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Real Life. Real Worship

Connecticut has produced yet another rising star: Deon Kipping. Born and raised in Bridgeport, CT, Kipping committed his life to Christ in 1996, but began producing contemporary Christian music only three years ago. In January 2006, Kipping released his first album, "Real Life. Real Worship" under Love & Life Entertainment with business partner, Kevin Ginyard, Jr. His album release concert gained immediate widespread support throughout the Christian community in Connecticut, with over twelve hundred people in attendance.

Kipping's drive to spread the word of God through music comes as no surprise, given his strong Christian roots. Raised in a household of ministers, Kipping was exposed to the work of God from an early age. With the encouragement of his grandmother, Rev. Sarah Kipping, he began singing the gospel from the age of three. Soon after Kipping added the keyboard to his musical repertoire.

Kipping refers to his music as "life changing music," differentiating it from the more common genre of gospel music. While Kipping acknowledges that rejoicing through music is an integral part of Christian life, he also believes that music for God's children must also address the trials and tribulations that they experience during their walk with Christ. Kipping explains "My songs are based though struggles and through tribulations, they



come from those experiences. Even experiences that I didn't go through, but experiences that I have seen." In songs such as *I Already Have It*, Kipping's music reminds us that we have the power to speak into existence every dream God has for us. However, Kipping has not forgotten the unsaved in his quest to build the kingdom of God. On the final track on his album, *So Close*, Kipping spreads the message that no matter where you are in your life, God is still so close that he can rescue you.



However, he is not bereft of love for gospel music. An avid gospel fan, Kipping considers Kirk Franklin to be the greatest composer of contemporary Christian music. Kipping says, "Kirk Franklin is a transparent writer who puts a lot of effort into his writing and writes about real issues, which is what the people of God need right now. He inspires me to write."

Kipping, a shrewd businessman does not intend to limit himself to composing and producing his own songs. He intends to produce and write for other Christian music artists, and also wants to break into the movie and video game music market. Kipping has also worked with R & B artists such as Mary J. Blige, Mario, and Angie Stone.

Kipping's professional music career has been started with great momentum due to his exceptional album, showing great promise. This is by far not the last Connecticut and the world has heard from Deon Kipping and New Covenant. Kipping has already written a second album that is waiting for production. Kipping conducts praise and worship every Sunday at his home church, Faith Gospel Assembly in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

-Rochelle McLaren

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