai during season 1, because i kept hearing about simon. never tuned in again. just happened to catch the first round of auditions this season, and like you, was watching just for the fun of it...the so bad it's good side of it. then came vegas and taylor, and all that changed. i've been hooked on ai ever since, but only for one reason. after this, i may never tune into ai again, but i'll always follow taylor's music. i've always been a huge stevie ray vaughan fan, and i always thought he would carry the mantle for his generation, when bb king and the others passed the torch. then he died way way way too soon. i think taylor could carry the torch for his generation, and be part of the soul scene for all of us. i'm guessing he has the widest range of fans...with regard to gender, age and background. i think ai will never be the same, because taylor is so unique. win or lose, the soul train is already in motion and we're all on board. bring it on taylor!!

User connieb

Page 2998, Msg No. 10

YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THIS GUY WILL DO FOR ALL OF US IF THE WORLD GIVES HIM A CHANCE...I HAVE SPENT THE LAST SIX YEARS LIVING IN THE SONGWRITERS COMMUNITY THAT HELPED MENTOR AND INFLUENCE TAYLOR AND I CAN TELL YOU THAT MY SOUL WAS WOUNDED WHEN I GOT THERE..I AM A DIFFERENT PERSON NOW AND BEING AMONG THEM AND GETTING TO KNOW THEM CHANGED MY LIFE AND MY SOUL FOREVER...THE WORLD NEEDS TAYLOR HICKS MORE THAN I CAN SAY HERE...HE WAS SENT TO US FOR A REASON..THE SOUL PATROL "GETS IT" AND HOPEFULLY THE REST OF THE WORLD WILL BE LUCKY ENOUGH TO GET IT BEFORE THIS IS ALL OVER WITH!!

Did It Take Time for Taylor To Grow On You?

You had us at "I waaaaasss boooooorn" ...

User idolwatcher33

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Just curious. Were you not a fan at first, but now have Tayloritis? I was a fan after watching his audition in Las Vegas. But I know it took some people awhile. smile.gif

User bluesharpplayer

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I liked Taylor the minute he opened his mouth..actually before (but I not exactly sure how that works).

User taylorette

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nope as soon as he sang in las vegas

User dananbethany

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The first time I saw him, I knew he was it. But it wasn't until the Hollywood auditions when he sang The First Cut that I realized how beautiful he really was.

User Weazlegirl

Thread 102181, Page 1

I have always liked Taylor, but the more I heard him, the more I loved his music, his mannerisms, etc.

User border0531

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Yep, about 2 seconds. smile.gif

User connieb

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about a full second biggrin.gif

User kcatan

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when I saw him in line during his first audition... there was just something about him. You could already see he had soul before he even opened his mouth... then of course he opened it and you knew for sure! I've been a fan since the VERY beginning.

User luckylyu

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First audition in Vegas.....he owned me.

His voice, his smile, his energy, his passion, you name it, I LOVE it.

He's got the whole package.....and what a GREAT package at that!

sigh

User bella13
Thread 102181, Page 1

Taylor is the Idol contestant that I have watched from auditon until the confetti falls....

He had me a first look.

I liked him when he walked to the door...I loved him when I spoke...I was a FAN-FOR-LIFE when he sang.... [biggrin.gif](#)

User gieneh
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No, he hooked me from the first song at the audition. I had never even watched Idol before, I was channel surfing, caught some ridiculous audition before Taylor, and decided to watch for a while. As soon as Taylor sang, that was it for me.

User Clay4me
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No not at all.I liked him at the start and I like him all the more now.I would go crazy if he wasn't on there.He is so fun to wacth.

User Thackeray
Thread 102181, Page 1

It took 3 notes: "I was boorrn...."

There was a lifetime of heartbreak in that word and I knew I'd follow that voice for a lifetime if I could.

User dandypatch
Thread 102181, Page 1

He had me right from the get-go.

User sweet_T
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Im SO glad that you made this thread, I had been thinking about making one myself, see, [great fans think alike wink.gif](#)

that said, I have followed taylor since the first audition- but it seems that A LOT of people around me admitted he was good, but "not the best" toward the beginning. Slowly that outlook in people around me is dropping like flies. Every week, he wins more hearts! I LOVE seeing it.

I even had a friend tell me that he was good, but that all of his songs sound the same. I told her, well, i dont know about that- maybe you just have to appreciate his style. Then she watched Ray and called me, gushing, saying "that movie has made me understand what you mean, and like taylor a lot more." Hmm.

I was a little worried that his style would get "boring" to the public over time, but he gets more recognition as time goes on. He just has such a multi-layered personality, you know?

User idolwatcher33

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Ok, I totally posted this message in the wrong thread. I'm glad I edited it in time. Now to the other post. . . confused.gif

User grannygriswold

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His hair made him stand out even before he opened his mouth to sing.

When he did sing and I heard that soulful voice I was hooked. This was my first time watching AI auditions, and I'm so glad I did. Tuesday is now my favorite day of the week. cool.gif

User Lpn2calvin

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I never watched Idol until this year. It was Taylors audition that got me interested. I kinda felt sorry for him. I remember thinking, because of his movements, they would never take him. I remember him laying on that couch waiting. I remember cheering, when they accepted him. I did not realize they had different audition nights, so missed some of them. Anyway, it was Tay who got me watching the show in the first place. I hate TV, unless it is sports. I especially wasn't going to watch AI. Lame reality. Honestly, I got intrigued because of Taylor. Well, the first show came on and I heard my mother singing. It was Paris, and she became my favorite. (Dag, that girl sings just like my mother. I was shocked) But on mens night, I was diggin' Taylor and voting for him. Every week, I liked him more and more. Then I came to this board as a Paris fan last Tuesday and wrote a post that your boy was gonna rock Stevie. Well, after the show, I came back and have been here ever since. Fell in love that night and have an intense desire to see him succeed.

User georgiapeach404

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Liked him from the auditions!

User miknerak

Thread 102181, Page 1

soon as they showed his beautiful face on tv, I was intrigued, then he opened his mouth and I was sold!

User WinkyDink

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yeah, a NANO-SECOND! wink.gif

User sweet_T

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Calvin, I never watched either! Due to a recent move my social life was nonexistent at the beginning of the season, and Im so grateful for that! LOL

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User TaylorsDame

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I really liked him from the start, and I was rooting for him at his audition. I was sooooo glad that they let him thru to Hollywood, despite Simon's opinion. Then, during Hollywood week,

Taylor really got me. And every week since then, I just keep falling more and more in love with him. After falling for Anthony Fedorov last year (and I still love him sooo much!), I never thought I would let myself fall for another AI contestant, but Tay didn't exactly give me a choice... tongue.gif He's got me, Heart and Soul! biggrin.gif

User AmLuvsTay

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I loved Taylor from day one! His voice is so different from all the rest and after final auditions when he played his harmonica-that did it for me....a voice with a personality to boot, not too mention sexxy wink.gif tongue.gif GO TAYLOR!!!!

User Atherz

Thread 102181, Page 2

Taylor also had me at the first audition. Historically, I've only watched the "bad audition" episodes of "Idol" because it's reassuring to see people who sing even worse than I do! biggrin.gif But after watching Taylor's audition, I thought "Wow. He's amazing!" and tuned in to watch Hollywood Week, which I've never done before.

I thought he was quirky and had a great energy from the audition. When I heard about the bunny suit and heard "Takin' It To The Street", I decided that I LOVE the man! What passion! What soul! And that bunny costume.... (fans herself off)

Seriously, though.... Taylor definitely does grown on ya.... cool.gif

User ladyofthemystnin

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Oh no, no time at all. His audition was fantastic, and his harmonica playing when he was accepted to Hollywood sealed the deal smile.gif

User Chritty03

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Actually because of work, I missed his audition (the only episode I've missed, go figure). The first time I saw him was in Hollywood and I caught a very brief second of him performing and thought "HOLY ****!"

I've been taken ever since. smile.gif

User thecitychicken

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The way they edited the audition episode that Taylor first appeared on, they kept showing this "gray haired guy." They kept saying, "What about this guy? Stay tuned to see how he does."

So, I fully expected them to show another freak who can't sing at all, but has something funny about him, and they picked the gray hair as the funny thing.

Then he sang. Blew me away. Sounded like classic soul music.

I was totally like Paula. "I did not expect that, to be honest with you. I did not expect that." I will be honest: he didn't look like some sorta hot, hip guy who thinks he's the next boy band, so the looks threw me off.

But there was no denying the singing, and it made me giggle just like Paula. I proceeded to show that clip to whomever stopped by. My preface was, "Check out this gray haired guy; you

won't believe the voice that comes out of him." Because I didn't believe the voice that came out of him. Sorta like Clay Aiken.

User wondermomAL

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Nope biggrin.gif The first note out of his mouth! and I was an instant FAN wink.gif

User sscali

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I liked Taylor from the beginning. I hope it comes down to Chris and Taylor in the end, then I will be happy either way!

User plushaye

Thread 102181, Page 2

No, it was straight when he started singing. I had never heard those songs before and I've never ever been interested in soul music...but his singing just grabbed me from the first moment. cool.gif

User Lpn2calvin

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I forgot about the harp. This floored me too. I was like WOW!!

User bellsybop

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he's probably my next door neighbor or brother lol.. just exactly how i felt.. but knew it from the start!

User LadyBeBop

Thread 102181, Page 2

It took me a little longer than most of y'all. But I have a good excuse. The Vegas audition show was on a tape delay here in Cincinnati (it wasn't shown until the wee hours of the following morning), so I didn't watch it until the day after most of y'all.

I DVR'd the Vegas show to watch after work the day after it originally aired. Well, y'all know how the Vegas auditions went...one ****y audition after another. One of the worst audition shows ever. mad.gif I turned off the show once, it was so bad, and I had stuff to do. I didn't expect anything from the last audition of the night...that's usually the worst audition anyway.

Oh man, was I blown away!!!

User doctorjudy

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Nope, the first cut (of his face and voice) was the deepest. Fell in love instantly.

User idolwatcher33

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Apparently Taylor got more camera time than I thought. I just saw the audition, but not the video of him before.

User libraryteacher

Thread 102181, Page 3

I missed his audition due to illness (the only audition episode I missed!) but as soon as I saw him perform in Hollywood I loved his style and his singing.

User rastasgirl

Thread 102181, Page 3

Taylor is "Old School". He is not very old (to even be put in that category) but his style takes over you like an old soul! He has been my favorite pick from the beginning, HOWEVER, there are others that are good too. He'll be my pick as long as he's around. That will be one CD that I will have to add to my collection (right along with Justin from the first season, I loved him too). To ALL the TAYLOR FANS.... KEEP VOTING! biggrin.gif

User Cookster

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Right when he opened his mouth in his first audition! Loved him!

User idolwatcher33

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Great posts. It seems everyone so far was hooked from the 1st audition.

User Wordsong

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Immediately hooked!

User galdawn614

Thread 102181, Page 3

Nope... loved him from audition and couldn't wait to see him again after!!!

User sunflowergirl

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No, I loved him from the first audition, he was so sweet and that voice rocked.

User Ayeyea29

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I liked him the minute he stepped in front of the camera. I've loved him ever since.

User nobeers

Thread 102181, Page 3

I was intrigued from the get go!

User Hickscitement

Thread 102181, Page 3

ditto. When they first showed him I thought "oh I hope he does well and is not one of the ones they put on there to make fun of." when he sang...Yeewhaw!!!! I was hooked.

User cajunlady1959

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Was a fan after 2 seconds, b4 he even got to Swanee River lol!

User Taylorfan74

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I totally "got him" as soon as he opened his mouth, I was a fan. biggrin.gif

User TayMate
Thread 102181, Page 3
AS SOON AS TAYLOR OPENED HIS MOUTH TO SING!!

IN A NANNO SECOND!!! DONE! THERE'S YOUR NEW AMERICAN IDOL!!

User vickyh1
Thread 102181, Page 3
Nope....loved him from the beginning....he has got that special something that lured me in.....

User mamablue
Thread 102181, Page 4
Well,...I knew I loved him, I liked how "old-school-blues"-y he was, his awesome body language that got me moving, and how could that smile not win you over?!

But I thought, "What do I know?"

I thought the judges wouldn't go for his "non-commercial look", and I cringed when it came time for the judges to have their say. I think I would have cried if he didn't get through, seeing the sadness and dissapointment in those beautiful eyes would have been too much to bear! I definitely wouldn't have watched the rest of the season.

Thank goodness Randy and Paula put him through!

As it turns out, his "non-commercial look" has become what we all LOVE about TAYLOR, his uniqueness, his originality, his SOUL!!!

cool.gif cool.gif cool.gif cool.gif cool.gif cool.gif cool.gif cool.gif cool.gif

User sbelk
Thread 102181, Page 4
I loved Taylor as soon as I saw him audition!! biggrin.gif

He's something America needs! He's something the whole world needs!

WHOO HOOO!!!

User busy
Thread 102181, Page 4
Yes about 5 seconds. LOL!

No he hit me right away, and when he opened his mouth to sing, it was all over.

User Sandolla06
Thread 102181, Page 4
It was love at first sight!

User teamtaylorhicks
Thread 102181, Page 4

Heck no, I liked him from the moment I saw him. I was like OK now that guy is different....when he went in to sing I was crossing my fingers that he would be good. You just never know....sometimes someone will walk in looking like they are going to nail it and they end up sounding horrible. I was soooooo happy when he started to sing. LOVE Taylor!!!

User texasfan4ever

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nope, I loved him the moment he did his pre interview on idol. He was humble and sweet. You could tell he was nervous and really scared. Then when he said why he wanted to be an American Idol, I really liked. Then when he opened his mouth, I knew he was something really special. When they told him he made it to Hollywood, I was in love. After Hollywood week, I was OBSESSED. It gets worse week by week. I love him and really think he's the most original singer I have heard in YEARS!

User allantics

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This is the first season I have watched AI. I noticed Taylor at the auditions, I mean lets face it, the gray hair definately stands out! But there was something else, something I can't put my finger on that drew me to him. It was an inexplicable force that wouldnt be denied no matter how hard I tried. Now I am an avid AI watcher!

User angiekaye

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The first time I seen I knew I liked him. The second time I was hooked. The third time, I was obsessed. The 4th time, I was in love, so I guess you could say he grew on me alright!

tongue.gif

User alexnbethmom

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definitely from the moment he opened his mouth, during his audition. it was just instantaneous...

User gemsmom

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Been rooting for him since the auditions.

User Dotmeister

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I actually liked him at his first addition and was waiting to see him again in the Hollywood auditions, wondering when I'd get to see him sing again. Curiosity on what he was going to sound like next and kind of eager to see him sing again.

User idolwtchr

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I liked him right away as soon as he auditioned. I loved that soul man right away! He's unique and wonderful!

User steelersrock

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I've liked Taylor since he first auditioned. I love his style and his enthusiasm and love of music. He's a star already!

User idolwatcher33

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nice posts!

User GottaLuvIdol

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I've been woouoooooo'ing for him ever since I saw his first audition!!

YOU GO TAYLOR!!!

User rizzo

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i was knocked out from his audition...fell in love with him then. kept asking.."who is the gray haired guy?" the man is AWESOME!

User marino13

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I have loved Taylor the second I heard him sing!!

I would go out right now & see him in concert & buy his CD

User mamacoco

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I wasn't even in the same room as the tv. I had gotten bored with the usual terrible or not-so-terrible auditions and the repetitious comments of the judges (sorry, just my feelings at the time) so I went to fold some laundry. The world stood on end when I heard that VOICE for the first time. I dropped everything and froze like a teenage groupie. I didn't even get to SEE him until they showed the top 32 and he played his harp (another heartstopper), but I knew the VOICE when I heard it again. Yeah, I'm hooked, but looks have nothing to do with it.

User Tygerliii

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yeah... ONE SECOND!!!! BAMB!!!!

User saira4taylor

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Yep...the old saying...he had me from Hello!

User perrygirl

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1ST AUDITION: I thought, dang, that guy was cool. Different. I liked him a lot. But I wasn't sure how far he would go if that was all he could do.

FIRST CUT IS THE DEEPEST: Maaaan, that sounded sweeet! It made me realize he wasn't one dimensional at all. I started thinking I really like this guy.

PLAYING HARMONICA WHILE WALKING TO THE JUDGES: I started to get the "uncontrollable smiling disease," a precursor to Tayloritis. And when he started singing as he left after he got accepted to the top 24, I was just cheering and whooping, that was so cool! That really won me over. I was very excited about seeing what he would sing in the finals.

LEVON: OK, that did it. BAM! I was struck with a paralyzing case of Tayloritis-ocious (a particularly obsessive form of the disease). I suddenly couldn't think straight...couldn't breathe...couldn't think about anyone or anything but Taylor. And I have never recovered. smile.gif

User Earle631
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He had me at audition "way down, clap clap, I'm talking bout way down on the Swannnnneeeee"

done deal

User catwoman_ri
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I liked him from his very first audition... grey hair and ALL!!

User CarissaD
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Maybe I'm the type of fan that the original poster was looking for.

A little "about me". I'm an older fan, won't say how OLD, nuf to say I've been around for a while. My husband passed away 5 years ago and I tuned music out, too tough to listen to as it brought back too many memories. We were both country fans and of course we all know that they can be real heart jerkers. I usually tuned to AI for laughs during the auditions and have been an on again off again fan for a few seasons now. I was a Carrie fan last year and was glad she won, but never did vote.

Admittedly when I saw the first audition I thought Taylor was a little strange. I've never been a fan of soul music (no flames please), so I wasn't drawn to him immediately. What was intriguing was the "gray hair", so I looked for him specifically as the show went to Hollywood. After each time I saw Taylor, I was more drawn to him and couldn't wait to see what he would do next.

Needless to say, I'm a huge fan now, can't get enough. Listen to the Woooo radio and have ordered his CD (first one I've purchased in many years). I've downloaded all the clips from the show and replay them over and over. He just makes me smile. He's made me realize what I've been missing for the past several years, he's brought music back into my life and I can't thank him enough.

And when he walked out on that stage last week, my heart went flippity flop, yikes. Thought I was going to have a heart attack. Like the younger gals on here say THUD!!!!

I feel like a teeny bopper again on Tuesday nights, phone in hand dailing away for 2 hours straight. Only wish I had Cingular so I could power those text votes too, LOL.

User Eagles24life
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I loved him the minute that I saw him in auditions. When he opened his mouth and started singing I about lost it!!!

I have been in "Taylor Heaven" ever since!!!

Whooooo!!!!

Karen biggrin.gif

User myjemi

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I liked Taylor from the first time I heard him. Then, I couldn't wait to hear him again and wasn't disappointed. biggrin.gif

User soul_luvr

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I loved him from the first audition. The voice, the feeling behind it...I'll admit I did wonder if he had some sort of condition at first, with the 'lean back' and other "hickisms", but it didn't take long before I saw it as his soul comming through the music.

User CijiDunne

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I fell in love with him even before he walked into his LV audition! When he was standing in the hallway telling everyone how he started graying prematurely... there was such an innocence, an honesty about him... then when he said he wanted his voice heard cause he believed he had one... then says "give me a chance, give me a chance", it just about broke my heart to think that they might not have let him thru. Nope, did not take me long at all to fall in love with Taylor Hicks.... not even a split second.... he is IT for me, I rest my case!

User CarissaD

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Thanks Perrygirl!!

Not only has he made my life a little better, he's given me something to do (or not do as my kids, dog and cats can testify to). I can't stay off the boards (been a lurker for quite some time). Lots of laughs here, so many fun, nice people. biggrin.gif biggrin.gif biggrin.gif

User libraryteacher

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Thanks, idolwatcher33, but it says it's been removed due to copyright infringement. I've seen bits and pieces from the following episodes...but I would have loved to have seen the whole thing.

User ForeingTaylorFan

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i liked him before he went inside de audition room, they showed clips of him in line, and Ryan was saying some people might be too much for the judges or something like that, and i thought... that guy is cute, cause he looked so nervous leaning on a wall waiting in line, but as soon as he opened his mouth, i was doomed i had the worst case of tayloritis and it's just been getting worse with every week and every song reface.gif

User phoebecat11

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about a nanosecond

User TaylorSoulPatrol

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Yes. never doubted his singing but wasn't a fan.

in fact, I actually liked Pick at the very beginning but have changed my mind about her.

I am now CONVINCED. Taylor has converted me.

User luvutaylor
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I liked him when I saw him audition, it was cute because he looked alittle shy at first and when he opened his mouth to sing...OMG, I fell in LOVE!!

User Taylor_Made_Fan
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I loved him when they first showed him then went to commercial break before he sang. Right when I saw him! rolleyes.gif

User jazzymimi
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I liked Taylor from the minute I heard him sing the very first time!! cool.gif

User TaylorFan2
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He had me at the Vegas audition...the rest is well...history. Each and every performance, I enjoy him more. If Taylor leaves AI, so will my family. We can't let that happen...so vote like your life depends on it and in the world of today's music, it just might...

User idolbabble
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Loved him since his audition in Las Vegas. No one comes close to his talent.

User ScarletBegonias
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Nope, no time at all. Loved him the second he belted out a few notes.

User OneTimeUserName
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I basically joined this site just so that I could post in this topic..

I pretty much said it all in my profile but i'll repost it here:

"I don't normally watch American Idol, or haven't really watched much of the past seasons rather. But this season my girlfriend and I watched the auditions only because they held auditions here in Austin TX and I was mostly curious.. The auditions were rather entertaining none the less, however, as soon as I saw Taylor Hicks audition, I was hooked! I would consider myself a true Taylor fan from the absolute first moment he appeared..

