

BRYAN & RUBY

Bryan Ruby is a trailblazing professional baseball player and rising country music artist based in Nashville, Tennessee. In September of 2021 he became the only active professional baseball player to come out as gay, and **his story was featured in USA Today as well as 100+ media outlets around the world** including CBS, Yahoo, Bleacher Report and Teen Vogue.

As a songwriter, Bryan has penned songs that have appeared on the **Texas Country Top 50** chart and the **iTunes Country Top 25** (#16), and songs he has written have been featured on both **Huffington Post** and **People Magazine**. As an artist, he won season 7 of the talent-search competition Nashville Rising Song, and is preparing for the release of his debut EP in 2022.

Also in 2022, **Bryan will be the subject of a feature-length documentary** directed by award winning filmmaker Clay Westervelt (*Life In The Doghouse*, *Miss You Can Do It*), which will focus on his underdog path through the traditionalist worlds of baseball and country music. It will also chronicle the founding of his first-of-its kind charity, **Proud To Be In Baseball**, which supports and encourages LGBTQ youth in the sport.

A native of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, Bryan came up country, splitting his time between the baseball field, his family's barbecue restaurant and the local country radio station (92.5 WXTU), where he worked as an intern. He then took his two loves to Vassar College where he studied on a vocal music scholarship and captained the baseball team to First Team All-Conference honors. In college, Ruby won a \$5,000 songwriting prize and caught the attention of NYC-based producer and sound engineer Chris Connors (John Legend, Kanye West, NEED2BREATHE). The two collaborated on several projects including commercial music for the New England Sports Network.

Bryan relocated to Nashville in 2019 and, in-between baseball seasons, has developed an impressive network of co-writers and collaborators. To date he has **12+ professional cuts** and has **performed the National Anthem** at several major events, including for the LA Dodgers. He has worked with several major influencers in support of the Sports Equality Foundation and is becoming a respected voice in the baseball, country music, and LGBTQ+ communities.

More than anything, Bryan hopes to write music that "speaks to kids who feel like he did at 14," when his love for baseball and country music seemed at odds with the secrets he kept hidden away.

"Baseball and country music are woven into the fabric of America; I just want to make sure that anyone who loves them like I do feels safe and welcome there."
~ Bryan Ruby



OUT IN NASHVILLE is a feature documentary following Bryan Ruby, a professional baseball player and country singer-songwriter who is at a crossroads. Living true to himself means becoming professional baseball's only openly LGBTQ player - but with homophobia rampant, it could also cost him his career.

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