The Gann Family

"A Fresh New Sound: Over 20 Years in the Making"



THAT SLOGAN SO APTLY describes the Gann Family that they have adopted it as their own—and rightly so, because as Calvin Gann explains, "Looking back we feel like God has been working toward this ministry since our youngest child, Cory, was born 20 years ago."

This awesome new family group consists of Calvin and Debbie Gann, their son Cory and daughter, Amy along with Amy's husband, Matt Henderson. The Gann Family Ministry is just a new venture for a family that has been involved in ministry all their lives.

Calvin Gann, a much-respected name in gospel music, started the very suc-

cessful Gann Brothers Ministry with his brother, Phil in 1980. But after 28 years he felt God was calling him in a different direction. His focus began to shift to his family's many gifts and talents and Calvin then realized it was time to share the call together. The combination of those gifted voices produces the Gann Family's great vocal blend.

Calvin is a primary vocalist for the group and also writes many of their songs. His wife, Debbie grew up

singing in ensembles and choirs. She can sing lead and all harmony parts but her strong, rich alto voice will surely become a signature vocal for the Gann Family.

Growing up Amy and Cory followed their Dad's ministry with the Gann Brothers and were always hanging around the recording studio watching and listening. Cory began playing instruments at age 13 and is now the drummer and a vocalist for the Gann Family. Amy had her own solo ministry before joining the family in this new endeavor, now Amy sings lead as well as all harmony parts for the Gann Family.

Amy's husband, Matt says, "I did not grow up in the music scene so while this is all new to me I love every minute of it." Although Matt does sing a song sometimes he feels his part in the ministry is best served as sound technician.

The newest member of the Gann Family is Matt and Amy's young son, Mason Lee— who promptly steals the show at concerts.

Share the Call is the Gann Family's debut recording and the title cut co-written by Calvin declares what this family is all about. The group's first radio single is "His Love Like a River Flows," which was written and sung by Calvin. It has been very well received and is currently climbing the charts. This project contains a diverse selection of songs, a little something for everyone, and Amy describes it as "a great mixture of a 'freshened up' version of Southern Gospel with a hint of contemporary."

According to Matt, the Gann Family's main goal is "to have people see Christ in us and in our daily walk." "We never want ourselves to be the focus," adds Amy, "because if God isn't in it, we might as well stay home."

Calvin says, "I have had a great deal of wonderful things happen in my life but there has been no greater thrill than to stand on a ministry stage with my wife, two children and son-in-law; banding our hearts and voices together as a family to point others to Christ. I hope we can be an inspiration to everyone."

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