His audition blew me away and ever since it, Taylor became basically the reason to continue watching American Idol each and every week, to follow his progress on the show, and to of course vote, for Taylor obviously. I believe Taylor has a natural born talent, which is his ability

to express and transmit his emotions and feelings through his singing, something that you don't exactly hear, but feel.. It's as if his soul is communicating with your soul without words or sound.. It's just something you feel, and that's one of the main reasons I am fascinated with Taylor, is that he is able to communicate through music."

User scgirl4taylor

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fan since the beginning...in las vegas

User OneTimeUserName

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I love your profile quote: "Taylor has feeling, and I'm believing that feeling is coming from his soul." - Stevie Wonder

I had that exact same thought, and I am so happy that Stevie vocalized it.

User idolwatcher33

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That was the best thing that Stevie could have said. It justified what we were saying about Taylor all along! smile.gif

User SusieBK

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I missed the show where he auditioned, but my daughter in law told me to keep an eye out for the guy with silver hair. That there was "something" about this one. I was TOTALLY impressed the first time I saw him perform & have backed Taylor ever since. So we are a family of "Soul Patrollers" who love Taylor's voice, passion, personality & soulfulness smile.gif

User arcasey

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I immediately rewound his audition and knew that he was special. I brought my brother and sister the audition tape to specifically point him out! I loved everything about the way he presented himself; and no matter what they say to him... he always keeps on smiling and saying thank you.

User Mb1090

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The 1st audition....Was It For Me!!

There is No Doubt.....He Grabs the Hearts of his Fans!!

User Mandy777

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It took me about a half a second to see that he was definitely needed in this competition. Being a music woman, I can see talent, and he has got it, and then some. He had me at hello!!!! Corny, yes...but, hey, it's true. I knew instantly and have been behind him the entire time, and will continue to be.

User stargurl

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First moment I saw and heard him!

User kojak
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From the auditions.

User Cahaba_Lily
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I watched the Las Vegas try-outs and heard that voice. I was a fan of Taylor's from then on.
cool.gif

User lisangel444
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From the moment I saw Taylor I was with him all the way! He is UNIQUE! And I think we need that in this competition!

lisangel444

User rizzo
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i was hooked the second he walked in...love,love,love the guy!

User hicksfan89
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Hooked on Taylor the second I heard him sing. First impression.. "Hey, there's some guy from Birmingham". Then..he opened his mouth and sang. Wow! Been a fan ever since and rootin' for him. Soul Patroller here..dialed away for 2 full hours. wink.gif

User playford
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He had me from the auditions also...

User willie108
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Like several of the people on this board, I am pretty much watching the show "soul-ly" for Taylor (terrible pun intended...) I have more or less been a non-fan of American Idol and have never taken an interest in the show. The first episode I saw with Taylor was from Stevie Wonder week, which my wife was watching while I worked. (Actually, I probably saw the first audition, and was very impressed, but didn't really follow up) I decided to take a break from working, since Stevie is one of my favorites. I was not really impressed with anything I had seen, until Taylor came out and started with "A boy is born..." It has been a while since anyone has really made me STOP and listen, and that happened. I could not stop from smiling and reacting to watching him perform.

The next day, I went and found videos of all of the previous performances, and was pretty blown away by what I heard and saw. The emotion that he brings out while singing is one of the most remarkable things I have witnessed, for any performer I've ever seen. Raw, uninhibited, joyful...it's hard to come up with words for what you feel (describe "red" to a blind person...) This sounds so fanboy-ish, but I am just a music lover excited about having discovered a new artist.

It reminds me of two quotes about other musicians. The first is Eric Clapton describing Stevie Ray Vaughan, where he said Stevie was able to connect to The Source, and it just flowed out of him: "...I suddenly got that flash that I'd experienced before so many times whenever I'd seen him play, which was that he was like a channel. One of the purest channels I've ever

seen, where everything he sang and played flowed straight down from heaven. Almost like one of those mystic Sufi guys with one finger pointing up and one finger down. That's what it was like to listen to."

The second that comes to mind was describing Brian Wilson, where the person said something to the effect of: "Music is Brian's purpose for being; you cannot separate the two. He was put on this earth to make music." I think Brian Wilson is kind of a good comparison, since there is something different about Taylor. I think you have to be "different" to tap into that creative source that most don't even know about. And that is one of the problems with music, particularly rock, today: nobody is WEIRD enough anymore! Just about everyone on the radio is a carbon copy of another, nobody takes chances, it's all safe, cookie-cutter, sterile, bland crep (cue Scottish accent). (When was the last time you heard something by Radiohead, or anything outside of the norm, on the radio?) And that is why I think seeing Taylor perform is such a breath of fresh air, and there is such a buzz about him. You get the impression that he is up there simply for the joy of being able to perform and sing (and would likely give the same performance if two people, or no one, were in the audience). There is nothing that is not authentic about the guy, and I think that is what people are really reacting to. I don't think people come along like this very often, and when they do (particularly on a national stage), pay attention!

I could probably write for a while longer, but I think I'm going to cut it short here. Hopefully this wasn't overly dramatic!

User idolwatcher33

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Overly dramatic?!? That was one of the most beautiful posts I have read so far. I definitely need to keep this thread in the front in case Taylor comes in the board to read our comments. We know his friends come in here, but your post and the others in this thread are very touching and I want many to read it.

User racegr11978

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I was definitely a fan from the beginning. This is what he reminds me of. Living in New England your pretty closed in all winter. Taylor is like that first day in New England when it's finally warm enough to open all the windows in your house and his singing is the fresh air that lets in the new and gets rid of the old. It may sound cheesy, but that's one of my favorite days of the year. Every day I hear Taylor sing is also one of my favorite days of the year.

User AwburnBoFan4Ever

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No I was a fan since the auditions. and I might add Im good at predicting the top 10. So far I am correct on all except one.

User fancy

Thread 102181, Page 8

I liked him from the start. It was easy to see he had the music in him. I do see him as the next American Idol.

User SoulPatrolMama

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NO!!!

I liked Taylor the minute he opened his mouth and sang! He's a natural!

User SmurfDude

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Taylor's First Performance Auditioning with His Harmonica attracted me....I wanted to see more....He's got "That" Personality, that just grows on you and makes you want to watch more and see what he does....Long Live Taylor on IDOL

User Lpn2calvin

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No, not overly dramatic, Willie. It was right on!! I feel ya. I hear ya, and agree with ya. Write some more if you want. I will listen.

User j_rockette

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I started rooting for him when I first saw him audition. I literally had a smile on my face and I was just like, "This dude is awesome!" And I am so glad that he's at where he is now

User pegstersoulpat

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Taylor's "The first cut" is to die for!

I was sold do right away when I heard his first audition, then when I watched it I was sold, hooked, melted.

His "Under the Radar" cd is such a joy. It makes you feel like you are in the South (where I have never been !) , like the sun is shining (and it's darn cold out here) and life is good.

Peggy.

User silversoul

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I was interested the second I saw him, but when I stuck around to listen and watch, I was head over heels. tongue.gif

User pegstersoulpat

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Hello. I forwarded your email to my friend and my husband under the title "some hubbies like Taylor too". Just trying to let my man know that it is 'okay' to like Taylor too and he doesn't have to be jealous. He thinks I am infatuated with him but really, what you say is exactly what I experienced. Of course it doesn't hurt that Taylor is also incredibly appealing for me as a woman.

Did you know Taylor wrote and sang his own music before? Go to the Taylor fan websites and you can hear it. I have his cd which does the same for me as his performance on idol. Just puts a smile in my heart. It's great music to work with too. I painted the whole bathroom while listening to that cd but got really creative, painted clouds and really nice patterns - Taylor inspired, I guess.

User BenjiSpider

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I can tell you when it happened for me, I suppose I wasn't instant, but in his.."could you give us 30 seconds of something else", audition where he slapped his leg? You know the moment? At that moment, that did it for me. That's when I said, "Ah yes..he's the one." biggrin.gif

User nnorth

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It was love at first sight!

User imasoulfan

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I was a fan of The Soul Man the minute I heard his voice...no...wait...the minute I saw him walk on stage in the audition..Taylor had me hooked... biggrin.gif

User marino13

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I loved him the second I saw him smile.gif

User Yummys_Girl

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I loved him as soon as I seen his audition

User muzicfan1

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A Taylor fan from the beginning. Extremely talented. Hope to hear his music for years to come. Not sure if he will always get the popular vote but he will be picked up by a big label for sure. Those in the music making industry know that he is too talented to let slip by.

User Elvisss

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Ok, I can't resist this one...

I have all the time in the world for Taylor to 'grow' all up on me, anytime, anyplace, anyhow!
Having hotflashes hee heeeeee.

We have all, the time in the world
Time ENOUGH for life
To UNFOLD
All the precious things
Love has in store

We have all the love in the world
If that's all we have
You will find
We need nothing more

Every step of the way
Will find us
With the cares of the world
Far behind us

We have all the time in the world
Just for love
Nothing more
Nothing less
Only love

Every step of the way
Will find us
With the cares of the world
Far behind us
Yes

User MLundstrom
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I liked Taylor from the very first time he sang at his audition, it was his high spirit and confidence...not to mention great voice! That won be over! biggrin.gif

User alex3
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About 1 second

User mimsy47
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I posted a reply on the post when it first came up. Today I went through the whole thread because I like the topic. My post had disappeared!!!! Where did it go???? I fell in love with Taylor when he made the Long Walk down that huge room playing his harmonica, although he grabbed my attention from the first at the auditions in Vegas. The night of the Stevie Wonder songs, I could hardly breathe after Taylor sang. I voted for 2 hours straight last Tuesday, something I have never done. Even if Taylor doesn't win , I plan to follow his career from now on.

User wiseguy
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was a fan as soon as he opened his mouth.

User letmepost
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it took about a heart beat.

User Cathyran
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I remember the episode when he auditioned. They showed him before he sang and I thought, "Geez! Another old guy trying to get through." (I'm so ashamed!) As soon as I heard the first note come out of his mouth I was mesmerized. Been a devoted fan ever since.

User karentaylorfan
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No! I liked Taylor the 1st time I heard/saw him. I've grown to appreciate him more & more every week.

He IS the reason I watch AI, in the past years I would only watch at the end of the season/top 3. Now I live for Tuesday nights & tell everyone I know to watch Idol & vote for Taylor.

User SoulPatrolsGirl

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I fell hard for Taylor when he sang in his audition!

User Knitpicker

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He hadn't quite hit the first note in auditions, but my eyebrows were raising- interested in what was coming next! I remember I was eating a Cheezie at the time- I don't normally eat them much so I guess it stuck in my head.

User thesoulmanfan

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As soon as I saw him I was hooked wink.gif

User idolwatcher33

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wink.gif

User idolwatcher33

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wink.gif

User BeeGeesNme

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My response to this thread is late, but my love for Taylor was instantaneous. I knew that he was going to be a passionate singer when I saw him leaning against the wall waiting for his audition. I could not fathom the power of his soul until he opened his mouth, though. I was just floored. I showed it to several people. Geeze, I'm missing him. I think that I'll go watch his performances. Here's the funny thing, I can almost replay each of them in mind. That's the power of Taylor Hicks.

User chrisie245

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Me too! smile.gif

User idolwatcher33

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wink.gif

User hickshoney1

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It was a Tuesday... it was cold and I was having a birthday (29... Not a pretty number unless it is on Taylor)

I was watching the Idol... having a piece of cake. Then I saw it...

A gray haired fellow...not bad looking at all... they said that he was coming up... I ate my cake...

This gray haired gentlemen walks in... I can't even get the cake to my mouth... he speaks to the judges and then he sings...

I feel my breath flee from my body. My God, that voice! Paula asks him to sing something else. Please, please sing something else! He obliges... I am in complete awe.

So I had to miss the Hollywood auditions...but you know, every week I would ask my mom if that gray haired fellow made it through. Just one moment and I was hooked. He is that good and we are all blessed.

User MS360xBOX
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No!!

I liked him as soon as I heard him, Taylor all the way!!

User bratter
Thread 102181, Page 11

No way, it was instant love from day one!!!


User Catzlee
Thread 102181, Page 11

He was my husband's favorite immediately. I had to hear him perform more, but when he played the harmonica walking to the judges table, I became a fan, and have been one ever since. I think Taylor is the most unique, talented performer who's ever been on American Idol.


User lenamarie
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I loved him in a New York minute, and I'm from Missouri! It wasn't his looks that I was attracted too, gorgeous as he is. It was his talent, his wonderful soulful voice, and his obvious love and devotion to his craft. He was so unique and such a breath of fresh air. I have 2 teenage sons, and the music they listen to makes me cringe. I spend most of my time playing my cds because todays music just doesn't cut it for me. But Taylor changed that. Finally, a true artist who brings the life and meaning back into music. I was never even a big AI fan. The last time I really paid any attention to AI was when Clay was in the running. Other than that, everyone seems to come from the same old mold. Taylor comes from a mold unto himself. His music touches the very soul.

User cutelizzieduck
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My husband I liked him during his audition. We are watching AI because we want to know what he would do next. We always have huge  everytime he performs.

User 2kool
Thread 102181, Page 11

It took one thing to make me fall in love with The Soul Man- HIS HAIR!!! I new from the start that he would be my ultimate favvie! 

User badbeeb
Thread 102181, Page 11

It will take alot longer to get over him than he did to love him 

User shelang
Thread 102181, Page 11

I liked him the minute he started slapping his leg and stomping his feet in his audition,, even more so when he came in playing his harmonica,, been his ever since. Will not vote for anyone else

User TallyHo

Thread 102181, Page 11

Three tenths of a second. See, hear, react. Boom! or rather WOOOOOO!

User mandygirl

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This is my first post but I had to come in and say THANKS! I spend entirely too much time reading the many posts here and it makes me feel relieved that I am one of many who is obsessed with Taylor Hicks. I adored him from his first audition and have been a devoted follower ever since. I vote for a straight 2 hours every Tuesday. I have watched AI from the first season on and have never bothered to vote before. I also wanted to let all of you know that I am doing my part to help the cause... I am a college instructor and I spend at least 5 minutes in every class talking about AI and how wonderful Taylor is. I have encouraged numerous students to watch and vote for him! I'm stopping short of offering extra credit for votes but I have considered it!!! Thanks!

User Satori1977

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As soon as I saw him, I was intrigued. He didn't look like so many of the carbon copies that come into the auditions. I was very curious to see what he would sing (and if he was any good). And both my hubby and I were WOW when he started singing. He just hooked us. And the mosre I see him, the more I love him. He wasn't my favorite in the beginning (but definitely someone I wanted to see more of). But he has been quickly gaining ground. He might not be the only contestant I watch, but he is the one I look forward to the most every week.

User staicaca

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I HAVE BEEN A FAN SINCE THE AUDITION!!!!!!! I'M BECOMING MORE AND MORE OBSESSED WITH EVERY PERFORMANCE, HOWEVER!!!! tongue.gif

User luckylyu

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Did it take time?

HA! One look and I was toast!

Incredible!

User grammadon

Thread 102181, Page 13

I "liked" him immediately because he was different and I liked his style. But it took a few times before it hit me that he is, in addition to being talented, a great-looking, sexy man! I'm hooked!

User Zetta

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nope it didn't take time!

loved him right away

User Housewife

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Taylor had me at *I want my voice heard*.....

I waaaaaaaaaassssss borrrrrrrnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnn.... biggrin.gif

User TaylorTown1964

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When he walked in the room, his humble smile caught my attention, his amazing voice/soul held it and here I am...still. Plus, he attracts such a great group of fans. Ya'll are awesome.

User sweet_melissa

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I liked him from the start!

User poprocksssss

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Was hooked as soon as he opened his mouth

User Carybobski

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Fell in love at his first audition in Las Vegas. Still in love. Love him! Ooooozes charisma!!

User UGAandMSU

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I'm man enough to admit it - I had my Simon glasses on during his audition in Vegas. I just thought, "C'mon, this dude has GRAY hair, he looks sloppy, he will never make it in this largely image-based competition. Yes, the voice is good, but not GREAT."

I sort of forgot all about him until the Hollywood rounds and heard him sing about 5 seconds worth of The First Cut is the Deepest. That 5 seconds lit something in me. I don't think I even really knew it at the time...I thought, "wow, that sounded great" but it continued to nag at me, like I couldn't get it out of me. That lit a little fire, or planted a little seed, and every time I've seen him since, it just reinforces what I have now come to believe - that this guy is the most brilliant musician I have ever seen.

User debwood1999

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Actually, it took me a while for me to warm up to Taylor. I wasn't sure what to make of him when I first saw him, in fact, I thought he was a novelty. But after watching him on the show, I think he's the real deal! cool.gif

BTW, I like Chris too. I'd love to see Chris and Taylor in the finals, and I'd be happy if either of them took home the big prize!

User TaylorOhOh

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I had to respond to this ...as I generally do not watch anything but sports programs also. I am surprised at myself for watching this and then absolutely going beserk over Taylor. It's kind of

like a sports event in a way - you are wathing the talent, amazed by it and rooting for the best.

User TEXASGIRL1980

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Totally - the first time that I saw Taylor I did not like him at all, but now I do.

User amandalo

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I'VE BEEN LISTENING TO TAYLOR'S CD'S FOR YEARS NOW. I'VE ALWAYS LOVED HIM AND HE'S A GREAT GUY TOO!!!!

User Lize

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cool.gif I totally agree! I was a fair-weather fan of american idol until this year. I caught the audition of Taylor and was hooked! I wouldn't miss a week now...as long as Taylor is performing! He is awesome! His music and energy is so addictive, even my eleven year old daughter is in love with him! Everywhere I go, I hear his name. I find myself talking to total strangers about him, and I don't ususally talk to strangers! Taylor...don't change a thing!

User divinediva

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Gotta agree with you there! I felt the same way! smile.gif

User shellebrownies

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I don't know if I'd call it "growing on me" or not. I do know that, as someone who'd never watched AI before this year, he was the one that made me have to keep watching.

My husband got me watching because he likes to watch the tryout rounds (mostly to watch the people who can't sing...). When I saw Taylor, I was immediately drawn to him. When they did their segment on him, I felt badly, because I thought they were using him as a gimmick and he seemed so sweet and nice. I was so thrilled when he showed he could really sing!

From that moment on, I watched solely to find out if "the gray-haired guy" would make it. I rooted for him; I wanted him to go ahead and prove Simon wrong. I loved how different and refreshing he seemed to be compared to his counterparts. To my delight, he kept advancing.

So, of course, now I'm hooked on AI like an addict because of Taylor. Each and every week, he amazes me a little more. He's so sweet and genuine, and especially after learning just how many dues he's paid to get where he is now, this is the guy that deserves to win. His talent is new, different, unique. I don't care that he "doesn't fit the mold of the typical AI winner" because he's going to change that! His love of music is evident every time he's behind a mic and the soul fills his music, and the people hear it.

Once he hit the Top 12, I started power-voting, and I won't stop until he's the next AI. This from a person who not only never watched AI before this year, but used to secretly think people who obsessed over the show were insane! smile.gif

Love ya, Taylor! Instead of "Takin' It To The Streets", his fans will be "Takin' Him To The Top"!

User tanoota

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My sentiments, exactly. He had me when he looked over to the camera, when he was in line outside.

User Face

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Nope. I liked him right away. He was so different than the others. I could listen to him sing just about anything.

User GinaPP

Thread 102181, Page 14

Oh Lordy...I loved him from the moment he opened that beautiful mouth of his!

User SkippyNV

Thread 102181, Page 14

You took the words right out of my mouth. wink.gif

It was instant love for me the first time I saw him! tongue.gif

User DazedDolphin

Thread 102181, Page 14

Nope, I was a huge fan from the first audition. Gotta love Taylor wink.gif

User Taysbiggestfan

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TOOK MAYBE 2 OR 3 SECONDS FOR HIM TO GROW ON ME...

User magnoliabreezes

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...only from the moment he opened his mouth the first time...

User SkippyNV

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No, not at all! I loved him the second I laid eyes on him! I loved him before I even heard his voice! It was love at first sight! Instant attraction!!!!!! smile.gif

Voting For Taylor

How many fans of Taylor have NEVER voted on ai until we were seduced by his audition?

User simplepleasures

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I, for one, never would have thought I would be speed dialing on a Wed. night for a contestant on a reality show....till that fateful night in VEGAS.....No way you would have convinced me that I would be Idol Struck by anyone. Well, guess what..here I am! We are the lucky people that was honored to have been there when the "Birth Of A Star" began..(except you very lucky b'ham people)

Who else is as amazed as I am?

User txcookie

Thread 148931, Page 1

Put me on that list. The only other time I watched AI was when Fantasia was on but I never voted. Hmmmm, Taylor must have some sort of magical powder he tosses through the TV screen.

User TaylorOnMyMind

Thread 148931, Page 1

Close... I voted once in the season 2 finale.

But I never ever would have thought I'd be dialing for two hours straight or be this obsessed. That's for sure.

User SexyHandsLady

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I have vote a few times, but never like this. I go the entire two hrs.

User Taylor_crazy

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ME !!!!

I only ever watched the "beginning" of American Idol, because it was fun to watch all the "not so good" people. So this year was no different, except that during the Las Vegas auditions I noticed Taylor. What a voice! What moves! What a sheer pleasure to watch him! Not to mention I found him very sexy. Right after seeing him on the audition, I Googled him and found 3 of his songs to download. That was IT! I was hooked. I found his CD online and ordered it right away. 5 days later I was listening to Taylor every waking moment. I found myself watching AI every week...dying to hear him sing again.

I am embarrassed to say this, but I haven't purchased ANY new music in several (ok, 10) years! No one interested me. I thought my musical life was over frown.gif

TAYLOR SAVED MY MUSICAL LIFE !!!!

User simplepleasures

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EXACTLY!.....This is the first time in years I have been inclined

to purchase a cd.

User GypsyMoon

Thread 148931, Page 1

I only watched once or twice before this year and never voted. I saw Taylor and was totally intrigued!

