

Honi Deaton bio

An accomplished bluegrass and country singer, Honi Deaton is also an adept multi-instrumentalist and songwriter who heads the bluegrass supergroup "DreamGrass".

Born in Texas, Deaton first began performing with her vocal/piano instructor mother in their group Soul and Country, which performed at churches throughout the Midwest. Eventually, the family moved to Idaho and Deaton began performing in various high-school musicals as well as DJing at a local radio station. Passing on a classical music scholarship to the College of Idaho, Deaton instead decided to pursue her interest in bluegrass music and joined the ensemble The Grasshoppers, touring with them for eight years.

Deaton eventually met and married instrumentalist, Jeff Deaton. The duo relocated to Georgia in 2001 and formed the band "Dream". Honi has performed internationally on some of the biggest stages including "The Grand Ole Opry". She has also released five commercially produced projects, the latest being on the Grammy Ballot and she also provided the soundtrack for the movie entitled "Stuck in the Past". She was featured on the cover of the 2004 issue of Bluegrass Now, a nationally distributed magazine. Honi has received international success as a singer, songwriter and recording artist, garnering multiple nominations from SPBGMA for "Female Vocalist of the Year" in 2004 & 2005, a nomination from IBMA for "Recorded Event of the Year", and a 2007 Dove Award Nominee. Even though she was receiving great success, she decided that her children needed her full attention. Honi then took a break from touring full time to focus on raising her family. While music has always been a very important part of her life, she felt that her children needed more time from her and that could not be possible while touring. Honi currently resides in Idaho and continues to perform. She again has her eyes set on the national and international music scene. Now, with a new energy and excitement for her music, Honi is composing new music and is in the studio recording her much anticipated sixth project with her revamped band name, Honi and DreamGrass.