

The Boatwrights

Elizabeth and Shelley

Elizabeth and Shelley Boatwright are twins from Muscle Shoals, Alabama, who have been singing on stage since the age of seven. Their tight harmony and upbeat Southern style have delighted audiences, both young and old, since they started singing at their church. Although they are identical twins, their blend is unique in that Elizabeth has a strong alto voice and Shelley complements her with a clear, crisp soprano voice.

Next to their love for God, music is the most important thing to The Boatwrights. They grew up watching Gaither videos with their dad and learning to love the old hymns that are now so seldom heard. New arrangements of old standards such as *Amazing Grace*, *Redeemed*, and *I'd Rather Have Jesus* are some of their favorites. The most important aspect of The Boatwrights' music, however, is the message it presents. It is a message of hope in a downward-spiraling world.



Their genre has been described as soulful with a country flair, allowing a vast audience to identify with their repertoire. Elizabeth and Shelley often begin their services by announcing that they are not just here to entertain, but to lead the congregation in a worship experience to usher in the presence of God that the world so desperately needs today. But the girls do like to have fun on stage as well, picking fun at each other and telling their favorite “twin” stories of growing up as close siblings.

Elizabeth and Shelley have won numerous awards and talent contests in both solo and duet categories. They recorded their first tape at the age of nine; their "Reflections" project was released in the fall of 2003; “Lovin’ Out Loud” was released in 2005; and their newest project, *The Road Back Home*, was released in 2008.

Although the girls occupy the stage, Boatwright Ministries is a family ministry made up of many members who work behind the scenes as well. Their dad, Rickey, is their manager and sound man and devotes much time to the ministry. Their mother, Lana, can be found working at the product table and helping out before services. Shelley’s husband, Matt, is known as “the roadie” and sets up the heavy equipment. Together, Boatwright Ministries focuses on the importance of serving God as individuals as well as a family.

To hear a sample of The Boatwrights’ music, visit

<http://www.theboatwrights.net/product.htm>.

Awards and Honors

Elizabeth and Shelley have won numerous awards and talent contests in both solo and duet categories. Although they love entertaining, their main goal is to minister to others through their music. They have been blessed with wonderful talents and want to use their voices to give glory to God in each opportunity He gives them.

Awards, Honors, and Activities Include:

- Winners of the prestigious Southern Gospel Group competition held at Crabbfest in Owensboro, Kentucky and presented by the Gospel Music Association (GMA)
- District and State Fine Arts Festival of the Assemblies of God:
 - Collaborated Songwriting – 1st Place
 - Vocal Duet – 1st Place (2002, 2003, 2004)
 - Christian Worship Band – 2nd Place (2004)
 - Female Vocal Solo – Elizabeth – 1st Place (2004)
 - Female Vocal Solo – Shelley – 1st Place (2003)
- Quad Cities Ensemble
- Alabama All-State Youth Choir
- SATB All-State Choir, Samford University
- Concerts in Churches and Other Events throughout the Southeast on a Weekly Basis
- Showcase (Premier Talent and Booking), National Quartet Convention, Louisville, Kentucky
- Showcase (Resting Place Music), National Quartet Convention, Louisville, Kentucky
- Opened for artists such as Signature Sound, The Crabb Family, Gold City Quartet, The Dove Brothers, and Mike and Kelly Bowling

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WOW! This is one powerful duo. I know you will be blessed not only by their amazing vocals, but by their ability to minister. God has truly chosen and anointed them.

- Johnny Sansom, Daywind Music Group

The newest project by The Boatwrights, Shelley and Elizabeth, has the potential of bringing a refreshing excitement to gospel music fans everywhere. I encourage people to listen to the sound and enthusiasm of two super-talented ladies.

- Jerry Edgil, WBTG Radio, Sheffield, AL

I know a thing or two about family harmony . . . and these girls have it! Their sweet spirits are so contagious.

- Joyce Martin, The Martins

Hearts were warmed with the love of the Lord as the twins ministered to our church. I really appreciated their professionalism and humility, which oftentimes is a rarity. They sang a variety of songs to which all of our congregation could relate. They also execute the love of Christ and use their talents that Christ gave them to the fullest. I highly recommend these precious sisters in Christ and am asking them to sing again.

*- Ted Vafeas, Pastor, Highland Park Baptist Church
Muscle Shoals, AL*

I have produced two albums for The Boatwrights and I can honestly say that they are two of the most naturally talented singers I have ever recorded. They are humble, soft-spoken young ladies of the highest order . . . but with voices that could peel paint off the pews! They are gentle powerhouses.

- Marty Funderburk, Daywind Studios

I have had the privilege of knowing Shelley and Elizabeth all their lives. I have also been their pastor and have personally watched these girls grow in their walk with the Lord. I have watched their talents blossom into the most beautiful voices you will ever hear. The Boatwrights have a truly unique sound and a sweet genuine spirit that stands out in every performance. I have seen them in both churches and large venues and they are always the same. Their unconditional love for the lost is impacting the very culture we live in. Their enthusiasm for the Lord is truly inspiring! I have no doubt that their message of hope will lead you down the path to victory and will make a difference in all areas of your life! If you have the opportunity to get The Boatwrights to your church event, I would highly recommend them. They will have you on the edge of your seat from the first song!

- Greg Woodall, Pastor, First Assembly of God, Florence, AL

Psalms 40:8 says, “I desire to do your will, O my God.” This powerful piece of scripture, along with our love for God and obeying his last words on this earth to spread the gospel, is our hearts’ desire and the foundation upon which our ministry is based. Our wish is not that we would receive man’s praise for the gifts He has given us, but that the name of the Lord would be glorified and praised through our song as we worship Him.

Singing has always been a fundamental part of our lives; everyone in our family either sings or plays an instrument. So developing a love for music came naturally for us. As we grew older and grew spiritually, we each began to feel that God had bigger plans for us than we envisioned. So we stepped out in faith and began ministering at churches and events in our area, and it was like God recognized our obedience to His call and started leading us in the path He has made for us.

A wonderful and unique aspect of our ministry is the family values that we present. We know that we are extremely blessed to have our family not only support us, but minister with us. Our dad, Rickey, who runs sound for us, has dedicated an enormous part of his life to managing our ministry and making sure that even the little things run smoothly. Our mother, Lana, is also a vital part of our ministry, working at the product table and helping out before the service. Matt (Shelley’s husband) has been a tremendous blessing to our ministry, doing the heavy work and lending much-needed support.

But the most pressing thought on our hearts is that everyone has a purpose in life. Purposes vary from being a great evangelist to being a faithful prayer warrior for your pastor; but no matter how insignificant a purpose may seem, they are all important because they are the driving forces behind men and women of God. For us, our purpose is to praise the Lord with the talent He has given us and to win souls for His kingdom.

Shelley and Elizabeth Boatwright