User TaylorHicksgirl8

Thread 148931, Page 1

Me!!! I watched the first season but never voted I didn't really care if anyone went. I watched a little of the second and last seasons but never even considered picking up the phone.

Then Taylor came along. I saw him in Vegas and was hooked. Then when he made top twelve that was it I voted my very first time than kept on until the two hours were up. Hes the only one I've ever done this for and I ca'nt stop even if I tried!!!

He also introduced me to his type of music which before I never really was into. Than again I heard him in Vegas and I was hooked. Taylor has a presence about him that hooks you and pulls you in and you ca'nt be saved. Its wonderful is'nt it? biggrin.gif

User ogram30

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I watched but never voted, then comes Taylor..... I looked all over the net for him, found AI online and voila, here I am with sore fingers from typing and voting..... He kinda woke me up in way too, I can't explain it.....

User babygirl727

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I watched season two, but never voted or came to these boards. Never watched before or after that until now. I was just listening the auditions while I was studying one night, then I heard Taylor. I looked up to check him out - and haven't looked back since!! Taylor all the way baby!!

User Taylormaid4ever

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In the previous four seasons, I have voted less than 10 times. But this year I vote the whole two hours non-stop for Taylor.

User dothantaylorfan

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Never thought I'd ever vote on Idol - I just watched for entertainment & to see the young ones growing each week. Taylor just knocked me & my husband's socks off at his audition & we've been fans ever since. My husband has always hated Idol & gets on the computer while it's on but he always comes in to watch Taylor. I've never been keen on message boards on the internet before - I've never gotten into that sort of thing before, but I started lurking here on the boards right after the auditions to see if other people were as interested in Taylor as we

were & see what was being said & I finally signed up & posted a few times. I'd still rather lurk but occasionally, I like to speak up! GO TAYLOR! SEASON 5 AMERICAN IDOL WINNER!

User kathyerin
Thread 148931, Page 1

Yeah, I never thought I would get on the reality TV bandwagon. I would NEVER had voted for a contestant before but then came Taylor and it all changed.

The guy is that good.

User tanoota
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That would be me.

I've never watched it, never voted on it.

My husband has watched it every year and I would 'hear' things from the next room while he watched it. I couldn't understand how he could bear to watch it.

Then, I just happened to be walking through the room when I saw a flash of a grey haired guy, in the line outside in Las Vegas. He turned and looked at the camera.... And, as they say, the rest is history.

I have fallen for Taylor hook, line and sinker.

User simplepleasures
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Thank God I am not going crazy like I thought!...Thanks,...deb

User comrade631
Thread 148931, Page 1

U GOT A FIRST TYMER HERE

User bluesharpplayer
Thread 148931, Page 1

I never voted until Taylor!

User taylorette
Thread 148931, Page 1

ME.

User Soul_Thing
Thread 148931, Page 1

That would be me. I've always enjoyed watching, and there have been contestants that I've liked, but I never felt like I needed to vote or check out the message boards. But since Taylor came along, I'm voting like crazy, and I can't seem to pry myself away from his board.

User Sojie
Thread 148931, Page 1

Me

User shouldbeworking

Thread 148931, Page 2

Never even watched AI until this year. Watched it to laugh at the crazy bad people and then he walked on the screen and it was over for me...

User TaylorFan1709

Thread 148931, Page 2

Me! I watched some every once in awhile, but am now hooked. I never voted in my life before Taylor or many of my friends.

User gary_jenny

Thread 148931, Page 2

never even watched ai until i accidentally saw his audition

User tanoota

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This happened to me, too...and I keep seeing it over and over.

Could there be some kind of kismet or divine intervention in the air to get so many people to just 'accidentally' see 'the grey haired guy'???

User Aoefe

Thread 148931, Page 2

Guilty as charged. I NEVER watched AI and only started because my husband and I like to watch all the bad auditions. We both noticed Taylor's talent and have tuned in faithfully ever since. And yes, we vote!!!

Whether he wins or not, he's got a future doing this!

User kcatan

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Me! Started voting for the whole 2 hours after TITTS and haven't looked back since!!

User simplepleasures

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I am begining to believe there is "something surreal" about this whole experience..lol

User Frogpond

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me

User Dandish

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I only had a passing interest in it last year because of Bo - and was only watching the auditions this season for laughs. Then IT happened. Boy did IT happen.

Like the poster a couple posts ago, I mostly stuck with "older" groups, my favs being the Eagles/Don Henley and Billy Joel, and could have cared less about all the junk in the last few years (with VERY few exceptions). But Taylor Hicks has changed all that. Thanks Taylor!

User Atherz

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(waves her hand in the air) Count me in. Taylor is THE reason I'm tuning into "AI" this year. I've never cared enough to vote before and only watched occasionally after catching one of Bo's later performances last season. But since Taylor showed up on the scene... I haven't missed an episode. [redface.gif](#) [biggrin.gif](#)

User lv4tay

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I've only watched sporadically in the past, and never thought I'd ever vote. Now I vote for Taylor, have ordered his CD, have his picture as my desktop here AND at work, and cannot get enough of the man. It's crazy!

User CarissaD

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Count me in. I've watched Idol off and on, but have never voted. Now I've been sucked in and can't get out, not that I want to.

Vote straight for 2 hours every Tuesday night.

User mkinder

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First season watcher/voter. TAYLOR'S THE REASON!!!!!!

User simplepleasures

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Hey, this is getting to be a great thread!.....WAIT, this a first for me too....Starting a thread..WWWWWWWWWWOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO

User princesscami

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I liked George Huff and Bo Bice in past seasons but not enough to bother voting.

After Living For The City I was hooked. And this week I voted 100 times for Taylor. This was my first time doing anything like that except for Dancing for the Stars. I voted like crazy for John O'Hurley. But even at that I could only vote 5 times per phone line per night.

User ashytle

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Never voted or watched AI until I saw Taylor. Hooked on this man now. You know that feeling you get when your kid wins the big sports tournament? Or when it is one of the first days of spring and about 70 degrees and you are walking around outside, thinking this is what life is about? Do you know the feeling you get in your heart when you have waited a year to finally go on your vacation? Not sure what the feeling is exactly, but I have the same feeling when I see Taylor and hear him sing. Thank you Taylor, you give me that feeling that I cant explain. [redface.gif](#)

User Gravity

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count me in... I hardly ever watched this show until I seen Taylor audition in Las Vegas. Been hooked ever since.

[cool.gif](#)

User simplepleasures

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Excellent post...!

User Sher973

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Same here. I don't know how it happened. I started watching one show before Las Vegas, because I was taping it for someone. Just by chance I decided to tune in the next week and saw Taylor.

User TaylorFanMA

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Add me to the list too! People at work think i'm nuts because I vote like mad for two hours straight and then come into work the next day giddy as a schoolgirl talking about Taylor's performance the night before. tongue.gif

User dixigal

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I watched last year, but I didn't vote until the last show. I voted for Bo , but only once. Nothing like the continuous 2 hours i give Taylor every Tuesday night. cool.gif

User ashytle

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Thank you.. I guess it is my heart... not sure. Or is it my soul?

User simplepleasures

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My daughter is a morning show host on a pretty big radio station and she has to laughingly admit to me and my addiction, that she has never seen the response to an artist on her show before like she has on Taylor this season.

User simplepleasures

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Both.....heart and soul!

User Inspiredbymusic

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Bingo. I checked these boards for weeks from the beginning thinking I must be going nuts. Never been on one before. Now I am actually contributing to them! At least in a positive way...anything for the love of music. Personal opinion, there is just something about him and his music that we can't let slide.... cool.gif

It is, for lack of a better word, uplifting. smile.gif

User lbug

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NOTHING like I am doing now. I voted for Bo last year...some. I am definitely doing power dialing this year! surprised.gif

User southernhick

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My kids have watched the show in the past. I only half-listened (a very handy mom skill). I did like Bo last year and called in about three votes for Bo during the finale. However, this year when I heard Taylor in the auditions, I stopped what I was doing and pulled up a chair with the kids. I have been hooked every since and my kids and I vote on 3 phones for the entire 2 hours!!!! Our record vote so far is 490. We are trying to beat our record this week.

User idolwatcher33

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I'm guilty. I can't even believe I have been hanging out on an American Idol message board.

Tayloritis since Las Vegas audition day.

User Lpn2calvin

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I have to admit, Tay hooked me on the show. Simon nailed it. And been watching ever since. And yeah, I was a reality TV snob.

User TaylorFannnn

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same here, i would vote for him the whole 2 hours if i could, but i live in another country =[

User Lpn2calvin

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I hear ya. I still don't like telling certain people. They would never understand. And those that do, have disowned me.

User mmr86

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Never watched and never voted. Some of my friends were obsessed with AI and I always swore I wouldn't get "sucked in". Welllll, I just happened to have the TV on during Taylor's audition and I instantly fell in love with him. I was screaming at the TV because I didn't think they were gonna let him through to Hollywood! Thank goodness they did. smile.gif

User BonBon

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There are 80-year old Episcopalians in my church voting for Taylor.

Episcopalians got soul, I reckon! ;-)

PS: Yes they are ALL women!

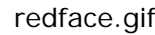
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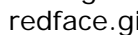
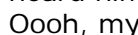
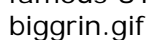
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Well, I don't exactly qualify reface.gif , but I am so touched by reading this thread that I wanted to add my bit. smile.gif

Last season was the first time I was so moved by an AI contestant that I felt compelled to vote for the entire two hours. Anthony Fedorov captured my heart from the very first time I saw his

sweet face, and I knew I was done in even before I heard his beautiful voice! It was quite a ride, being a devoted Anthony fan, with many ups and downs; and ultimately the rewards far exceeded the difficulties and stress of being so emotionally invested in a young man that I really didn't even know beyond AI. I was fortunate to meet him last summer during the tour, and I remain a strong and loyal fan, and an active poster on his fansite. I feel that Anthony will always have a place in my heart, and I wouldn't want it any other way.


Even so, I swore up and down that never again would I become so emotionally involved in an AI contestant. Devoted AI fan that I am, I just didn't think I'd be strong enough to once again want a particular contestant to win so bad that it hurt! I wanted to watch AI 5, but no way was I letting anyone that far into my heart again. 

Then, along came the Vegas auditions. I saw Taylor, and was immediately drawn to him, intrigued by his very uniqueness, and the very old soul that belied his youth and shone out of those deep, powerful eyes. I loved his voice right away, and was so happy when he got through to Hollywood. I must say that I was not fully on the Soul Train until Hollywood Week.  I was fond of Taylor and hoped he would make it into the final 24, but he didn't quite have a hold of my heart at that time. Maybe I was holding back because I knew he could so easily make me fall in love with him. In any case, the choice was no longer mine when I heard him sing: "... the first cut is the deeeeepest, baaaaaby I knowwwwwwwwwwwww...!" Oooh, my!  It was then that I knew that my heart had already made the choice for me. Since then, I have been (and always will be) a Soul Patroller, the proud owner of the now-famous UTR cd, and voting the whole two hours every week for our sweet soul man. 

I don't know if Taylor will ever know how many lives he has changed, just with the power of his amazing voice, the depth of his soul, and the genuine love of music in his heart. But we can all thank him by helping to make his dreams come true, and vote him as our next American Idol! 

User bambam24

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guilty as charged! i used to only watch idol for the auditions because the horrible people were entertaining 

User PurpleKiti

Thread 148931, Page 3

Guilty. Never ever watched it before, let alone voted.




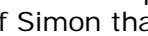

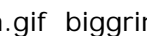
User taydol

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I've watched all the shows but was never "moved" enough to vote for anyone, I had my favorites who i wanted to win but it didn't matter to me if they didn't, this time it matters to me and I vote vote vote.

User TaylorFan1709

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If Simon would P1mp him like we all want to, he'd be Oprah rich  
 Simon that is   

User Rookieppd04

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I tried to vote for Carrie last year but never got through and was over it after a few minutes. I'll go the whole two hours for Taylor even if I get nothing but busy signals.

User woohoobaby

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I have never even watched an AI show, but decided to catch some of the auditions this year. Saw Taylor and was hooked. It was all about the voice and soul for me...not a physical crush or anything.

I was a voting AI virgin til this year too..lol

Came here to the AI board just to see if I was alone and losing my mind..or were there others??? Have been here everyday since...and listen to soulpatrol radio everyday too

User silversoul

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that'd be me. biggrin.gif

User IdolPhishy

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This is the first seasons I've voted for ANYONE. It's also the first season I am reliably in front of the TV on Tuesday nights!

User simplepleasures

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Amazing,.....how far his reach has gotten, I am impressed!

User grayhair50

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I've watched a little of AI seasons 2 through 4. Yes, this is the first time VOTING for me and all because of one guy....

User Littleone45

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My husband and I have never watched AI. In fact we made fun of our daughter last year for watching it. We just happened to see and hear Taylor perform and that was it. We are hooked. Tuesday nights we get set to watch AI and then with 3 phones vote vote vote!

We will probably never watch it again but we feel this is history in the making and we want to be there every step of the way.

User simplepleasures

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I think (and pray) that he will realize that this is his destiny that has been laid out by God.....to bring people of all ages, races, gender.....together in a quest for something to lift their souls in such touching way..

User voteHICKS

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biggrin.gif yay!! Just before I signed in, Taylor's voice came on and did the welcome to my idol. Now I have a huge smile on my face.

Yeah, this most definitely applies to me. The only other season I watched was season 3, and as much as I got into it, I NEVER EVER voted. I was in UNC-Chapel Hill and my roommate and I were addicted. Didn't watch last season, and then this time around I saw Taylor, and ever since that very first audition I was hooked. I swore that I would stop watching the show if he didn't make it through, and even on the other episodes after that I only watched to see Taylor. I vote for the whole two hours and storm around my house demanding that whoever needs to use the phone needs to do so before AI, and then I program my phone as soon as the idols come out. redface.gif

I never even came onto these message boards, but I found the Soul Patrol and knew I was at home. I love you guys biggrin.gif

User ScarletBegonias

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Add me to the list. I've never watched AI beyond the auditions with the exception of the year before last. I watched the finale between Fantasia and Dianna.

Therefore, I never voted either. The last two weeks I've voted non-stop for two full hours on three phones.

Taylor is a magnet I tell ya. cool.gif

User SimoneAgain

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We dialed up a couple of times last season. Probably cast a total of 20 votes all season long. I think I racked that many before Ryan was done talking on Tuesday biggrin.gif. I didn't really CARE until Taylor.

User simplepleasures

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Me too. but some have come around in the last week or two..they are just embarrassed to admit it..lol

User LonghornFan

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I've never voted until this season, and it's all Taylor's doing. Those eyes and that smile . . .

ahhhhhhhhhhhhhhh

User scarletbegonia

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ME. cool.gif

User arcasey

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I never voted until now; I did watch the fist, some of the second, and most of the third season... And now, I vote an entire two hours every Tuesday for Taylor! Gosh I love that man!

User psychorose

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Last season was the first that I ever voted-- Bo Bice then and Taylor now woooooooooooooo
ooooooooooooo! My kids say I'm a loser 'cuz I take notes each show and vote----Oh well
KIDS!!!

User pagyrl

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Me Too!! I never watched American Idol before. This year I thought I'd tune in for the crazy
auditions, have a few laughs and be done with it. AND THERE HE WAS. I've been hooked ever
since, voting my tail off and practically breaking out in rashes every Tuesday until he gets
through his performance. I'm so glad for Taylor and I hope the Soul Patrol carries him all the
way to the top!! smile.gif

User taylorfirst

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Ditto.

User votehicks28

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I'll admit, I've never voted. In fact, last year, I wouldn't touch this show with a ten-foot pole,
though I love to watch the horrible people at the beginning. I watched past the auditions just
to see how far this grey-headed wonder would actually make it, and I was going to win my bet
with my roommate that went a little something like this:

ME: (Watching the LV auditions) This guy with the grey hair...he's amazing...but Simon's
right...he'll NEVER make it to the top 24, let alone the top 12. He's too good. They don't really
prize talent on this show.

RM: Wanna bet?

ME: How much?

RM: Twenty bucks says he makes it to the main show. They can't ignore this much talent.

ME: You got it. I think they'll ignore him completely, and I'll never watch again.

Dad gummit, Taylor! You lost me 20 bucks! (Well, I lost me twenty bucks, if we want to be
specific.) biggrin.gif

User AngelKyren

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I have never watched AI. My 13 yr old daughter begged me to watch with her this year. I was
not very excited and often made comments of how the show was not worth my time.

When Taylor's audition came around , I was speechless. Never thought I would be voting for
any contestants off television lol I did have to thank my daughter for asking me to watch. That
sure would have been somethin' to miss out on :P

User suzibham

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I never voted and I had only watched AI 3 times before. Because I'm from Birmingham, I
watched the night Ruben won and the last two shows last year to see how Bo would do.

The night of Taylor's audition I had the tv on and was half paying attention just for laughs at the bad auditions. I saw Taylor's audition and was immediately hooked! Now I vote for 2 hours straight every Tues. night. It is so weird, because I have never been fangirly about anything before. For me, it's all about the music. I couldn't rest until I got all of Taylor's music that was available on the web. I have everything in my IPOD and listen to it all the time.

I'm in musical love with Taylor and I can't wait to see what he's going to do after AI. I will follow his career from now on. I can't wait until he wins his first grammy. Many people have expressed that they feel like they are witnessing a legend in the making. I believe this too.
biggrin.gif

User PurrPatrol

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This is FIRST for me in more ways than one...I watched a little of AI during Fantasia's year since she's from my home town, but never even considered voting! My son, husband and I watched the auditions because so many were being shown from Greensboro. THEN...my son was captivated by Taylor's audition and the rest is history for all of us. We tend to be very obsessive about anything or anyone we care about. Two phones from this house have been dialed constantly each voting night - with ALL calls going to Taylor.

A few days ago I started reading all the different message board - another FIRST for me - hadn't ever looked in one before - and was highly impressed with the Soul Patrol. And I must say that it's very troubling to me when I visit other contestants' boards because I grew up in a time when decency and caring was a way of life. The final FIRST is that I have never posted to a message board before, so I hope this one comes out okay!

User maryedgar

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Add me to the list! I have watched the show for three years, but never before Taylor did I vote at all. Now I am there for two hours every Tuesday, re-dialing until the time runs out! I love watching his audition video! I don't think I will ever get tired of it. (BTW - Is anyone counting?)

User justplainolme

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I'm confused.gif I thought that was ME biggrin.gif Woouooooooooo

User Wordsong

Thread 148931, Page 5

Never watched much less voted BT(before Taylor). Now it's March 30th, 2006 AT. Time has been redefined.

User Crzy4Taylor

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I've been watching AI since the beginning - Never voted before - Now voting - - I never felt as strongly as I do now about a contestant -Taylor deserves to win - His voice is amazing, his style is amazing, his personality is amazing, his smile is amazing, his eyes are amazing, his gestures, woos, and heys are amazing, his dancing is amazing. All this and he's humble and beautiful inside and out. And, that's an understatement!

User toyracer

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Add me to the list. Until taylor, I never felt a desire to vote. Now, I need to vote. Just my way of letting him know that he has had an impact.

User simplepleasures
Thread 148931, Page 5
75 newbies to voting!!!!!!!!!!!!

User justplainolme
Thread 148931, Page 5
Me redface.gif

User KaiserSoze66
Thread 148931, Page 5
First time: Season Four Finale.

Voted for the Bo-man.

I've gone psycho when it comes to voting for TH, however tongue.gif

User shellebrownies
Thread 148931, Page 5
I never even watched Idol before this year, and used to laugh at people who got so caught up in it.

Of course, then Taylor happened...and now I'm one of those people! Ha!

User idolbabble
Thread 148931, Page 5
Add Me! tongue.gif

I watched the first 4 seasons off and on but never voted for anyone until the AI 5 auditions... and Taylor. He is simply amazing.

User x_1013_x
Thread 148931, Page 5
Yep, that's me. I never voted until Tay came along. He's so seductive... redface.gif

User pixiegirl741
Thread 148931, Page 5
add me too smile.gif

i never thought i'd watch idol much less be tied to a phone line dialing like crazy, my boyfriends friend (our roommate) has a fit when ever tuesday nights come around but

i told them if they chill out - i'd cook them home made dinners two or three times a week, man! what i won't do for taylor! biggrin.gif

User simplepleasures
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it is like sending a personal message to him.....

User Quirkygrl

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I never even *watched* AI until I saw Taylor's audition. If I'm gonna watch him, it's because I've got an emotional investment in him. So of course, I'm gonna vote for him.

User lenamarie

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Personally, I never took that much interest in the show. My sister was the Idolholic. I did watch towards the last part of season 2 and did vote for Clay (But not for 2 straight hours) I didn't watch at all season 1 and only off and on season 3 & 4. I could have cared less who won and I didn't vote at all. No one sounded any different than anything I could currently listen to, so what did I care if there was just one more in the mix. I even started out with the intent to only watch the auditions to get a few laughs. Then came Taylor! He had me hooked from his audition. He is so unique, and refreshing. Tay brings back that down home, heartfelt, honest sound that I haven't heard in ages. He has breathed life back into a show that had become quite run of the mill and predictable. And look at me now....I'm posting to boards, checking for Taylor websites, tuning to any tv reports and newspaper articles on him, listening to WOOO radio, anxious on Tuesday, nervous on Wednesday, and dialing my fingers off! Yeah, I guess you can say I was seduced.

User simplepleasures

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thats 82 now..... biggrin.gif

User raelevy

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ME!!!! Don't forget ME!!!! I'd never watched AI before except I did see the very LAST show of the last two seasons. Just never got hooked on it!!! But when I saw Taylor at his Las Vegas audition...I was definitely HOOKED then! biggrin.gif I've got everything "Taylor" I can put my hands on!!!! I can't believe how wild I am over him!!!!

