

## Shaun Barrowes Keynote Speaker Bio

Shaun Barrowes, a Season 7 Top 30 Contestant on American Idol and Emmy-Nominated artist for his hit "Army of Kings," boasts a stellar career that includes performances alongside stars like Janelle Monae, Imagine Dragons, and Lindsey Stirling. Notably, he collaborated with Jackie Chan on the theme song for Jackie's USA Green Heroes tour. His original track "Being Awesome," released in 2019, has garnered over 450 million views on YouTube. In 2023, Barrowes extended his talents to become an Amazon bestselling author and award-winning novelist with his debut work, "The Paradise Planets: The Fallen from Paradise."

Shaun Barrowes' ludicray journey commenced with the release of his debut album, "Big Bang Theory," a captivating fusion of jazz and bombastic melodies. Despite years of enduring the classic "paying your dues" trials in Los Angeles, Barrowes found renewed purpose when he penned the enchanting love ballad, "When I Take Your Hand." This heartwarming track quickly became a wedding anthem, with brides flying him to their special day to perform for their first dance.

This pivotal moment ushered in a new phase in Shaun's career as he hit the road and embarked on a nationwide tour. Inspired by his growing audience, he finally auditioned for the groundbreaking TV show, American Idol, which had eluded him for seven seasons. His journey took him to the Top 30 before a bittersweet exit, but the validation from the original judges only fueled his determination, propelling him back onto the road with fresh opportunities.

Shaun went on to write the theme song for Epic Games' "Shadow Complex," a noteworthy project preceding their iconic "Fortnite" release. He claimed victory in the Slice the Pie songwriting contest for his original composition, "I Still Loved You." During his extensive tours, he had the privilege of sharing the stage with music luminaries like Janelle Monae, Brian McKnight, Lindsey Stirling, Imagine Dragons, the Doobie Brothers, and many more.

The "Live for Music Tour" in the 2010s brought his music to hundreds of high schools across the US and Italy, with countless choir and band students performing his songs. He graced the stage as the featured guest performer at prestigious events such as Drum Corps International in Indianapolis, Bands of America, and the Fame Show Choir National Championship.

In 2018, Barrowes produced the Reel Sessions series, leading him and a dozen artists to the iconic Abbey Road studios in London for recording.

In 2019, he collaborated with the legendary Jackie Chan, crafting the theme song for Chan's Green Heroes US tour. Following this, he worked with the Ninja Kidz to write and produce their theme song, "Being Awesome."

From 2018 to 2022, Shaun Barrowes devoted his energy to crafting his very first novel, a young adult fantasy series titled "The Paradise Planets." This multimedia endeavor encompasses a 9-song album and a graphic audiobook featuring over 25 voice actors, marking one of the most ambitious projects in Barrowes' career. The book launched in June of 2023, reaching #1 in all

categories on Amazon and winning the Pencraft Award. Book 2 is scheduled for release in 2024 to extend the captivating "Paradise Planets" series.