User piacere

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Add one more!!!!

User connor73

Thread 148931, Page 5

me!!!!!!! the only time i watched AI was when Kelly C. won. Now i watch it every week and vote for Taylor 200 times each week!!!

User simplepleasures

Thread 148931, Page 5

.....85.....keep going new voters!!

User alamode

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I never in a million years thought I would even watch the show let alone vote. I watched the first auditions for the first time this year only because there was nothing else to do. I found it funny so I kept tuning in...THEN...there was the faithful Vegas audition...I was hooked from that point on...voting and supporting Taylor all the way! Listening to his music, buying his CD...watching and VOTING, VOTING, VOTING. I read these boards daily, but rarely post as I am always finding others voicing my thoughts and I would feel quite lame simply saying nothing but Ditto. I have a feeling there are large numbers of us SOUL PATROL that may not be vocal on here, but are just as dedicated and just as watchful. It's great to be in on the birth

of a star such as I "know" Taylor already is.

Count me! tongue.gif

User BroadwayBaby84

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i have never really watched american idol before this season. my mom was watching it and i happend to be passing by the tv when i saw taylor audition for the show. i was hypnotized by him. i was a singer for a while so i hate watching other people sing like crap on tv. when i heard taylor it was like a breath of fresh air. finally someone with a great voice who is also orginal! everyone on these shows are exactly the same and so mainstream it makes me sick. i fell in love with his singing right away and i have been religiously calling/text messaging every week even if i was unable to watch the show. if america actually grows an ear for talent and votes him the winner i will be so freaking happy. but if he loses i will definately be following his career. we all know he is going to get a contract no matter what happens. so, Taylor, when you start touring please don't forget to stop by miami so that i can see you live!!!! biggrin.gif

User reya76

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I admit that I've watched AI pretty much since it began...and there has been some great talent...but I have NEVER 1)voted for a contestant, 2)watched every single episode religiously, or 3)joined an internet fan forum?!?! Let alone did an internet search to find one...! I haven't been this excited about music in about 10 years (ie, since I was a teenager).

User TaylorLove

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I missed Season 1 for some reason. But I've watched ever since. However, this is the first year I've ever voted. Taylor brought us soul music lovers out of the woodwork! I'm hooked! biggrin.gif

User soulrebel

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I can't say that I never voted before. I have here and there. But one thing is for sure....never to the extent that I vote for Taylor smile.gif

Does that count? lol

User UGAandMSU

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Me. I have never even watched the show except for the preliminary auditions (Simon blasting the hell out of everyone) and the final 3 in season 2, with Kim, Clay, and Ruben.

The initial audition didn't convince me to vote for him though. After Levon, I started out texting only one vote in for him each week, my wife did the same. I thought, I love this dude, but I have a life, I am not going to spend my Tuesday nights dialing over and over and over regardless of how much I like him.

Well, this past Tuesday I did just that when my free cell phone minutes started. LOL...a solid hour of nothing but hitting redial on my cell...will probably do it every week from now through to the end of the show too.

User jeanieteach

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I never watched it before this summer's reruns of A14 on FOX. I asked my DIRECTV co. if they would offer it to this area. They told me that I had to get waivers from OK, AR, and MO. I got on the phone, got the waivers, threatened to switch to DISH, and the day they hooked me up, guess who was auditioning??? This beautiful guy with silver hair, a great smile, and he was playing a harmonica. I have been hooked ever since. I'm just glad that I was persistent about getting the waivers. I would have missed watching this wonderful man and meeting so many other "soul"full people. cool.gif

User tanoota
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This is what I'm talking about!!

KISMET/SYNCHRONICITY

User wesleyneal
Thread 148931, Page 6

I used to hate this show and only watch the bad auditions..lol

Ahhh! But Taylor moved me the second I saw him, and I've been a diehard fan of his ever since. cool.gif

User JaxNativeLady
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My husband and I have watched every season of Idol, usually he was reading or on the computer as someone said earlier and we never even considered voting. This year? We were both hooked at Taylor's audition (although I have to admit to being the most obsessed lol)and have voted voted voted voted !! I usually have 2 phones going at the same time & he tries to help me keep count. Awesome!

The only thing I can compare this to was when Garth Brooks first came out.. at first it was ... Hey have you heard this guy? Wow .. have you seen this guy? Then the live shows started playing on cable & we were all hooked. I'm not comparing them in anyway other than the phenom that now has us all saying WOW !!!!! YOU HAVE GOT TO SEE THIS GUY!

Thank you Soul Patrol for giving me a place to find out I am not by myself in this obsession lol. You folks are great!!

Taylor Hicks in concert, I for one CANNOT WAIT !! cool.gif

User connieb
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i have been an idol "nut" since the first season..never miss a show...NEVER VOTED TIL TAYLOR..BOY HAVE THINGS CHANGED!!! tongue.gif cool.gif

User Imin
Thread 148931, Page 6

Never voted before...Taylor only...and every week I spend longer and longer dialing his number. smile.gif

User msrose342

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I watched the last few shows of 2004. I never voted. This year I decided to watch from the beginning and when I saw Taylor that was it for me. I have been watching and voting for him and only him ever since!!!! speed dial for 2 hrs.

User JamieSoulPatrol

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I would watch a show here and there...

I think I called in one vote for George Huff one night.. but I can't remember if I actually voted or just thought about it.

User gieneh

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I never watched American Idol before, in fact, I was an American Idol snob and made fun of my sister and her kids' fixation on the show. I considered it trash TV like every other reality show. Then, one day, I was channel surfing and stopped to watch an audition in Las Vegas. In walked Taylor Hicks and I've been hooked ever since, voting hundreds of times every week, telling my friends and family to vote, talking him up at work, and generally acting like I did at 12 years old when the Beatles came out. I am either in my second childhood or I'm starved for a real life.

But he makes me feel like I did at Woodstock. And that's a feeling that, if it comes around twice in a lifetime, you ought to hang on to.

User nanny1

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I have never watched AI. Only knew what I heard about it in passing. I'm not much of a reality TV person. Then last October my son gave me a copy of a CD of this guy he had met in Birmingham. Said his name was Taylor and thought I'd like it. Well I did. So when my son called to tell me he was auditioning on AI, I watched. Loved the harmonica because my Dad used to play. Been watching AI and voting ever since. I can't believe I've gotten into this and I even got my mother watching. She loves Taylor too. This is so "not like me."

Isn't it interesting how this gray-haired guy with the shy smile has brought such a wide range of people together.

User gbfans66

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Count me in on that list. I've never voted until this year!! Now I can't miss an episode and am a voting fool! LOL

User taygirl

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count me

User simplepleasures

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Stop by Knoxville too.....WWWWWWWWWWWWooooooooooooooooooooo

User ilovetaylor64

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I never voted till Taylor....and I may never vote AT....after he is "crowned" AI..no reason too..will watch for him to preform on future shows..."thinking"..maybe I will vote again..I don't know

My Heart Belongs To Taylor redface.gif

User mandygirl

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I have watched AI since the first show of the first season but I had never voted until this season. Taylor has me hooked. My husband is getting worried about me. He leaves the light on (because I usually go to bed early) but there I am, sitting on the couch, dialing madly like a schoolgirl for 2 hours straight. I pay the price at work the next day but as long as Taylor stays for another week it was all worth it!

User TaylorFan2

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My wife & I started watching AI this year, early in the auditions to see some of the funny stuff people actually do. We had never watched AI previously and really didn't watch all that much during the auditions... but something happened at the audition in Las Vegas....Taylor came on and we instantly recognized the true talent of a very reserved, polite man. We were hooked! And we watch AI for Taylor only. We really don't care about the other contestants....we watch only Taylor and vote until the phones go dead every Tuesday. If Taylor ever gets voted off AI, we will stop watching. No one else matters....no one else has the music as part of him. No one else has made us pickup our guitars again and start playing. No one else has given us a common discussion topic that we are really excited about. No one else has touched us like Taylor has, in over 10 years. We enjoy music again. I keep the Soul Patrol Radio on at work. We both tell everyone about how much we like Taylor. I'm sure all my coworkers are getting really tired of me saying something about what has been said or posted about Taylor. We constantly are looking for all the Taylor stuff out there....downloading everything possible, searching for ANYTHING on Taylor...

We are both in love with music again....

Thank-you Taylor cool.gif

User Crzy4Taylor

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I completely agree - - Music should inspire and make you feel something in your heart and SOUL - Taylor has heart and soul - that gift is evident each time he performs - and he's giving that gift to all of us - -

User tmbenn

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I never voted before and now I spend every Tuesday night voting the whole two hours.

biggrin.gif

User vote_taylor

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Me.

User taylorfan1976

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I never even finished a season until this season. I usually watch just the auditions cause most of them are so funny. Then there was TAYLOR!! As soon as he opened his mouth and sang those first few words "I was born by the river" I was hooked!

User simplepleasures

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biggrin.gif 116 so far biggrin.gif biggrin.gif biggrin.gif

User lifeternal

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ME!

User Kailele

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add me to this list...i watched...voted a couple times...BUT NOT LIKE NOW...OMG..I am stuck to the phone hitting redial redial redial..for 2 hours straight...i'm on the internet as soon as i get home...LOL..now I'm going to Vegas tomorrow morning for a vacation, and the first thing on my mind is "hmmm, what time is American Idol in Las Vegas"...first thing I'm going to do is to check the TV guide...now how WHACKED is that...LOL

User psychorose

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Good morning simplepleasures and how are you today??

User simplepleasures

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wonderful, just wondering why i am on this board again this early on my day off..lol

User psychorose

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Sorry simplepleasures---I got sidetracked---must do taxes--UGH!!!

User luvztaylorNsc

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I never thought I would have voted for any show before. Last year I hoped Bo Bice would win, but not bad enough to vote for him. I have been voting for the past 3 weeks for Taylor only and I only wish it was easier for me to stay up late and vote because I get up at 4:30 in the am and I have been passing out after the first hour!!! I am going to have someone help me out this Tue night!!! I love Taylor Hicks!!! I just downloaded his audition from Sojies profile and fell in love with him ALL OVER AGAIN!!!!!! cool.gif cool.gif

User angiekaye

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I have watched every year and have voted every year, but never have I ever liked a contestant the way I like Taylor. Its not like me to stay on a phone pushing redial constantly for 2 hours, but that's sure what Ive been doing. I plan to continue to do it every week.

User simplepleasures

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biggrin.gif122.....

User LBighems

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I never even watched American Idol until this season. I guess we're all trapped in "Taylorland."
Is there a way out? Does anyone really want a way out? NAH!!

God bless guys! smile.gif

User kumachan

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Me!

I knew I was addicted to Taylor when . . .

Might as well face it we are addicted to Tay ...

User BonBon

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We're gonna have to face it we're ADDICTED to Tay. It's a long time until we see our boy again next week...in the meantime, I invite you to fill in the blank: I knew I was addicted to Taylor when . . .

(I'll go first)I knew I was addicted to Taylor when . . . I turned down my husband's invitation to go out to dinner ON MY BIRTHDAY on Thursday March 2nd because Taylor was going to be on. I KNEW he wasn't going to be voted off, I just wanted to catch a GLIMPSE of him.

So come on, tell the world (and maybe even Taylor) why YOU are addicted to this sweet, sweet man.

BonBon from Atmore, TayBama

User soulrebel

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...when I first saw him at the auditions!

I've been a total fan since...

User Pollensalta

Thread 69537, Page 1

Yikes, that's harsh! Tivo or VCR, man.

My fiancé and I loved him from day 1!

User ogram30

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I saw his audition, I generally watch auditions and then I am done with AI for the season. Auditions are funny, right? I saw him perform and he had me, hook line and well you know. I have been watching, voting like a mad woman and posting ever since. I was born and raised in Bama myself. He is just an unbelievable entertainer.

User Housewife

Thread 69537, Page 1

I knew I was addicted when he said:

I want my voice heard...Cause I feel like I got one

Then that glorious man opened his mouth and sang:

I wassss BBBB000000000000rrrrrrrrnnnnnnnn, by the riv'err..

I was a goner! smile.gif

User soulrebel

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...I'd sneak on the internet at work (I work nights) to get his number so I could vote via my cellphone!

User BonBon

Thread 69537, Page 1

WOW! Y'all are really getting into this--amazing considering it's roughly 2:30 a.m.

Taylor, Taylor, Taylor: You "had" us at the "riveeeeer"!

User ogram30

Thread 69537, Page 1

It is only 1030 here so I have hours left of T energy.

User TaylorsIndyfan

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I'd say Taylor caught my attention during the auditions, but when he sang Levon I couldn't stop watching him perform and actually had goosebumps. In all honesty I can say that I have never been so touched by a performance. And it just keeps getting better.

Thanks Taylor for bringing a smile to my face and joy to my soul.

User ogram30

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Yup, I think you have a bad case of Tayloritis...me too!

User Mrs_Taylor_Hicks

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Absolutely. After I saw his audition, I couldn't stop thinking about him. His voice just kept playing in my head, it was so beautiful. However, it was driving me crazy, because I didn't even know what his name was. How could someone this talented not be famous already? And I kept missing the part where Ryan would say his name, so it actually took me until he was told he had made it to the top 24 (you know, harmonica and all), before I finally found out what his name was!

After that I was taken to internet bliss. I knew I couldn't have been the only woman in North America watching those Vegas auditions and thinking "Wow, this guy is REALLY sexy.."! I was so glad to see that there were other people out there who recognized and appreciated Taylor's talent as I did.

Even now, it's amazing. I hope Taylor has at least an idea of how much he is really loved and appreciated - It's not even just in America, it's all over the world. Once you become a fan, you're hooked and you just can't get enough. The more you watch him the more you fall in love with him. He has such a wonderful personality. He seems so sweet and humble. And his stage presence is like none other! So much energy and enthusiasm. He just has "It". Talent, charm, personality, professionalism, originality, undeniable sexuality - He has the whole package.. I have never been this eager to see someone on television before in my life. I just can't wait to see him every week - It feels like it takes forever the time to roll around again.

There's so much more I want to say, but it is beyond putting into words.

God bless you Taylor - Thank you for finally bringing some real music and talent to American Idol.

User plr45
Thread 69537, Page 1

I took notice of Taylor at the LV audition, but I really took notice when he sang, The First Cut Is The Deepest. It has been a very long time since a singer has actually stopped me in my tracks. Taylor did it. I am mesmerized by his superior talent, his oh so soulful vocals and his awesome personality. When he sang Levon, I cried! Yes, I did. No one performer, vocalist, artist, musician EVER made me cry. Taylor is phenomenal and he has a fan, right here, for life.

I also want to thank Paula and Randy for putting Taylor through to Hollywood. If they didn't, I would not have been able to experience the talents of Taylor. Man if I was younger and not married, I would be hot on his tail. wink.gif

Thank you Taylor for allowing me to feel the music, for the smiles and for the joy you have brought into my life.

Addicted to Taylor? You betcha! And lovin' every minute of it.

User TaylorRocksSocks
Thread 69537, Page 2

i love taylor! he seems to be the only on to put energy into and to be actually doing for the love of singing and not for the potential money or fame. I LOVE TAYLOR!

User SoulFood
Thread 69537, Page 2

I KNEW...as soon as he started singing in his audition...I WAS BORN BY THE RIVER...in a little tent...god...perfect.. and the whole time gedeon was singing the song all i thought was, "man, taylor could do it better"...

User Ineedabrain80
Thread 69537, Page 2

I liked him ever since his audition, but he had me at "The password is Clay Aikeeeeen."

tongue.gif

User TaylorFanMA
Thread 69537, Page 2

When I 1st saw him at the auditions I was drawn in. When he walked down the hall w/ his harmonica, I was a true addict.

User Rockjock8
Thread 69537, Page 2

...when i first heard him sing then i realized it again when he started jivin' on his harp. this dude is one true, blue musicman. long live, bro!

User closetidolfan
Thread 69537, Page 2

when he first appeared, truthfully, i thought it was going to be a comic relief moment for idol.. that was my first impression.. sorry.

my wife and i were hooked at the same time...the moment he hit that third note..

i was BORRRRRRN....

my wife and i have been mesmerized ever since.

he single-handedly rejuvenated my love of music. it's been 10 years since i had interest that was meaningful.

User Avocet19

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I knew I was addicted when he came out of the elevator playing the harmonica.

When he first auditioned, I didn't quite know what to make of him. I'll admit it, I wasn't sold from the beginning. But I knew he was someone to watch. And as I watched, I liked what I saw...and when he played the heck out of that harmonica during his Doom Room walk, I knew it was love.

Sigh!

smile.gif

Emily

User Sojie

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...from the first clap of his hands during his audition.

User YodaGuru

Thread 69537, Page 2

When he auditioned and what sealed it was when he played his harmonica walking down to know if was in or not. That was cool. biggrin.gif

User Harristoe

Thread 69537, Page 2

When he sang my favorite Sam Cooke song

User Hickscitement

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Hi. I'm Hickscitement and I'm a Taylor junkie.....

My story began in the classic way--I saw the auditions. I was never really into american idol but I started watching it this season and saw Ryan talking to Tay outside of the building. I thought he looked so interesting I just really wanted him to do well in the audition. When he sang Sam Cooke and sang it like only he can...well that was the end of my 'sober' Taylor-less life. I luckily had been taping the episode for a friend so rewind it to find out the guy's name, googled him and found his CD and I have been unable to listen to anything else since I got it. I have not felt giddy and obsessed with a musician since I was in high school; I thought all my passion for new music was gone and I was going to be stuck in my world of the already known, truly great artists for the rest of my life. But then Taylor came around and showed me that

there really is still great, amazing, soul-moving talent out there in the world.

Taylor addiction is tough....days are spent waffling as to whether or not I want him to win because I can't stand the thought of anyone ever having control over his music besides him and because I hate the idea of waiting a whole week to get a few minutes of performance high!

User TeAmoTaylor

Thread 69537, Page 2

I was addicted when I realize that I didnt even see the girls auditions only the mens just to see taylor!!! and feel his passion for music He is a trully artist I love when he came with his harmonica in the las auditions in Hollywood!!! I love yoy Taylor!!!!

User taydol

Thread 69537, Page 2

I liked Taylor from day one but truly knew I was addicted when I found myself holding my breath and nervous as a cat when he took that long walk playing his harmonica to find out if he was going on or not, while telling myself if he didn't make it, I was done watching for the season and knowing I truly would not be interested anymore.

User WILML

Thread 69537, Page 3

I knew I was addicted to Taylor when I began wondering why the other contestants were even bothering to compete.

User Gabhyde

Thread 69537, Page 3

I'm addicted to Taylor because.....

...he is the only reason why I'm watching American Idol,

...I goggle all day at the computer to find out latest news about him,

...I can't talk and think of anything or anyone else but him,

...I schedule my appointments around just to see him,

...I can't leave the Soul Patrol fansite too long in case I miss

out something about him,

...I sleep thinking and dreaming of him,

...I pay my daughters \$\$ to have them vote for him - polls,

...I get real mad if bashers are out bashing him,

...I play the VCR and listen to his music all day and all night,

...I even have my Ipod in bed with me when I go to sleep, listening

to his voice,

...I hope to see him perform LIVE one day,

...I envy the female contestants, who get to be close to him,

...I go all queasy when I see him on American Idol,

I can go on and on but I shan't in case I bore ya'll to death.

User music_luvr

Thread 69537, Page 3

I knew I was addicted when he walked into that audition room and said "I want my voice heard" and then opened his mouth and the soul poured out of him. I sat transfixed. Yup. I knew then I was in for a long but exciting season.

User CountryGal21

Thread 69537, Page 3

...when I heard him sing Ray Charles for his second song in his audition. He was awesome!

User Taylormaid4ever

Thread 69537, Page 3

I was addicted at his first audition, but what really sent me toppling over the edge was his rendition of Levon. After he performs a song, he really owns it and I can't even listen to the original singer anymore.

User janfnf

Thread 69537, Page 3

He sang at the audition and moved around. You JUST can't help but love this guy to pieces! My sisters and I love him, friends young and old love him...he's contagious! He has a unique voice and I like the fact that he allows himself to be himself. Too many entertainers get in trouble because they sing songs that they don't enjoy, don't move around the way that they want, and just don't have FUN with it. Taylor is terrific and if he were in concert right now...I'd be there (along with the 1,000s of others)!

GO ALL THE WAY TAYLOR! cool.gif

(ps -- for my son, Nate, who is in the Marines and located in Okinawa -- SEMPER FI!) wink.gif

User onemanswoman54

Thread 69537, Page 3

Taylor is the greatest love his voice, eyes , hair cool.gif wink.gifwould love to hear him sing TEDDY BEAR,GOD BLESS

User busy

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...what she said.

Yes. I went to another board I'm on and asked if they remembered his name. Luckily someone did, and then I had all the pieces. I was so mesmerized by his singing that I didn't pay attention to his name.

User Tiffiepooh61923
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I new i was addicted when he started up his dancing lol! that's what made me vote for him because he is the only one that ever get's into the music and really had fun! tongue.gif
biggrin.gif cool.gif rolleyes.gif

User TheGreatOne
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I'm became addicted when I saw him audition. Now i wish I would have tape it. I didn't know he would be that good.

User aiaddict
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When he entered the green mile playing his harmonica! That was hot dude! What a way to ward off the tension!

User dragondawn60
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I had never watched the show before and channel surfed to the auditions and stayed because I was curious about how this gray haired guy would sound. smile.gif I was really impressed, so I tuned in for the Hollywood auditions. Kept thinking I would pay large amounts of money to hear the complete version of The First Cut is the Deepest. surprised.gif Voted for the first time ever after Levon. surprised.gif Became a pretty good power voter after Easy. smile.gif Apologized to my sisters and niece for teasing them about Clay Aiken. reface.gif Qualified as expert power dialer after Taking it to the Streets. cool.gif And when did the addiction realization hit? This morning, when I made myself late for work, because I kept watching Taking it to the Streets and could not stop. biggrin.gif

User idolwtchr
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I loved him from day 1, but when he played the harmonica that really did it. He is a one of a kind original.

User thesheriff
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I called in sick to work just to order his CD and chat with new found friends once.

I peak in here all the time while at work.

I argue w/my son over what will be played in the CD player. And it's been intense!! LOL

My list is endless, but this is a start.

User Seabaughs
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I knew I was addicted to Taylor when I called my husband out of a meeting at work to tell him the next song I think Taylor should sing. "Every Step of the Way" by Joe Walsh. By the way, my husband hung up on me. cool.gif

User lil_redneck_love
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when i stayed awake the night after surgery just to make sure that my soul man was still in it EVEN though i had not doubt. my mom and dad were tring to get me to go to bed and i have DVR i could have watched it later but no i had to stay awake to see him (and Chris) go on to anohter show.....LOVE YOU TAYLOR and CHRIS

User WinkyDink

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When he said, "'Cuz I think I got one." smile.gif And I couldn't "Google" "Taylor Hicks" fast enough! biggrin.gif

User aifreak02

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i knew i was ADDICTED to taylor when he first opened his mouth in his audition!!!!

User DotinWa

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...when I first saw him at his first audition. I thought, "this guy is cool. I love that soul thing he's got going on." And then, when they showed that short clip of him singing First Cut is the Deepest, I stopped everything and stared and was thinking OMG, that is the best rendition I've ever heard of that song! That was HOT! Since then, I've been Taylorized.

User mrshull2002

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When I worked my tail off yesterday doing chores, said the heck with ironing, got on this website, rearranged the living room to watch the bigscreen from the office, called my husband to tell him not to call unless he was bleeding, went out in public w/o make-up cause it took too much time, and was as nervous as a virgin on prom night until Taylor made it through!

User auburn_taylorfan

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I knew I was addicted when last night we had bad storms come thru here and I drug out the generator just in case the power went off .

Couldn't miss just seeing him ! biggrin.gif

User canadiansoul

Thread 69537, Page 4

When my son came home from School and I was still in my pajamas watching his video clips...lol

User mrshull2002

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You kiddin? I'm still in my pj's! He's a hot topic right now!

User BonBon

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I love that...I think I saw you post that somewhere last night--I'm in Atmore and we were also expecting storms...after I read your post, I thought, "Ohhhh, should I get the generator out just in case!?"

Luckily, the worst of the storms passed us by until the middle of the night.

~ Hicksology: The study of things that go "Wooo"!

User Chritty03

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I knew I was addicted to Taylor when...

I changed my availability starting next week at work so that I can stay home Tuesday nights and watch Taylor. My paychecks are going to be smaller, but I'll be one happy camper.

User thesoulmanfan

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The first auditions. My husband and I were hooked. No turning back now. The Taylor bug has done went and bit us both. wink.gif

User Necrolicious

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I was hooked on Taylor from the moment I saw his audition. I knew right then and there that this guy was incredible and HAD to be the next Idol.

User texasfan4ever

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when I saw him in the auditions. I just feel off my sofa. It's just gotten worse and worse every week. NOW it's full blown OBSESSION.

User mrshull2002

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Isn't that what an American Idol is supposed to be? Somebody that makes you push everything else to the backburner and start your priority checklist with: watch American idol? LOL

User 9503eeyore3

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I knew I was addicted to Taylor when I first saw him in his audition he is hot and his voice gives me chills

User TaylorIsGonnaWin

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I knew i was addicted to Taylor when i first laid eyes on him. I luv him as a BUNNY!

User texasfan4ever

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Taylor, Taylor, Taylor: You "had" us at the "riveeeeeer"!

User texasfan4ever

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I am so glad I am not the only one. I am totally blowing off everything these days to get caught up in Taylortown! I love it here!

User meadowlight

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When I saw this young grey-haired guy sitting in line waiting to audition something registered with me. Then when he went in to the judges and started that crazy singing of him a chill went

through me. "So you're the one we've been looking for," I thought to myself.

It's a bit I imagine like waiting for an old-time prophet to appear. There are so many counterfeiters. You start giving up hope. Then suddenly there he is, dragging all of Southern soul in his wake.

User kcatan
Thread 69537, Page 5

Oh my God!! I was late for work this morning too because of rewatching the Tivo of Taking it to the Streets! This guy is going to get us all fired!

I was interested from his audition, then totally into him after Levon, then KNEW I was addicted after Taking it to the Streets. I keep rewatching the part when he points to the camera and gives that sexy look... I knew I liked him from the beginning because of his voice and general aura but now I also think he's HOT! I get butterflies when I see him and I'm 32 years old!! I shouldn't have butterflies anymore!

User mrshull2002
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I'm tellin ya, he's a gift to desperate housewives everywhere! I haven't been this excited about something in a very long time!

User freckles314
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I was interested after his audition. I started getting excited after the doom room walk. I became addicted after levon, and it's been a downhill battle ever since.

He is definitely what the music industry has been searching for. I got his cd and listen to it 24/7. I've downloaded every clip of him on tv. And when others are singing, I'm searching for him in the background to see his reactions. I just really don't care about the others...I mean there are others, aren't there? I'm not really sure. smile.gif

User texbel
Thread 69537, Page 6

I was a fan from the minute he opened his mouth! I loved his voice, but what got me was how he knew who he was and what he had without being cocky about it.

Simon never got it so wrong!

User ForeingTaylorFan
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i watched the auditions when i was visiting a friend in L.A. and i just fall for him so when i came back home to Mexico i had to get this super expensive cable-like system just to be able to see him. and last week i had an interview to get an internship and my vcr broke and there's no BLEEP tivo in Mexico so i got my mom to call the guy that was going to interview me and told him i was sick and could not speak so he rearranged the meeting... i felt so bad, but it was soooooooo worth it!

User idolwatcher33
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I saw him sing that Ray Charles song at the Las Vegas auditions.

User mkinder

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When ya call your cat(tiger) by the name of Taylor!

User kase12345

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I knew I was addicted to Taylor when.. I saw his first audition.. from then on out. it's history baby.. too much time on the comp listening to taylor.. over and over and over.. heheheheheh cool.gif tongue.gif

User deuceswild

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I knew I was addicted to Taylor when... I saw him at the auditions and he was swatting his thigh on beat to the song he was singing. All of sudden, I felt this stirring deep in my belly. At first I thought it was indigestion and then I realized, nope, I am in love with this man's talent. It was literally my soul I felt stirring and I haven't had a singer do that to me in a while. Taylor, keep doin' whatcha ya doin'!

User grannygriswold

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Saw him on the auditions. The gray hair stood out. That was before I heard him sing. I was mesmerized. Cannot get enough of watching him.

As Randy Jackson said, he is original with a capital "O". This young man is an entertainer. Where has he been? Loved his harmonica walk.

There was no way he was not going to Hollywood. Can't wait to see what he does tomorrow night.

User RocketCity

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I was addicted long before this happened, but I embarrassed myself so bad in line at Wal-mart. I had replayed the "Taking It To The Streets" at least 50 times. While waiting to check out I totally forgot where I was and was watching the performance again in my head.

I didn't realize I was rocking back and forth and beating my hand on my thigh. When I came back to reality people were staring at me like they thought I was about to have a seizure. I've never done anything like that in my life, but it was funny. Amazing how one person has had such a profound effect on so many people.

User beckafleck

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Huh...well lets see. I definitely noticed him during the auditions. I love his voice. Nothing gets me hotter than a guy who can sing. From then on I watched to see him(all of the guys are great though). I do have to say that I have loved all of his performances, but I have watched Taking it to the Streets about 12billion times. I cannot get enough of it. I love the beginning when he is clapping. He seems like he is such a great person...so real, what you see is what you get. I love that...and him.

User Myrna

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I just posted this on AOL thinking I was here...so will type it again.

I had never even watched a single minute of American Idol before this year - just not interested. I accidentally tuned in one night while auditions were underway and was hooked immediately because it was so funny and so interesting. I remember watching Taylor Hicks that night and told my husband, " There's something special about that guy." I have not been wrong. He is the only reason I continue to watch the show - because you never know what he is going to do next. The guy is soooo entertaining. So what if he has prematurely gray hair. He is a musician through and through. He is a good singer, knows how to catch and keep your attention, and is fun to watch. He is the only one I would actually go to a concert to see, and one of only three I would buy CD's to listen to (Kellie and Elliot being the other two). I am not impressed with the macho posturing of some of the other male performers. Taylor acts like he was born to sing and even though nervous, he doesn't show it while singing.

Emoticon Idol

The one and only HollywoodMama...

Posted by **HollywoodMama**

I just figured out why these little guys look so familiar.

😄 Taylor

😄 Ace

😄 Gedeon

😄 Kelli (Please fire the makeup guy immediately.)

😄 Bucky (Mama sent me some sweet tea and biscuits!)

😄 Randy (Woof, woof! Where's my Dawg Pound?)

😄 Paula

😄 Simon

😄 Ryan (Nine more weeks of dealing with Simon!)

Posted by **HollywoodMama**

Judging by your avatar, you must be a Chris fan. I like Chris, too, and wish him the best.

I had trouble picking Chris out of the bunch. All the emoticons looked like him because they're all bald.

😄 Chris *rolls eyes*

Posted by **HollywoodMama**

😄 I'm Ryan Seacrest and this is American Idol! Gedeon is in the audience tonight. Gedeon, say hi.

👋 (Waves)

😄 First up is Ace singing Tiny Tim's cover of an Elvis hit.

😄 (Sings Jailhouse Rock completely in falsetto)

😄 Yo, dawg, not your best performance. That was just aight for me. A little pitchy, but you're still in the dawg pound. What do you think, Paula?

😄 Ace, you are just a scrumptious marshmallow on the cupcake of life. And I love your shoes. America loves your shoes.

😄 I'm a mink.

😄 Thank you, Kellie. We'll get to you in a minute.

😄 Look at the pickle! Look at the pickle!

😄 I disagree with Randy and Paula.

😄 But, Simon, Randy and Paula disagreed with each other.

😬 Whatever. Ace, how dare you come out here and sing. This is a dancing competition, not a singing competition.

😬 Wooo! I'll take that!!

😬 Seacrest out.

Posted by **HollywoodMama**

😬 Ryan Seacrest back with your Emoticon Idol Top Ten. This week our Idols got to work with the legendary Elton John. Here is a clip of Kat and EJ working on Unbreak My Heart.

😬 Unnnnbreak my hearrrt

😬 Stop! Stop! Katharine, this is a song about heartbreak. Why are you grinning like that?

😬 Cause Barry told me to sing to somebody and I'm singing to Constantine.

😬 Let's try another song. And this time try to match the emotion with the song.

😬 OK. Jeremiah was a bullfroggg

😬 Stop! OK, next. Who's next?

😬 Katharine that was great. Kellie, what IS it?

😬 Ryan, can I be excused? One of my tarantulas is loose.

😬 Kellie, this is only a two hour show and we have to get in at least 15 minutes of singing.

😬 Next up is Bucky singing These Boots are Made for Walkin'. Say hi, Bucky.

😬 Hi, ya'll

😬 Wow! Bucky, who did your makeup?

😬 Jessica Simpson. Simon liked my hair the night she did it, so I decided, "What the heck!" I'm getting outside my comfort zone like Randy said.

😬 Folks, we'll be right back after this 20 minute break.

Posted by **HollywoodMama**

Ryan Seacrest and Emoticon Idol will be right back. But first, here is the latest Ford commercial starring your Top Ten.

😬 Okey dokey. Idols, what did you think? Wasn't that fun?

😬 Bucky: (Dang!)

😬 Paris: (I'm gonna have to change my name and go to a different school.)

😬 Lisa: (Thank goodness nobody at my school knows my name.)

😬 Ace: (I had to wear a stupid Troll head. Taylor got to wear the bunny suit.)

😬 Taylor: (They wouldn't let me wear my shades.)

😬 Chris: (I got to do a solo!)

😬 Nobody remembers their rehearsed cutsie comment? Okey dokey. Then give it up for Mandisa!!!

😬 Mandisa! I don't know, man, that last note broke my glasses, but you know what? I liked it! Yo, yo, yo dawg, check it out. You did your thang. That was amazing, dude.

😬 Call me man or dude or dawg one more time and I'm gonna slap you into next Wednesday.

😊MandDiva, you are a gift. You are needed in this competition. You are so amazing. And you sing OK, too.

😊Thank you, Paula.

😊In one word: That will be the most brilliant performance ever performed on American Idol ever and you will sell more CD's than Brenna Gethers and the Brittenum twins combined.

😊Uh, Simon, that's more than one word. Nanananabooboo!

😊ManDiva, my ears are still ringing from that last note. Come here, sweetheart, and give me a hug.

😊Touch my feet again and I'm gonna slap you into next August.

Posted by **HollywoodMama**
(Emoticon Idol Theme Music Swells)

😊I'm Ryan Seacrest and welcome to Emoticon Idol!! Say Hello to your Top Ten over here on the Hot Seats!



😬Looking at those fresh, innocent faces really makes me look forward to the sick and twisted scheme the Producers have devised to kick somebody off tonight.

😊Our judges are back from their Dysfunctional Family Counseling Retreat and ready for action! Give it up for Randy, Paula and Simon.



😊We have a fantastic audience tonight. Camera guy, let's get a shot of the studio audience! There's the Dawg Pound! Woof! Woof! The Soul Patrol is out in force! I spotted the Brittenum Twins, and look! Gedeon's whole family is in the front row.



😬We'll start tormenting the kids right after the break! But first, we take time out so a lot of people can try to unload some over-priced and completely useless stuff. This is Emoticon Idol!!!

Posted by **HollywoodMama**

😊We're back with Taylor Hicks who had a close call last week.

😊Yeah baby, WOOO!

😊Any comment about being in the bottom three, Taylor?

😊All Right! Hey! Woooo!

😊Our sources tell us that after you sang Georgia, your entire female fanbase was incapacitated for the entire two hour voting period.

😊Yeah! (leans back) Wooo!

😊Fortunately your male fans postponed reviving their wives and girlfriends long enough to pull you through.

😊Soul Patrol! Woooooo! All right!

😊 One last question, Taylor. What the heck does THUD mean?

😊 Woooooo! Yeah baby!

Posted by **HollywoodMama**

😊 Ryan Seacrest here with Ace Young.

😊 Tonight Ace is singing It's Hard Out Here for a Pimp.

😊 Ace?

😊 Isn't that an unusual song choice for you?

😊 Ace? Ummm, well I heard it went over big with the nuns at the Children's Hospital last week.

😊 Is the camera still on me?

😊 Next up is Elliott. Wow! Elliott, love the tie. I know you were excited about working with Elton John this week.

😊 To be honest, I never liked Elton John.

😊 But after meeting him you became a big fan?

😊 Nope, still can't stand him.

😊 Okey dokey. After the break we'll have Elliott singing a beautiful rendition of some mind-numbing song, with choreography by Tigger. Don't go away. This is Emoticon Idol!!!

Posted by **HollywoodMama**

😊 This is Ryan Seacrest. Gather the kiddies 'round the set for Country Night! But before we get to the sangin', get Grandma on her feet!! Paris is gonna get us warmed up with a little Boot Scootin' Boogie. Come on Idols! Show us how it's done.

😊 Wow! Elliott!! You really mastered the Beyonce booty slap. Good job!

😊 Country music is known for its wholesome, family-oriented themes and the contestants have picked songs just for the wee ones tonight. Here's what they have selected:

😊 Katharine: "Did I Shave my Legs for This?" (by Deana Carter)

😊 Chris: "If My Nose Was Running Money, Honey, I'd Blow It All On You" (by Mike Snider)

😊 Mandisa: "If You Want To Touch Her, Ask!" (by Shania Twain)

😊 Taylor: "I Flushed You From The Toilet Of My Heart " (by Jack Clement)

😊 Paris: "Run for the Roundhouse Nellie (He Can't Corner You There)" (by Zeke Masters)

😊 Ace: "If I'd Killed You When I Wanted To, I'd be Out of Jail By Now" (by Reuben Darnell)

😊 Elliott: "One Day When You Swing That Skillet My Face Ain't Gonna Be There"(by Richard Hardwick)

😊 Kellie: "If Fingerprints Showed Up On Skin, Wonder Whose I'd Find On You" (by Freddie Hart)

😊 Bucky: "Get Your Biscuits In The Oven, And Your Buns In The Bed" (by Richard Friedman)

😊 Yo, Elliott! Get over your bad self!! America, we got a hot one tonight!!!

Posted by **HollywoodMama**

Morning, Swebb! My boyfriend and I spent a hilarious Saturday morning reading funny country song titles to each other off the Internet, then matching them up with the Idols. These were cracking us up!

😊 Katharine: "Did I Shave my Legs for This?" (by Deana Carter)

Picturing Katharine's gorgeous face, all prim and proper, trying to "connect" with this song

🤪Chris: "If My Nose Was Running Money, Honey, I'd Blow It All On You" (by Mike Snider)
The Creed version, of course

🤪Mandisa: "If You Want To Touch Her, Ask!" (by Shania Twain)
Singing this one to Ryan!

🤪Taylor: "I Flushed You From The Toilet Of My Heart " (by Jack Clement)
A song full of heartbreak and angst for our whisky tenor Soul Man

🤪Paris: "Run for the Roundhouse Nellie (He Can't Corner You There)" (by Zeke Masters)
Dunno, it just seemed to fit her personality. Maybe she'll do the booty dance with Elliott.

🤪Ace: "If I'd Killed You When I Wanted To, I'd be Out of Jail By Now" (by Reuben Darnell)
A torch song, obviously

🤪Elliott: "One Day When You Swing That Skillet My Face Ain't Gonna Be There"(by Richard Hardwick)
OK, this one nearly did us in. 🤪

🤪Kellie: "If Fingerprints Showed Up On Skin, Wonder Whose I'd Find On You" (by Freddie Hart)
Don't know if she knows about CSI.

🤪Bucky: "Get Your Biscuits In The Oven, And Your Buns In The Bed" (by Richard Friedman)
ooh, Bucky!!

Posted by **hairdresser25667**

GROUP PICNIC 🤪TAYLOR 🤪ACE 🤪GEDEON GO ON A PICNIC BEFORE THE SHOW THEY HAVE A REALLY GOOD TIME BUT ON THE WAY BACK THEY HAVE A FLAT AND GET BACK JUST IN TIME FOR TAYLOR TO SING--TAYLOR HAS NO TIME TO CHANGE AND NOTICES HE IS ITCHING REAL BAD . 🤪ACE WANT TO CHECK TAYLOR TO SEE WHAT IS IN HIS PANTS 🤪TAYLORS SAYS NO TIME THEY ARE CALLING MY NAME AND ALL THE WHILE TAYLOR IS WOOING AND HEYING AND REALIZES HE HAS ANTS IN HIS PANTS. 🤪KELLIE HOLLERS OH PLEASE TAYLOR LET ME LET ME CHECK 🤪RYAN-- OK NOW IT IS TIME FOR TAYLOR HICKS. OUT COMES TAYLOR WOOING AND HEYING. RYAN ASKED TAYLOR WHAT HE WAS GOING TO SING. TAYLOR HOLLERS BACK FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE STAGE WOO HEYY I GOT ANTS IN MY PANTS AND ALL THE WHILE HE IS MOVING HIS BODY ALL OVER THE PLACE. 🤪RYAN -- OK HERES TAYLOR SINGING ANTS IN MY PANTS. 🤪PAULA IS STANDING SCREAMING GET THE CAMERA ON HIM GET ALL THEM MOVES ON CAMERA I WANT TO MAKE A EXTRCIZE VIDEO OF HIS MOVES . TAYLOR STARTS HOLLERING HELP I GOT ANTS IN MY PANTS WOOO HEY- GET THE INSECT SPRAY, WOO HEY ALRIGHT RUNNING ALL OVER THE STAGE HELP HELP I GOT ANTS IN MY PANTS. 🤪PAULA IS LAYING IN THE FLOOR [THUD] TAYLOR BEGAN TO RUN THRU THE CROWD HOLLERING HELP HELP I GOT ANTS IN MY PANTS. ALL THE WOMAN ARE ON THE FLOOR ALSO [THUD]. THE MUSIC STOPS AND TAYLOR IS ON STAGE STILL MOVING AND A SWAYING. RANDY REPLIES - YO DAWG WE HAVE A HOT ONE TONIGHT AND LOOKS OVER AT THE DAWG POUND AND ALL THE LADIES ARE LAYING ON THE FLOOR. 🤪THEN PAULA REPLIES --- OH WAIT WHERE IS PAULA SHE IS STILL ON THE FLOOR WITH SIMON OVER TOP OF HER TRYING TO REVIVE HER WITH NO SUCCESS. SIMON TURNS TO TAYLOR AND SAYS I QUITE LIKE THE SONG BUT THE WAY YOU KNOCKED PAULA OUT WAS BRILLIANT. I HAVE WANTED TO DO THAT FOR 5 SEASONS NOW AND YOU PULLED THAT OFF. I THINK YOU WILL BE THE ONE TO BEAT. TAYLOR STAND THERE WITH A BIG SMILE ON HIS FACE 🤪 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Posted by **HollywoodMama**

It's almost show time! Four hours and counting!!

Thoughts While Standing in the Spotlight

🤪Get ready, guys, we're on the air. Cue the music! Cue the lights!

- 😬 Taylor: They call me the Thudmuffin!
- 😬 Paris: They call me Princess P!
- 😬 Mandisa: They call me ManDiva!
- 😬 Elliott: They call me the funky white boy!
- 😬 Kellie: They call me the naughty little mink!
- 😬 Chris: They call me Mr. Clean!
- 😬 Bucky: They call me, ummm, Bucky
- 😬 Katharine: I wish somebody would call me.
- 😬 Ace: If I stand very, very still maybe they won't notice I'm still here.

Posted by **HollywoodMama**

😬😬😬 I'm Ryan Seacrest and this is Emoticon Idol. Tonight we welcome back two of your favorites. Yes, that's right! The Brittenum twins have been hired as my bodyguards for the rest of the season.

😬😬😬 Wow! What a great show we had last night!!! Camera guy, let's ask the studio audience what they thought about Country Night. I can just feel the excitement!



😬😬😬 We promised that tonight would be a shocker and you won't be disappointed! There will not be a Bottom 3 tonight because there were 9 contestants and only 5 people voted. However, we did receive 40 million phone calls and are pleased to report that six of them were not obscene. That's a huge increase from 21st Century Night!!

😬😬😬 The judges, band, backup singers and sound guy were placed in the Witness Protection Program last night. Randy, Paula and Simon, we will miss your witty, yet illuminating, comments. C'mon audience! Show them the love!!



😬😬😬 And now for the announcement you've all been waiting for! The Producers just called from the bunker. We're giving all the kids a do-over because none of these crappy themes was their idea! We'll be right back with the Idols performing whatever-the-heck they want to. Stay tuned, folks. It's gonna get better, right after the break.

Posted by **HollywoodMama**

BREAKING NEWS

😬 This is Ida Know for Fox News with a late breaking story. Soul Patrol officials are looking for a missing person. Have you seen this man?



Name: Taylor Hicks, AKA The Soul Man, AKA The Thudmuffin

Physical description: see Clooney, George

Hair: gray

Height: 6'3"

Weight: perfect

Identifying characteristics: last seen wearing blue suit and white shoes, may also be wearing bunny suit
Has been known to break out in spontaneous wooing, frequently hugs self, slaps thigh and shouts "All Right!" May suddenly perform circle dance for no apparent reason

Missing since: 50's Night

😊 Here with me is Sgt. I.B. Spazzin of the Soul Patrol. Sgt. Spazzin, I understand that the Soul Patrol put an official bulletin out for Hicks.

😊 That's right. Millions of fans are praying for his safe return.

😊 Any new information that might be helpful in locating Mr. Hicks?

😊 Taylor was last seen in the company of some very unsavory characters who were reportedly "training him in case he wins this thing." Nobody has seen him since.

😊 How sad. A Ms. Kellie Pickler has told Fox News, and I quote, "that boy is not right in the head." She insists that this is a compliment where she comes from. Do you care to comment?

😊 No comment. Ms. Pickler is best described as seafood challenged.

😊 Well, there you have it. The Soul Patrol desperately needs your help in locating the real Taylor Hicks. If found, please return to the Kodak Theatre, Hollywood, California.

Posted by **HollywoodMama**

😊 Well, folks, it's all come down to this! Here we are at the Emoticon Idol Finals and it's Chris and Taylor duking it out for the title.



😊 Chris, I see you've got your hard rocker face on. Thesitethatshallnotbenamed predicted that you will step outside your comfort zone and perform a rock song tonight!

😊 Correct Ryan. I'm doing a cover of Sharika's version of the Barry Manilow remake of Man of Constant Sorrows.

😊 Oooh. That's risky. I think that song has been overdone.

😊 Maybe. But I plan to put my own spin on it.

😊 Wow, Chris! You rocked that song even better than Barry. Judges, your comments?



😊 Judges? OK, maybe later. With me now is the Soul Man himself, Taylor Hicks!

😊 Yeah baby, WOOO!

😊 Before Taylor sings, a word of warning to the youngsters out there: Kids do not try these moves at home! Only a trained professional Soul Man should attempt them. And for the Baby Boomers in the audience, we have a chiropractor standing by.

😊 Taylor, Props! Props! Luv it, luv it! You really worked it out, dude. Watcha think, Paula?

😊 ***THUD***

😊 Hey! All Right!

😊 Taylor, let me first say that I like you, I really do. You're like a drunken high school choirboy doing karaoke at a bar mitzvah in a cruise ship bar. What? That was a COMPLIMENT.

😊 Wow, Taylor! High praise from the Simonator.

😁 I'll take that! (leans back) Woooooo!

😁 Well, folks. There you have it. Tune in tomorrow night to watch us crown your Emoticon Idol. Can the Soul Patrol get 'r done for Taylor?

😁 Seacrest out!

Posted by **longsong**

Okay, this isn't a whole performance, but here's a shot of Ace during the big "Mamaaaaaa" portion of Bohemian Rhapsody:



Posted By **longsong**

😁 And now, America, back by popular demand: A group song! The idols will perform Bohemian Rhapsody tonight!

Cue music:

😁 Mamaaaaaw, just keeled a maaaaan, put
😁 a gun against his head, pulled the trigger, now he's dead!



😁 MAMA, ooh-hoo-hoo-hoooooo, didn't mean to make you cry,
😁 If I'm not back again this time tomorry, carry on, carry on,
😁 As if nothing really maaaaatters!!

Shoot! Now I have to leave!

Well, consider this a bump!

Posted by **HollywoodMama**

😁 Ida Know, Fox News. We are live at the scene where Emoticon Idol Producers are holed up in a bunker, surrounded by irate fans. With me is one of the Idols, Ace Young.



😁 Mr. Young, what is your take on this very volatile situation?

😁 Wanna see my scar?

😁 Thank you Mr. Young. Let's get a statement from Sgt. I.B. Spazzin of the Soul Patrol. Sgt. Spazzin, I understand that the fans have resorted to cruel and unusual punishment to force the

Producers into submission.

😬 Yes, Ida. The fans have been transmitting a continuous loop of Country Night into the airshaft of the bunker for the past 72 hours.

😬 Ooooh! That's way harsh.

😬 It's been brutal, but the Producers have finally agreed to the following list of demands.

1. The Producers will cease picking theme nights that leave viewers begging for mercy.
2. Contestants' songs will be longer than Ryan and Simon's cat fights.
3. Female contestants will not be forced to wear clothes purchased from Eleanor Roosevelt's estate sale.
4. Judges will not traumatize contestants by discussing pizza, cornflakes, salad or any other foodstuffs while giving them the heave-ho.
5. On Wednesday nights, Ryan will announce who's leaving by throwing a bag over his/her head and dragging him/her off the stage, thus sparing the viewers from having to hear the worst song of the week twice.
6. The sound guy will refrain from being comatose during live broadcasts.
7. The three judges will be required to use a thesaurus.
8. Ryan will not try to convince America that a contestant just fell off the turnip truck with statements like, "Folks, all those fence post analogies are right on target. Just wanted to clear that up."
9. Ryan will never have conversations with female contestants about double sticky tape and potential wardrobe malfunctions.
10. Ryan will never, under any circumstances, subject America to descriptions of his dreams about Simon.

😬 Well, it seems to be a victory for Idol fans everywhere. This is Ida Know, Fox News. Idols, good night and good luck.

Soul Patrol Humor

More excerpts from the Soul Patrol...

User reefdiver

Page 712, Msg No. 9

DATING COMPATIBILITY TEST

For those of us single Soul Patrolers, please feel free to administer this test to the next person you seek to date. If you are married, please feel free to gauge the quality of your marriage with it.

1. Do you like/love Taylor Hicks?

Possible answers:

- a. Of course – Potential mate
- b. Yes – Potential mate
- c. No – Reject outright and assume this person abuses animals as well

Well, how'd ya'll do?

Do you have any idea how much time, effort and money I could have saved over the years using this comprehensive test?

User pinkbubelz

Page 978, Msg No. 11

Here is my spoof.

Addicted To Tay

(Pinkbubelz spoof on Robert Palmer)

Your Tivo's on, 'cuz you're not home

Your mind is not your own

Your head sweats, your fingers shake

Another post is what it takes

You can't sleep, you can't eat

There's no doubt, you're in deep

Your throat is tight, you can't breathe

Another post is all you need

Whoa, you like to think that you're immune to A.I., oh yeah

It's closer to the truth to say you can't get away

You know you're gonna have to face it, you're addicted to Tay

You see the boss, but you can't leave

You're typing' at a different speed

Your heart beats in double time

Another post and you'll be fine, a one track mind

You can't be saved

Some Taylor Hicks is all you crave

If there's some left for you

You don't mind if you do

Whoa, you like to think that you're immune to A.I., oh yeah

It's closer to the truth to say you can't get away

You know you're gonna have to face it, you're addicted to Tay

Might as well face it, you're addicted to Tay

Might as well face it, you're addicted to Tay

Might as well face it, you're addicted to Tay

Might as well face it, you're addicted to Tay

Might as well face it, you're addicted to Tay

[break]

Your search the thread, you're not alone
Your pics are not your own
Your finger hurts, your nails grind
Another post and you'll be fine
Whoa, you like to think that you're immune to A. I., oh yeah
It's closer to the truth to say you can't get enough
You know you're gonna have to face it, you're addicted to Tay

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User mipi26105

Page 1512, Msg No. 19

(AP) The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) today announced the discovery of a new pandemic, Taylor Hicks Syndrome (THS), that is quickly causing panic in the U.S. and threatens the entire planet.

"We've traced the origins of the disease to Alabama" said Michael Bell of the CDC. "From there it seems to have spread quickly to Nevada, California, and now we're seeing instances of THS popping up everywhere."

Symptoms of THS include fever, intense perspiration, dizziness, euphoria, laughter, and sexual excitement, according to reports.

Health officials say it's not too early for people to begin thinking about what they would do if schools, workplaces, businesses and public services were affected for an extended period of time. Alabama government and health officials also are making pandemic plans and will discuss them at a summit March 23.

"Residents should have a plan to care for their children if schools closed for weeks at a time" said Bell. "Workers should ask employers about whether they could work from home. If stores and restaurants close or run low on supplies, people would need stockpiles of enough food, water and other supplies to last several weeks or longer."

Mary Thompkins, an ER nurse at St. Vincent's Hospital in Birmingham, said she's seeing more and more cases every day. "An extreme case was brought in just this morning" Thompkins said. "When the ambulance arrived, the victim's eyes were closed and she was chanting 'Oh Taylor Oh Taylor' over and over. We administered antibiotics and pain meds but it doesn't seem to have helped."

"We just expect this situation to keep getting worse", said Michael Bell. "We're doing all we can, but for now it's just a waiting game."

there you go... from earlier.. i saved it!!

User prairewhisper

Page 1774, Msg No. 5

I have a confession to make. I am a Taylor Hicksaholic. It started the minute that I laid eyes on him. I am learning to deal with it though. I am getting sneakier. I pay my kids a quarter to tell me when my husband is getting with in range of the computer, 50 cents to start a fight between each other to divert my husbands attention to what I am doing. He then has to stop them from fighting and I can go back to what I was doing. Reading the boards, and the blogs and re-playing Levon. MOMMMMM, he's in range,

and with a quick click I have hidden an on-line page of better homes and gardens, to me that is just hilarious, like my husband really thinks I care about cooking and gardening at a time like this. Oh if he only knew the truth!!!!!! Actually, I'm just kidding... to an extent.

User French_Hick
Page 2364, Msg No. 19

I read a lot of negative posts about the "woos" last night. They really didn't bother me, but I can see how people would be put off by too much of a good thing.

Did a little research (since I've been listening to it all day anyway):

.28 seconds into the song, the first "HEY!"
.43 seconds followed by another "hey"
.58 seconds "woo"
.74 seconds "woo"
.80 seconds "whoa"
.84 seconds "woo"
and what sounded like another "hey" when the song was over.

It's probably that 10 second span that includes 2 woos and 1 whoa that turned people off . . . ME? I loved every one of 'em!

User mipi26105
Page 2420, Msg No. 3

Recently, bloggers on the internet have revealed that Taylor Hicks does indeed have a serious medical condition. For many years, he has been suffering with a disease known as conjunctive cardiac soulitis - a sometimes fatal proximity of heart and soul.

More common in the south, this disease is very serious and may result in muscle twitching as your body is overcome with the urge to dance. Verbal patterns are interspersed with sudden outbursts of "woo" and "hey," especially while singing or excited. These outbursts are sometimes misdiagnosed as Tourette's, but are, in fact, evidence of a "level 3" conjunctive cardiac soulitis infection.

WARNING: conjunctive cardiac soulitis is EXTREMELY CONTAGIOUS. The disease has been known to be transmitted simply by being in the same room as someone already afflicted, or - more amazingly - through sound waves. In fact, conjunctive cardiac soulitis is the only disease on record capable of being transmitted through auditory stimuli. The World Health Organization urges extreme caution in dealing with this disease, calling it a "bigger threat than bird flu."

Now you know.

had to post again.. this was funny!!

User dananbethany
Page 2665, Msg No. 5

Looking at the other boards, came across this:

As many of you know by now, Taylor has acute CCS. Since this disease is rapidly spreading, and many Americans are at risk, I thought I'd post some updated information on it.

What is CCS?

Conjunctive cardiac soulitis - or CCS - is a severe inflammation of heart and soul. It is usually caused by an unexpected proximity of heart and soul or - in extreme cases - when heart and soul actually come into direct contact.

What are the symptoms of CCS?

Level one symptoms are mild and are most often characterized by a generally euphoric feeling that spreads rapidly throughout the body.

Level two symptoms are highlighted by a sudden loss of muscle control that begins as twitching and can progress to the point of motions that resemble involuntary dance.

Level three infections - the most serious cases - include sudden vocal outbursts such as "woo" and "hey", usually when singing or excited. Occassionally, level three CCS is confused with Tourette's Syndrome. Although this misdiagnosis is common, CCS is, in fact, quite different and much more benign than Tourette's.

How do you become infected with CCS?

The primary path of infection is through the ears. From there, CCS spreads rapidly throughout the body. Individuals with keen ears for good music, an open heart, and gentle soul are more than five times more likely to become infected than those without.

Clinical studies have shown that individuals from the South are particularly vulnerable to CCS, while some individuals from the North actually carry an antibody against the disease. Doctors urge caution, though, since CCS is extremely contagious and spreading rapidly throughout the entire American population and no one is truly safe. The World Health Organization and the Surgeon General issued a joint statement calling CCS a "potential pandemic that makes the spread of SARS and bird flu look like molasses. Mmmmm. Molasses."

Is there a cure for CCS?

Treatment is available for CCS, but not advised. 9 out of 10 doctors recommend no treatment for CCS. The 10th doctor is a quack, so you probably shouldn't listen to him. For those afflicted with CCS, the best "treatment" is education and awareness. By fully understanding how CCS affects the body, you have a better chance of regulating your day-to-day outbursts.

For those deranged individuals who insist on a "cure", treatment is available in the form of several large - and painful - shots of hiphoxia administered directly to the ears. This type of treatment is not always guaranteed to work and can have serious side effects. In extreme cases, patients may develop a bad case of "the rap" (also known as Tupacitis and Foshizzlaxis). The rap can cause the body to develop shiny oversized growths (known as "blings"), cause the gradual supplantation of teeth with precious metals, and force a sudden weight-loss in the hips and waist that cause the pants to fall down constantly. As any fool can plainly see, the cure for CCS is worse than the disease.

I have CCS. What should I do now?

First of all, don't worry. Many famous people have lived their entire lives with CCS. Performers such as Ray Charles and Joe Cocker have had successful and fulfilling careers despite (or perhaps because of) their affliction.

CCS is not a debilitating disease. In fact, once you overcome the initial confusion about "what's happening to me?", you will likely find your CCS bouts an enjoyable experience.

The best way to deal with your CCS is to let it out. Trying to hold it back only makes it worse. Smile, dance, whoop and holler. Voting for Taylor Hicks on American Idol also helps.

Now - stick out your tongue and say "woooooo!"

User Sojje

Page 2761, Msg No. 18

Well, this might help a little...I've been compiling a list of Taylor Terms, otherwise known as the "Hicks-ionary"

Taylorita
Tayloriffic
Taylor Time
T Time
Taylorland
Sweet Taylor Dreams
Tayloritis
Taylor Style
Soul Patrol
Woooo
Taylorday
Taylorful
Taylorade
Hicksie cup
Do it baby
Finger stretches
How the hicks are you
hicktastic
Hick hick hooray
Tay
Taylorsexual
Carpal Taylor Syndrome
TaylorPox
No,no,no,no,no,no!
Taylormarnica.
taylormade
taylor tot

Definitions to come! Please add your own to the list!

User meribah

Page 2880, Msg No. 16

Okay, gang, for your amusement, I bring you my list of ways to tell if you are a stalker or merely a dedicated fan! So here goes:

- *You are NOT a stalker if you fly, drive or swim to LA in order to see Taylor.
- *You ARE a stalker if you camp in the bushes outside his apartment/hotel with a pair of binoculars.
- *You are NOT a stalker if you go looking for Taylor to get his autograph.
- *You ARE a stalker if you go looking for Taylor in order to abduct him and whisk him away to the mothership in order to perform experiments. (Wait, that just proves you're an alien. Never mind!)
- *You are NOT a stalker if someone delivers an official Taylor Hicks Fan Kit to your home, complete with autographed picture, harmonica and tee shirt.
- *You ARE a stalker if someone delivers a restraining order to your home.
- *You are NOT a stalker if you go to see every single Taylor Hicks concert.
- *You ARE a stalker if you phone him 500 times a day, everyday.
- *You are NOT a stalker if you listen to your Taylor CDs and watch his videos umpteen times a day.
- *You ARE a stalker if you watch the videos from the surveillance cameras you secretly hid in Taylor's apartment/hotel room.
- *You are NOT a stalker if you paper your bedroom with 4000 pictures of Taylor.
- *You ARE a stalker if you chase Taylor around, take pictures of him, and otherwise harass him, unless of course you are a reporter, in which case you are NOT a stalker, but stalkerazzi. (My apologies to any and all reporters!

How do you know when your a Taylor Fan

Woouooooo...

User GreyHairDude

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When your in the Super Market and your looking for Soul food surprised.gif

As you bust out a song and flicking head back Yelling Woouooooo'

True Story tongue.gif

User Fan_In_Japan

Thread 93502, Page 1

when you find yourself making up words in foreign languages....

SOORU PATRORU

User GreyHairDude

Thread 93502, Page 1

When you yell

SOORU PATRORU

In The Bank In Maine cool.gif

User Fan_In_Japan

Thread 93502, Page 1

when somebody in the bank yells it back.

biggrin.gif

User tab9496

Thread 93502, Page 1

When you can't pry yourself away from this freakin' board cuz you don't wanna miss anything good...

User starstruck3434

Thread 93502, Page 1

or your computer at home is being used for homework by someone else and you rush to the library to use theirs! (yikes!) smile.gif LOL

User tab9496

Thread 93502, Page 1

Just push them outta the way when you need your fix (jk)

User LovinTaylorLotz

Thread 93502, Page 1

I hear ya!! biggrin.gif

User TaylorFanMA

Thread 93502, Page 1

When you accidently call your cat Taylor because he is gray too.

User TayHicksFan

Thread 93502, Page 1

When you call your child Taylor and it is Cooper

User doctorjudy

Thread 93502, Page 1

When your hubby asks "R U ready 4 bed?" and u respond, "Just a few more minutes hone.

User doctorjudy

Thread 93502, Page 1

When you listen to GHD's site and hold your bladder b/c u don't want to miss a thing.

User Fan_In_Japan

Thread 93502, Page 1

When you don't live in the USA but suddenly you wish you did!

User doctorjudy

Thread 93502, Page 1

When u ask ur teen daughter 2 teach u some shortcuts for typing b/c ur fingers hurt from dialing.

User doctorjudy

Thread 93502, Page 1

when u start writing the lyrics 2 the songs.

User tab9496

Thread 93502, Page 1

When your doctor diagnoses carpal tunnel syndrome from, once again, THIS FREAKIN' BOARD!!! wink.gif

User doctorjudy

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when someone calls u on Tuesday night and u don't answer the phone.

User TaylorFanMA

Thread 93502, Page 2

LOL! I actually did that on Monday night! tongue.gif

User doctorjudy

Thread 93502, Page 2

when your cat looks at u funny b/c your grooving 2 the music of soul. Getting down, trying to pigeon toe your feet and do the Taylor dance groove.

User doctorjudy

Thread 93502, Page 2

When u find any excuse to ground your teen daughter from the computer.

{ looks away embarrassed}

User doctorjudy

Thread 93502, Page 2

when GHD does a shout out and you wonder why your name was not included confused.gif

User doctorjudy

Thread 93502, Page 2

When you want to smack some sense into someone for saying they like x instead of Taylor.

User doctorjudy

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When you are the only one posting in the topic.

User doctorjudy

Thread 93502, Page 2

When you know that others are reading your messages and laughing b/c they have done the same.

User Fan_In_Japan

Thread 93502, Page 2

biggrin.gif

{ hugs}

User doctorjudy

Thread 93502, Page 2

when you surf the net trying to figure out where Simon is going to speak so that you can hear him eat his words.

User 2sueann

Thread 93502, Page 2

biggrin.gif When your friends tell you....YOU NEED A LIFE.....after you have talked about Taylor non-stop for hours!!! biggrin.gif

User missielynn

Thread 93502, Page 2

Who has the nerve to call on a Tuesday or Wednesday

User 2sueann

Thread 93502, Page 2

I REFUSE to answer the phone while Taylor is on TV! biggrin.gif biggrin.gif biggrin.gif

User doctorjudy

Thread 93502, Page 2

ROFLMAO

User doctorjudy
Thread 93502, Page 2

When you take that one step further and write up an employee for insubordination. The reason: They thought X was so cute.

User 2sueann
Thread 93502, Page 2

biggrin.gif When you want to reach out and slap your best friend because she likes X
biggrin.gif

User miknerak
Thread 93502, Page 3

when you name your new kitten Taylor cause he's got a grey "cap" on his head, when you stay up till 900am in the morning so you don't miss anything, when you spend your last dollar to get a Taylor cd or pin...

User doctorjudy
Thread 93502, Page 3

When you visit another radio station just to give yourself a small break (don't care to overdose myself on soul) and you hear a song come on in the radio and you say, "Oh Taylor would nail this". biggrin.gif

User 2sueann
Thread 93502, Page 3

When your dog cries to go out...for 2 hours on Tuesday and you turn the TV up so you can't hear her!

User doctorjudy
Thread 93502, Page 3

Oh, wait I forgot. when you add Taylor's pictures to the screen saver along with the family.

Thud.

User tab9496
Thread 93502, Page 3

I don't actually remember a family. *thinking* *scratching head*

OH CRAP. Gotta go feed the children. (jk)

User doctorjudy
Thread 93502, Page 3

When your sitting with the laptop and the cat by your side and you let out a blood curling scream when you see Taylor. And the kitty is hanging from the chandelier because you scared the 8th life out of him.

User GaGrrl
Thread 93502, Page 3

This is a hilarious thread! LOL

When you get excited about "Idol Night" waiting to see what Taylor will sing next, and then spend too much time the next day at work discussing it with coworkers! tongue.gif

User doctorjudy
Thread 93502, Page 3

As long as the co-workers love taylor that is not a problem.

User 2sueann
Thread 93502, Page 3

When you let out a huge WHOOOOO and scares the dog that has been wanting to go out for the past 2 hours

User doctorjudy
Thread 93502, Page 3

When you would rather leave early from work just to see what you missed.

User doctorjudy
Thread 93502, Page 3

When you wonder what happened to his chin and who dared hurt his body.

User 2sueann
Thread 93502, Page 3

Poor patients...or clients!

User 2sueann
Thread 93502, Page 3

Reporting you to AMA! biggrin.gif

User Win_Taylor_Win
Thread 93502, Page 3

lol lol that's adorable I can totally picture it; he does have a thang goin' on that's catchy doesn't he!! Woouooooo! LOL

User doctorjudy
Thread 93502, Page 3

When you pray that they call to cancel.

surprised.gif

User doctorjudy
Thread 93502, Page 3

Busted.

When you look through journals to see if anyone has written about tayloritis.

User doctorjudy

Thread 93502, Page 3

when you wonder if you will be thrown in the looney bin when you try to write a serious article about tayloritis.

User 2sueann

Thread 93502, Page 4

When you turn off all the lights in the house on Tuesday nights so none of the neighbors will bother you.

User doctorjudy

Thread 93502, Page 4

when you let your hair down and cover the headphone you have in your ear. Everyone wonders why you are grooving and you just smile back.

User 2sueann

Thread 93502, Page 4

When you have lost 8 pounds since Taylor made it to the top 12

User 2sueann

Thread 93502, Page 4

When you continue to hit off, redial on Tuesday nights for 2 solid hours

User doctorjudy

Thread 93502, Page 4

Now that is a true Taylor fan.

User 2sueann

Thread 93502, Page 4

ummmm Dr. Judy? Tayloritis????? Addiction????? Pick your poison...my is Taylor!

User doctorjudy

Thread 93502, Page 4

But addictions are good as long as they are healthy. See here is the deal. Taylor makes you happy. He even makes mean Simon smile. So even Simon is a fan.

User tab9496

Thread 93502, Page 4

Hm, wonder if the AMA would like to do a study on the victims of Tayloritis? Perhaps we could get some kind of free treatment.

User doctorjudy

Thread 93502, Page 4

I vote free cd's of his music. But Taylor certainly takes stress off our lives. And this is a good thing considering what is going on in the world.

User 2sueann

Thread 93502, Page 4

When you get a strong urge to call Dr. Judy and confess you have a "Taylor" problem.....woooo hoooo

User Win_Taylor_Win
Thread 93502, Page 4
I gots da miiiiisssssiiiiinnnggg Taaaaaaloooor Blues (harmonica hums) I say those miiiiising
Taaaaaylor blueeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeees. Wooooooooooooooo!

User 2sueann
Thread 93502, Page 4
When you attend an AA meeting...stand up and say...Hi my name is Bleep and I am a
Taylorholic

User doctorjudy
Thread 93502, Page 4
when your screen name is win taylor win or taylorfaninbam or lovingtaylor biggrin.gif
biggrin.gif biggrin.gif

User border0531
Thread 93502, Page 5
When you can't wait for Tuesday night!~ cool.gif

User 2sueann
Thread 93502, Page 5
When W.O.O.O. Radio is the only music you listen to

User tab9496
Thread 93502, Page 5
When you really need to get to bed but you can't wait for what the next person has to say...

User GaGrrl
Thread 93502, Page 5

Amen to that! surprised.gif biggrin.gif

User doctorjudy
Thread 93502, Page 5
when you sit there clicking refresh. biggrin.gif biggrin.gif biggrin.gif biggrin.gif

User Win_Taylor_Win
Thread 93502, Page 5
redface.gif guilty as charged!! smile.gif But happy about it

User doctorjudy
Thread 93502, Page 5

How many times r u going to hit the refresh button? If you hit refresh more than 3X you know
your a taylor fan.

User 2sueann
Thread 93502, Page 5
When you live next to a Town named Taylor and you drive there just to stare at the sign and
smile

User dixigal
Thread 93502, Page 5

When they DO knock and you turn the tv up so you don't hear them. tongue.gif

User doctorjudy
Thread 93502, Page 5

When hubby asks for the third time tonight "honey are you ready for bed?" and you tell him for the third time, just a few more hours. Oh I meant seconds. reface.gif

User 2sueann
Thread 93502, Page 5

When you pray that God will allow you to be reborn...and this time in Alabama tongue.gif

User doctorjudy
Thread 93502, Page 5

When you hear living for the city and you see Taylor turning and you wish Simon would get up and dance with him.

User 2sueann
Thread 93502, Page 5

When you can speak freely to people you have never even met about your love for Taylor

User doctorjudy
Thread 93502, Page 5

When they say they love taylor and you offer to give them a coupon for a free consulting session. surprised.gif

User dixigal
Thread 93502, Page 5
LOL This is too funny.

When you get seriously depressed between Wednesday night and the following Tuesday night.

User 2sueann
Thread 93502, Page 6

When you use your free coupon for a consultation, only to find out your Dr. is as addicted to Taylor as you are

User doctorjudy
Thread 93502, Page 6

Stay on the boards, download the music, and have some fun. I promise it will keep the serotonin level from dropping.

User 2sueann
Thread 93502, Page 6

OVER DOSE HERE biggrin.gif biggrin.gif biggrin.gif

User awin_yumni
Thread 93502, Page 6

Because the first time i saw him on AI i fell in love! tongue.gif

User paramsites

Thread 93502, Page 6

WHEN UR HUBBY IS WAITIN' IN BED FOR U 'N U R BUSY READIN 'N WRITIN' BLOGS FOR TAYLOR.....LOLZZZZZ:p

THAT'S MY TRUE STORY...HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!

User doctorjudy

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wink.gif Yup. And when you walk in and "soul thing" is playing or "taking it to the streets" or "living off the heart and soul" or

{ Slaps self in the leg because she knows the songs. }

User doctorjudy

Thread 93502, Page 6

I'm living off heart and soul. WOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO

User doctorjudy

Thread 93502, Page 6

when you wish the pages would refresh faster and you contemplate calling the cable company because cable isn't cutting it at 6 megabytes per second.

User doctorjudy

Thread 93502, Page 6

when you post a new topic asking what happened to the 19 song website.

User Fan_In_Japan

Thread 93502, Page 6

When you name your next child Lamont or Ray

User doctorjudy

Thread 93502, Page 6

OMG. I forgot about the fish!!!

User dixigal

Thread 93502, Page 6

When you get up on Tuesday morning and you have that lil' extra spring in your step because you know it's only a few more hours... biggrin.gif

User Fan_In_Japan

Thread 93502, Page 6

when you hear somebody say HEY! you automatically wanna hug yourself and slap your thigh...

biggrin.gif

User taylorsgirl

Thread 93502, Page 7

When you start wishing the days away because it seems so, so unbearable between Wednesday results and Tuesday performance and thats way too long to go without seeing Taylor live!

User doctorjudy

Thread 93502, Page 7

when you start shaking hours before the show comes on.

User doctorjudy

Thread 93502, Page 7

when you ask your teen daughter to download all the songs the threads say taylor will sing.

User doctorjudy

Thread 93502, Page 7

when you hit refresh just to see what new information there is out there.

User doctorjudy

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When you have toothpicks holding up your eyelids but don't want to go to bed.

User doctorjudy

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When your nck gets a cramp and you try to shake it off, but it doesn't work.

User doctorjudy

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when the cat looks at you and wonders when you are going to feed him.

User GreyHairDude

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When Someone calls you and you say

Soul Patrol Rocking It

User thesheriff

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ahhhhhh...my son is Tyler - guess what happens ALL the time now! reface.gif

User dixigal

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When your 20 yr old son calls you to come get him from work because he's sick and you tell him " Ok but be ready , Idol comes on in 45 minutes and I dont want to miss it." Then you drive 85 all the way home to be sure you get there before it starts. tongue.gif

User doctorjudy

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when you skip getting vicodin after a root canal b/c u know idol is coming on.

User taylorsgirl

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Oh goodness....that trumps me! LOL

User GreyHairDude
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When you go to Mc Donalds and you are ready to order

you

Flick your head back * Slap Thigh* and yell HEY

User thesheriff
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...and spend the entire day not getting a bleep thing done at work, cuz you are so anxious and get on the boards instead, and Wednesday spending the entire day dissecting every milli-second of Taylor's performance.

User thesheriff
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or you do leave early smile.gif

User wiseguy
Thread 93502, Page 8

You start believing in the Easter Bunny again.

User kase12345
Thread 93502, Page 8

HAHAA--- When you are at work..with Taylor playin in the background... and talking to a client just waiting for them to ask who is that???? smile.gif makes my day !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

User wiseguy
Thread 93502, Page 8

When you happen across people who you didnt think watch Idol and they say theyre Taylor fans, you're thrilled to find a fellow Soul Patroler

User reefdiver
Thread 93502, Page 8

when you talk to your friends about Taylor and they have no idea what you're talking about but you carry on none the less (fools).

User reefdiver
Thread 93502, Page 8

when you think it was really cool of the producers to put on this whole season just for Taylor. I mean that was really nice of them.

User HoosierMommy
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When you find yourself, at 53, glued to the tube that you never watch, watching a show that you have seldom seen, and dialing for two hours voting for the first time and nailing 182 votes for a man you have never met or even heard of before last month.

The next thing you know, I'll be buying his cd.

TAYLOR

GRAY ALL THE WAY!

User music_luvr

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The first thing you do in the morning after getting coffee is check the forum for any news about Taylor. Ditto before brushing your teeth at night.

User texasfan4ever

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when you can't turn off SOUL PATROL radio even though you have them all downloaded! When you stop cooking, cleaning, interacting with the "outside world" and that includes other boards for fear of missing something good in the SOUL PATROL, and you review sleep as a "silly little hobby" now!

User TayMate

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when Dr. Phil, and Oprah take a backseat to Taylor and the boards!

User YodaGuru

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When you you find yourself leaning to the side and your friends are wondering if you are okay.

User soulthang

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When you actually go out and buy a harmonica and try to learn to play blues on it. smile.gif

User soulthang

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When your husband complains that you are using up all the free space on the Tivo DVR with episodes of American Idol - only because you want to save them all since Taylor is in all of them until you can put them all onto DVD!

User tab9496

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This is a little premature since it's only Friday, but you know you're a Taylor fan when...all weekend you keep thinkin' "How much longer til Monday morning when the house is quiet and I can feed the addiction beast as much as it needs?"...since I am still in the closet!!!

User doctorjudy

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When you come downstairs and log onto the boards first thing in the morning without brushing your teeth or face surprised.gif

User doctorjudy

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When you look at your gray cat and say here Taylor, taylor. surprised.gif

User doctorjudy

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when you hit the refresh button 100 times in 1 minute.

User doctorjudy

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when you wonder what his next dance step is going to be.

User dandypatch

Thread 93502, Page 9

When you make a phone call on Wednesday morning, you hit the speed-dial to vote for Taylor.

User carolinagirl8

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When you can't leave the house without watching Taylor sing. I can't leave without watching something having to do with him. I talk about him constantly. Even dreamed about him the other night...sigh...

User angiekaye

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When you call your son Taylor and his name is Dallas

When you call your dog Taylor and his name is Eli

When you talk about Taylor so much that your kind of embarrassed to mention his name around some people.

User Lpn2calvin

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OMGosh, you are right. I can't remember the last time I saw them, and I have been deleting them too. Gotta save my space.

User doctorjudy

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When you finally have some time off and instead of going shopping, you come home and log on to the AI boards.

User doctorjudy

Thread 93502, Page 10

When you go out to lunch with a VIP, and out slips "so do you watch AI?" And when they say yes, you almost want to kiss them.

User doctorjudy

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when you go searching for hair color other than Loreal red auburn.

Why don't they carry grey?

User doctorjudy

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when you occasionaly go to the general discussions but find them ssssssoooooooooo boring and you run back to the Taylor folder.

User tab9496

Thread 93502, Page 10

I know...that's where I started on these boards when I used to have a life.

User doctorjudy

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when your teen says mom I'm bored, and you say sure hone.

User GrizzledBird

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when after watching this show and these boards since their inception, you finally dive in, sign up on the boards and post a message because you love this sweet kid so much!!!

User 2sueann

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When your neighbors call 911 because they have not seen you outside for weeks

(BTW - New Avie)

User doctorjudy

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You know your a taylor fan when you get a new avi of him and take your picture out frown.gif

User doctorjudy

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when you make a back up of the back up of the back up of all his songs. biggrin.gif biggrin.gif biggrin.gif biggrin.gif

User 2sueann

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When you begin sending PM's to a Dr. Judy to tell her your Taylor problems. wink.gif

User MonitaJB

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When you realize that your boyfirend's opinion of the first performance he saw could make or break the relationship. tongue.gif

He loved Taylor, though, so all is well!

User doctorjudy

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He's a keeper!!!!

User WryHag

Thread 93502, Page 11

When you've never watched or given a rat's patooty about AI before this season and never bothered much with message boards, but now...BLAMMY...you're doing both! surprised.gif

User doctorjudy

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When you start writing roses are red violets are blue, I love it when taylor goes WWOOOOOOO.

User 2sueann
Thread 93502, Page 11

LOL! another new avi...I'm TROLL huntin...no really shooting competition in Texas.

User 2sueann
Thread 93502, Page 11

When you owe Dr. Judy for a consult and use the money to fly to Hollywood to see Taylor

User doctorjudy
Thread 93502, Page 11

when you log out and log back in so that noone notices you have been on the boards for longer than one hour.

User humbletiger
Thread 93502, Page 11

...when you go on vacation and you're hoping the Soul Patrol thread doesn't click past 1,000,000 vierws without you seeing it, lmao...

....when you ask your husband to dye his hair grey and start taking harmonica lessons cool.gif (j/k tongue.gif)...

User doctorjudy
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when your torn between eating dinner or reading some more.

User doctorjudy
Thread 93502, Page 11

when you know word for word what Rick and Bubba ask Taylor.

User doctorjudy
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When you log on and go straight to Taylors folder.

User doctorjudy
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When you have not even looked at Lisa, Kevins, or Paris folder to see what they r saying.

User doctorjudy
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when you look at the pictures and see Simon smiling from a shot of the back of his head.

User doctorjudy
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When you are trying to figure out how to send him an email or write him a letter.

User doctorjudy
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When you are trying to figure out how to mail him some greens.

User doctorjudy
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When you go to the pet store and think about buying fish.

User doctorjudy

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Okay, I confess, when you buy two fish and call them Lamont and Ray.

Looks around surprised.gif

User doctorjudy

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when you have ten post in a row talking about how you are a taylor fan.

User doctorjudy

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when you are looking around the house to put things on ebay just to pay for back stage passes of his concert.

User doctorjudy

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when you realize that even if you log off so that noone sees that you have been off longer than one hour, you suddenly realize that each message is time and date stamped. surprised.gif surprised.gif

User doctorjudy

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when you don't get tired of hearing Taking it to the streets for the one millionth time.

User doctorjudy

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When you take off the head phones and run to the living room to see Simon live on CNN.

User doctorjudy

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When you never watch Larry King Live but look for it frantically just to get a glimpse of Taylor.

User freckles314

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When you aren't sleeping anymore because you lie in bed with Taylor on your ipod until 2 am. then have to be up at 6 am for work.

When you are at work, and you are playing taylor on your computer, with a taylor background, and a taylor screensaver, and you talk about taylor more than you do your family, and when someone starts a conversation with you, your reply is...Did you see Taylor on AI? When you feel like all the people who don't watch AI are idiots, and suddenly feel like you have nothing in common with your bf because she doesn't like taylor...when you seriously get angry when your mom says she likes X better, and you are like WHAT!!!

Whew...I think it's safe to say I'm addicted, and this is my only home...LOL

User freckles314

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Oh, and not to mention, you are EXTREMELY TIRED because you haven't slept a wink for the last 6 weeks because your entire day is built around thinking, when can i listen to him sing,

when can i rewatch,rewatch,rewatch him sing ALL OF THE SONGS FROM AI.

And you find yourself watching them in order from his band, to the audition, to hollywood week, harmonica, and every performance is succession.

User kcatan

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I laughed my head off when I read this one. Mainly because I had to check to see if I wrote it myself! This is TOTALLY me. TOTALLY. I'm so glad to know I'm not alone. I haven't been interested in a musician like this since I don't think ever. Taylor is just amazing in every way, shape and form.

User dixigal

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OMG lol.. You too? cool.gif

User 2hearmusic

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When your children seriously think there is something wrong you: little do they know you have been stricken with "Tayloritis".

User doctorjudy

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When you try to download the transcript from CNN live with Larry King to read the words you may have missed while watching Simon on the show.

User freckles314

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When you are already dreading May, when AI is over and you can't see Taylor every week!

User mkinder

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When your proud of a man you have never meet and you wish him the happiness that he deserves.

User 2hearmusic

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I have the same feeling. I so look forward to seeing him perform every week.

User southernhick

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When your son and husband start to IM you from the other room.

User southernhick

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When you think about putting them on ignore surprised.gif (j/k)

User border0531

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When your co-workers create a Taylor "therapy" fund for you...

User doctorjudy

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LOL. When you set rollers in your hair and sit under the dryer so that you don't have to hear your hubby calling you for bed. biggrin.gif

User taylorgirl

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When , like tonight, my seven year old came into my home office and saw me on the computer and instead of saying "How was your day?" he said "How is Taylor?" LOL

User doctorjudy

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When you know you have to work Saturday and your up until midnight just typing away.

User doctorjudy

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you know your a taylor fan when your watching CNN with Larry King for the second time when you have already seen it two hours ago.

User TaylorHicksBride

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Oh yea and when you print screen all of the pix at AI cuz they use Macro flash so you can't save the pix..Then I edit all the pix I stole in a photo editor to cut out everything except Taylor..Yep, I've got it bad. reface.gif But it's a GOOD bad! biggrin.gif

User doctorjudy

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When your screen name is Taylorhicksbride biggrin.gif

User TaylorHicksBride

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LOL..THAT too!! tongue.gif

User gobsmacked

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when your homes are in japan and oregon, but you're seriously thinking about booking your and your son's next dental appointments with taylor's dad!

User Lyzah

Thread 93502, Page 14

when you start, spend and end your day listening to taylor's music

User gobsmacked

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when you decide henceforth that tayberry jam is the only jam you will stock in your pantry. how many jars would you like dr. judy?!!

User taylorette

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*when you try intensively and excessively to convince your friends who don't even like "reality TV" and get annoyed when they won't watch to see Taylor

*when you get into arguments with fellow AI friends about how they could POSSIBLY not like him

User Tygerlili

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when your still up posting and reading this board biggrin.gif *snickers*

User bellsybop

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when you absolutely will not vote for any other contestant cool.gif

User youarekidding

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When all you did this entire Saturday was refresh this board, and watch and rewatch all of the clips on the gray charles site.

User kcatan

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When you got up at 7 redface.gif0 am on your day off because you were thinking of Taylor and the first thing you do is log on here and read the latest on the "lesser notice Taylor moments thread" Even before coffee.

User RocketCity

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When instead of turning the TV off I start a Tivo of a Taylor performance. Then hit the pause button and leave Taylor's picture on the screen for hours. I usually pick a picture where he is smiling big. Then everytime I walk past the TV and see it I light up. Yep,

got Tayloritis bad.

User gismo

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When you watch Taylor perform you realize that you are helpless to control the cheshire cat grin on your face and the giddiness that consumes you.

User kcatan

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When you finally log off the computer after a morning off posting about Taylor and tell yourself that you HAVE to clean the house... then 5 minutes later you wonder if anyone new has posted so you turn it back on.

AND keep the laptop on the kitchen counter while your cleaning so you can hit refresh everytime you put a clean glass in the cupboard.

AND you have to keep your ears peeled because if your boyfriend comes downstairs and sees this up AGAIN I'll get another lecture about how this "taylor thing is getting ridiculous"

User gismo
Thread 93502, Page 14
Hey Kcatan!

If he starts worrying...just rattle of the many awful things you COULD be doing instead. Taylor times are just happy times. biggrin.gif

User kcatan
Thread 93502, Page 14

Thanks!!! :-) Taylor times are just happy times!!! I like that!

User vax2
Thread 93502, Page 14

THATS ME. I have never had any reason or want to see AI before this season. I was sitting at the kitchen counter eating a sandwich and surfing channels on the little tv, when I came across the AI audition and Taylor had just started. He looked familiar so I watched and was hooked immediatly. AFter all was said and done and many weeks had passed I realized I had seen Taylor and his band play in Florida in the 90's and thats why he looked familiar. Now I watch AI just for Taylor. I have his Under the Radar cd and I love the "Deal" song.

Now I am a SoulPatrol Taylor lover.

Thanks

User kcatan
Thread 93502, Page 14

When your office mate insists that she doesn't like Taylor and you spend all day trying to convince her of his talents.

THEN when all else fails, you sneak into her cubicle while she's away and make some adjustments to her James Taylor poster but covering James' head with a picture of Taylors head and cover the word "James" with the word "Hicks," So the post reades "Hicks, Taylor" and the pic is of our man.

FYI- it didn't work yet but every week at work a new person is jumping on the taylor train! She'll be next, I'm SURE of it!

User tab9496
Thread 93502, Page 15

I'm tellin' y'all, if you have time to read this whole thread you MUST do it. You will bust a gut, it is hilarious (especially because you will recognize yourself in other people's posts.)

You know you are a Taylor fan when you read this whole thread and can say yes to 9 out of 10 responses.

User AlbertaRose94
Thread 93502, Page 15

Glad I'm not the only one. I'm taking a 10 week course on Tuesday nights so I record American Idol. I won't pause the PVR even if call display shows it's my husband calling.

User Gal4Tay
Thread 93502, Page 15

When you name your guitar "Taylor"
cool.gif

User AngelKyren

Thread 93502, Page 15

When your hubby says your Taylor minutes have expired, no roll over minutes.

lol biggrin.gif

User YodaGuru

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When for no reason at all you start busting out the taylor shuffle from Tuesday night at work.
("my kids" thought I was crazy biggrin.gif)

User perrygirl

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When you feel a sense of urgency about voting that you never felt during any other season.

When you record every episode of Entertainment Tonight, Access Hollywood, Extra, The 411, The Soup, TV Watercooler and Reality Chat and fast forward through them all later to see if they talk about Ameican Idol and if Taylor is on it.

I sure as hell hope someone else is nodding in agreement with that one! Yikes! surprised.gif

User taylorsgirl

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When you decide to color your hair at home and plop down to talk to Taylor fans to wait out the 25 minutes developing time only to look at the clock and realize its been 40 minutes!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

User tab9496

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What lovely shade of grey did you decide on?

User 2sueann

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When you begin to believe the word "DYSFUNCTIONAL" could be a GOOD thing.

User tab9496

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when your daughter asks why the new car you just bought is grey, and you say, "I just liked it" and she repeats "why?" and you say "because I just found it very appealing" and she repeats "why?" and you say "Well, I, um, er...go find something to do."

User 2hearmusic

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When your sitting on this here computer, and you haven't had neither breakfast, nor lunch smile.gif

User YodaGuru

Thread 93502, Page 15

That's me

User macsluvtaylor

Thread 93502, Page 15

My 7 year old started a petition at school getting everyone to say they love Taylor and she took a picture of Taylor and put it on her nightstand and kisses goodnight. lol

User Taylormaid4ever

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When you're trying to hide your Taylor addiction from your husband, but cannot restrain yourself from talking about Taylor obsessively, so you throw in a comment about one or two of the other contestants to throw your husband off the scent. (Didn't work.)

User perrygirl

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Ooh, that's a good idea. I'm gonna have to try that one. wink.gif

User notsooldlady

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cool.gif When you stand on a street corner with a sign saying "Got Levon?" cause "Levon" as done by Taylor Hicks got erased from your dvr!!!! I'm making my sign right now!!!! cool.gif

User perrygirl

Thread 93502, Page 16

You win this thread.

User notsooldlady

Thread 93502, Page 16

cool.gif When you rewind "Living for the City" for an hour and a half and come back 2 hrs later & do it again. And yes, this time I have it set not to delete. cool.gif

User hicksfan89

Thread 93502, Page 16

OMG! I'm laughing so hard! I am doing the exact same thing! I'll throw out a comment here or there about a few other's just so he won't catch onto my "Tayloritis". How funny..

User 2hearmusic

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LOL - Long live our Taylor! smile.gif

User chewysmom2

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You know you are a Taylor Hicks fan when you visit Daytona Beach Fl. and write in the sand:

"Taylor Hicks is my American Idol"

User dreamheavenlyjen

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You know your a fan when your sister calls to tell you some bad news about a friend of hers and you try to get off the phone as quick as possible. Her number shows up on the tv when the phone rings and I Yell Don't Answer That!!

User CarissaD

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When you read on another thread that they mentioned Taylor on MSNBC and you sit listening to all their other dribble, in hopes they'll run the clip again.

User Lpn2calvin

Thread 93502, Page 17

I just sprayed the computer with coffee. LMAO!!!

User Lpn2calvin

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All right, we are sick. LOL. I was doing the same thing. ROFL!!

User 2hearmusic

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Me Too! smile.gif

User Lpn2calvin

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This is the funniest thread. OMGosh, can't take it.

User 2sueann

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DR. JUDY! "looney bin" LOL!

User Ikey59

Thread 93502, Page 17

Okay.....this made me laugh so hard my husband ran in to see what was going on. Cr*p, he's going to see me here AGAIN....hehe

User 2hearmusic

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I am having the time of my life on this board! It's amazing how Taylor brings out the best in us. smile.gif

User 2hearmusic

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When you know that you should be starting dinner, but you feel like you couldn't move away from the computer if your life depended on it. smile.gif

User 2hearmusic

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When your daughter calls and asks how you are doing, and you don't know how to tell her you've been "Taylorized" smile.gif

Taylorized = sitting in front of the computer most of the day trying to keep up with all the Taylornews.

User Lpn2calvin

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And I can hear my husband in the kitchen now banging pots and pans, and still haven't moved. OMGosh!!

User 2hearmusic

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When you lose interest in all your favorite tv shows smile.gif

User Lpn2calvin

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What shows? LOL

User Ikey59

Thread 93502, Page 18

When you cut your husband's hair while listening to Takin' it to the Streets on your headphones and realize he know needs a tabogan.....oh man. He has been pretty cool about my obsession UNTIL just now. I should probably cook tonight, huh? :-))

User thinlizzy

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You pretend to be asleep so your hubby will get your toddler up from his nap and you can then secretly run back to your computer....

User Lpn2calvin

Thread 93502, Page 18

I'm with you, I haven't laughed this hard in a while. We are all taylored the same.

Soul Patrol is the bomb! Thanks everyone.

User Ikey59

Thread 93502, Page 18

As long as the basketball tournaments are playing, he has no clue what I'm doing or where I am. But this LITTLE *hehehe* hair cut thing got his attention.....H*ll, I didn't want it now.:-))

User 2hearmusic

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I repeat: Soul Patrol is the bomb!

User Ikey59

Thread 93502, Page 18

Yeah.....you're probably right.....he wasn't happy AT ALL. I've been cutting his hair for 8 years and nothing like that has ever happened. And of course.....he blamed Taylor.:-))

User Ikey59

Thread 93502, Page 18

I think I was just fired.....he called a barber.: -))

User Lpn2calvin

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Go read the thread, son of an obsessed mother. It may be your kid. Too funny!

User motherisobsessed

Thread 97849, Page 1

My mother is obsessed with taylor hicks. I mean you can be a fan of someone, but keep it to an extent. Shes been on the computer for the past eight hours, just talking about taylor. And she keeps rambling on about the "soul patrol", what the heck, sounds like some kind of police squad in New Orleans (no offense). Anyway my mothers obsessed just thought i'd let you all know. And mom (whos name ill keep confidential) if your reading this (probably are because it says taylor), please move on with the day, and at least put on some clothes, instead of staying in your pajamas and glaring into the computer screen. Im out for now!

Hola

Jon Doe

User Ikey59

Thread 93502, Page 19

I just read it.....I laughed so hard. He just discribed most of us.

User 2hearmusic

Thread 93502, Page 19

Oh my goodness that was so funny! It sounds like my daughter wrote it

User scotiascotia

Thread 93502, Page 19

when you dyed your hair grey,

have two goldfish as pets

wear a bracelet on your arm everyday

have the desire to say woooooooooooooooooooo

can't control not to dance whenever you sing...

and get on the AI broad Taylor folder to post message everyday

biggrin.gif biggrin.gif biggrin.gif

User Ikey59

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I think there's a positive way to look at this.....although my spelling hasn't improved, my typing has.

User Gabhyde

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I listen to his music, watch his tapes, watch video clips, surf the internet all about him, talk about him all day, cannot leave the board, sleep with my ipod listening to him singing 24/7.

User 2hearmusic

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Gabhyde: Diagnosis = "Tayloritis" smile.gif

User 2hearmusic

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For sure, you are a Taylor fan!!! smile.gif

User RocketCity

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I just went to click on another Taylor fansite and every link in my address history was to a web site that has something about Taylor. I can't believe I haven't even been to any other web pages in the last few days. Too funny!

User doctorjudy

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When you are driving 90 miles an hour to get home to the computer just to read what is going on.

User doctorjudy

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when you begin every conversation with "So do you watch AI?"

User doctorjudy

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When you are at the St. Patricks day festivities and you hear "WWHHOOOO", and you run as fast as you can on the cobblestone without busting your buns to see if they are talking about Taylor.

User doctorjudy

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surprised.gif Okay, I must confess. When you take off your heals and run. Those cobblestones on river street were so cold. frown.gif

User border0531

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DoctorJudy: I just read your profile. My co-workers have started a Taylor "therapy" fund for me (OMG, do I need it) and it sounds like you would be the perfect doctor. How much do I need for a first consult? (The fund currently contains approx. \$20 (in bills); three or four

fistfuls of change and three fake \$100,000.00 bills (gosh, I wish they were real). You don't accept fake money do you???

User doctorjudy

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I can treat anything except Tayloritis. You will have to find someone who loves another AI contestant. I may do you more harm than good. redface.gif

User border0531

Thread 93502, Page 19

Someone who loves another AI contestant? Now, THAT just scares me. Guess I'll continue to suffer (ha) from my condition!

User ForeignTaylorFan

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when suddenly people who don't know about taylor and don't care to know are not interesting anymore (including friends and family) redface.gif

User gobsmacked

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when you buy your son a harmonica, and decide it's a far better investment than those piano lessons he was supposed to start. then you buy yourself a harmonica.

User TaylorHicksBride

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Oh this is bad..When your hubby wants to "get romantic" on the couch and you say "in just a while hon Taylor is coming on soon." redface.gif tongue.gif rolleyes.gif

User doctorjudy

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when you have to go to bed, and your eyes are burning, but you keep hitting refresh to see if you can find out anything new.

Must get some sleep.

User robloe1018

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when you work a radio dispatch job with your husband and you are so enthralled in what you are reading that instead of saying 10 4 you say 4 10..and he says...what the heck?

User 2hearmusic

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When you take a little break from the Taylor board to get some much needed nourishment, only to suffer withdrawal symptoms (or should I say, Taydrawal symptoms: commonly known as "Tayloritis".

User cathypuckett

Thread 93502, Page 20

I knew I was a fan the first time I heard him perform. Yes his audition, he is my favorite on the guys side of the idol group.

User thesoulmanfan

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When you stay on the message boards, and Taylor's fan sites for hours, and your 18 year old son says "mom you have it bad", but he loves Taylor too. smile.gif

User 2hearmusic

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Thesoulmanfan: That's a sign of a definite 'Taylor' fan. smile.gif

User kcatan

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When you look to the left of your post and realize you've racked up over 200 posts!

User 2hearmusic

Thread 93502, Page 20

Congrats! kcatan

User little_sharp

Thread 93502, Page 20

When Miss Clairol Brunette is no longer your best friend. smile.gif

User kcatan

Thread 93502, Page 21

When someone else posts about how late it is and he's still posting and your like "holy cr*p! It's 12:12am!!"

User kcatan

Thread 93502, Page 21

On this note.. think I'm going to listen to "Hell of a Day" and go to bed. Gotta get up early to log back on! smile.gif

User 2hearmusic

Thread 93502, Page 21

Goodnight kcatan

User kcatan

Thread 93502, Page 21

Goodnight 2hearmusic! I am really going to bed for real this time. Just wanted to tell you to check out the poetry thread. I know you've been in there a lot. A new poster just put in a Kick-A** poem with Ray Charles and God in it. I am VERY impressed!!! And frankly jealous that it wasn't mine! Go take a look.

Good night all!

User starstruck3434

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goodnight all, it's 11:36 here and i can't keep my eyes open anymore smile.gif

this is how i know i've been taylorized... i still want to stay up, and read more boards about him smile.gif

must go.. *head falling and persistant yawning taking place*

User 2hearmusic

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Goodnight Starstruck34! May the 'Taylor Angels' watch over you.

bowing head and saying a Taylor prayer

User TaylorHicksBride

Thread 93502, Page 21

When you go around to as many peoples blogs etc. here at the forum just so you can steal their pictures of Taylor. redface.gif tongue.gif

User doctorjudy

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when you wake up with a headache and allergies and you don't take any medicine because you know that reading the boards about Taylor will make you feel better.

User Lpn2calvin

Thread 93502, Page 21

When you get on the scale and find you have gained five pounds, because you can't get your butt up and off the computer.

User doctorjudy

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When you write a list of things to do for the hubby and teen that includes downloading the list of 1950's top songs. surprised.gif surprised.gif

Just to listen to them before Tuesday to see how Taylor would nail it.

User doctorjudy

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when your trying to be discreet about your obsession and you bust out laughing while reading "if Taylor was a type of food what would he be?" and you hear your teen daughter say "dad, mom's on it again."

OOHHH got caught.

User gobsmacked

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wow. we all have it bad, but doctor judy...you have it BAD!!!! so, about that jar of tayberry jam i offered to send you! or maybe tayberries grow in your neck of the woods too!

User doctorjudy

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Any guess on what I had for breakfast? Taylor Puffs, Hicks tea, and Tayberry jam on my grits. And the rest of the family can fend for themselves.

User babslynnne

Thread 93502, Page 21

...when you recognize that we all need to unite under one roof: www.taylorhicksfan.com. It's the one TRUE Web site from his fans, for his fans that guarantees all fanmail will go straight to Taylor. Let's unite now so when Idol is over we'll have a place to share our mutual appreciation for Taylor!

User doctorjudy

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when your on it like a bonnet!

User hicksfan89

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When on Friday morning you realize you have not gone over spelling words, vocabulary words or anything else for school during the week and you ask your child 20 mins before taking to school.. "Let's pull out those spelling words honey". True story..ohh how guilty I felt! [wink.gif](#)

User doctorjudy

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when your limping just a little because the night before you busted your buns running through the cobblestones to a crowd on River street who said "WOOOOOOOO". Then you realize they were just cheering to some green beer [frown.gif](#)

User doctorjudy

Thread 93502, Page 22

when you finally join the taylor hicks fan site because they have erased the videos from r/i/c/k/e/y's web site.

User gobsmacked

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was thinking yum right up until the grits! i may have to plant some tayberry roots this year, just to taylorize my property. you can always send your family to your local cracker barrel. god how i miss that place.

User doctorjudy

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when it's sunday morning and you start singing "Because I'm easy like Sunday morning".

User gobsmacked

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when it's monday morning, and you're STILL singing i'm easy like a sunday morning [biggrin.gif](#)

User doctorjudy

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ROFLMAO. I was going to type that, but went into the pets folder. Or Tuesday, or Wednesday, or any Tayday. [biggrin.gif](#) [biggrin.gif](#)

User JSBACH

Thread 93502, Page 22

When you replace your 1yr addiction to online poker with Taylor Hicks vids.

When the AI file you downloaded doesnt let you fast forward to the last peformance of Levon, yet you sit through the whole thing just to hear it one more time (yes, im a newbie).
redface.gif

When you jump up and go WOOO because you found a Hicks fansite that has a clip of Levon so you dont have to wait an hr everytime you want to hear him.

WHen even after all those years of making fun of people who watch the show, you become the worst AI fanatic you know. redface.gif

User Coffeepleeze

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Good morning all - when you get a chance, there's a thread that reads 'off topic - need prayers'. It seems as though a fellow Taylor fan is losing their grandma possibly as you read this and needs all the prayers we can send. Just as Taylors music has reached our Souls, hopefully our prayers can reach Grandma's.

User doctorjudy

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Welcome to our home. Can you please, pretty please send me a private message with the link to Levon? That one and taking it to the streets are my favorites. I am not worthy redface.gif

User gobsmacked

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ooh. can you pm me that link? i had several videos thanks to what i used to refer to as you t*** (rhymes with boob). now i just think of it as youboob, because all of the clips have been pulled. most say due to copyright infringement. the first time i opened up levon, and it had disappeared, i nearly needed a defibrilator.

User gobsmacked

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when you finally break down and read the what food would taylor be thread. and find yourself agreeing with some of the posts.

User gobsmacked

Thread 93502, Page 22

when it's 11:30 p.m., and you tell yourself just one more trip through the threads to see what the buzz is, and suddenly realize it's 1:30 a.m.

User gobsmacked

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when you glance at your keyboard, and realize that the letters " t a y l o r" have completely disappeared. only faint smudges remain.

User taylorfirst

Thread 93502, Page 22

I've never joined or posted to any forum. I've been reading pieces of the AI one this season. But I've started to get it bad this week...and THE VERY SAME THING happened to me this morning reading this thread! Taylor fans unite!

User tab9496

Thread 93502, Page 22

when you obsessively reread all 22 pages of this thread redface.gif

User Lpn2calvin

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I read it twice smile.gif

User LisaMarieCDN

Thread 93502, Page 23

When you are all alone watching AI and you start dancing in front of your TV set with a big smile on your face and all you have is your cat looking at you like you're nuts. redface.gif

User GoldenIdol

Thread 93502, Page 23

When I called my parrot "Tay" instead of "Tweet"!!! (unintentionally of course) biggrin.gif

User doctorjudy

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when you go to look at this thread and can't find it. Then you let out a scream that scares all the cats and dogs.

User 2sueann

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When you post at "exactly" the same time as Dr. Judy biggrin.gif

User doctorjudy

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when you have another thread up on for Bucky and click on it as fast as possible before you get busted by the hubby or the daughter for being on this thread.

User 2sueann

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When the Police knock on your door Tuesday Nights and you are BUSTED for excessive "NOISE"

User doctorjudy

Thread 93502, Page 23

Must throw the scent off. Family is getting mighty suspicious of my behavior lately.

surprised.gif surprised.gif wink.gif

User 2sueann

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LOL.....lately????? LOL

User dixigal

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When you look forward to Tuesdays more than you do the weekend. cool.gif Saturday is considered *hump day*.

User doctorjudy

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User TaylorSoulPatrol

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you are sitting down for lunch with your dad and suddenly a strange thought enters your mind that Taylor might not win American Idol and you lose your appetite.

True story.

User tab9496

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or you're too busy posting to eat. I think we may all be emaciated by the finale.

User doctorjudy

Thread 93502, Page 24

When your thinking about putting a cd of all his songs in all your neighbors mailboxes. surprised.gif

User doctorjudy

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when you're at walmart and you see Carrie Underwood's Jesus take the wheel and you say, Taylor would so nail that song.

User doctorjudy

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when it's killing you to find out what song he is going to sing for us.

User doctorjudy

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when your thinking about calling in sick on Wednesday morning so that you can watch his Tuesday performance all day on Wednesday.

User 2hearmusic

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You are a Taylor fan when:

You are so congested, and stuffed up with the worse cold in the world ever, and you are still sitting at your computer, just posting away on the Taylor boards. smile.gif

sneezes and says: Taylor bless me smile.gif

User doctorjudy

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When you posted five hours ago that you are contemplating calling in sick on Wednesday so that you can watch his performance over and over and over and over and over and over and over and over and over. Okay, when you actually have Wednesday off!! biggrin.gif biggrin.gif biggrin.gif

User doctorjudy

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When you don't know what Buddy Holly sings and you search through all the songs on itune. surprised.gif

User clannagh
Thread 93502, Page 25
When you DREAM about Taylor on stage and you're on the stage too, dancing, shouting, enjoying smile.gif

User 2hearmusic
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When you're sitting here at your computer on Monday night, almost having a panic attack, in anticipation for Tuesday night, when Taylor will sing again.

User doctorjudy
Thread 93502, Page 25
when you read that he will be wearing a blue suit and white shoes and you download every version of not fade away.

THUD.

User kcatan
Thread 93502, Page 25
when you listen to the radio for the first time in weeks (cause you've only been listening to taylor) and every song you hear you try to picture Taylor covering it!

User 2sueann
Thread 93502, Page 25
When you have offered to set up an Intervention for a fellow Soul Patrol

User 2hearmusic
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When you, real quick, watch the news, to get some idea of the latest happenings in our country, and the world; but have that overwhelming urge to get back on the Taylor boards. smile.gif

User doctorjudy
Thread 93502, Page 26
when you want to give free counseling to trolls.

User Mollykat88
Thread 93502, Page 26
When you serve your husband steak for dinner with a glass of milk instead of a Budweiser!

biggrin.gif hee hee hee

User doctorjudy
Thread 93502, Page 26
When you just can't wait until 8 redface.gif0 pm EST frown.gif frown.gif frown.gif

User mamacoco
Thread 93502, Page 26
How about when you watch AI while on conference call with your 2 best friends cause the kids are in bed and you have to have someone to squeal to?

User gobsmacked
Thread 93502, Page 26

when you're the first one to leave a dinner party, so you can read more posts. and it's your dinner party.

Official Taylor Hicks Soul Patrol Fan Listing

~~1045 Members~~ **UPDATED** 1170 Members

I updated Hickiscool list with some of the new members, so now there are 1170 members. Also, 9,199 users have posted to Taylor's folder

hickiscool

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This is the new & current fanlisting with 1045 Soul Patrolers' name listed. If your name is not in the list, please sign in here and I will add it in during my next update wink.gif

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