

'American Idol' Eliminated Contestant Daniel Seavey Wants to Prove That He's "Not Just a Cute Kid"



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After a rocky road on the reality TV show *American Idol*, Daniel Seavey was eliminated during Wednesday night's episode. Throughout his run, the judges and mentors pushed him to grow and improve, which is something that may just come with age. After all, the 15-year-old was the youngest contestant to compete in *American Idol* history. It's no surprise, then, that in our [celebrity interview](#), Seavey says that his next step is to "start writing and put music out

there to show I'm not just a cute kid."

***American Idol* Contestant Talks About His Future Plans**

Now that his reality TV journey is over, the teenager has big plans for the future. "I want to hold on to these fans, and I want to be able to share my thoughts with them," he reveals. Even though the young singer received some hate for getting votes because of his age and looks, he adds, "I had fun with the experience, however I got it." Now, he's ready to prove that he's a true artist.

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This week, he had the pleasure of working with the original *American Idol*, Kelly Clarkson, who mentored him as he prepared to sing her hit song "Breakaway." The Portland natives says that the pop star told him that he needs to be able "to breathe and get comfortable before a performance because, if you're still here, that means people like you, and there's no reason to be nervous." Thanks to help from the judges and the other mentors, he also learned that "I really can do music for the rest of my life and that I have a lot of room to grow."

Daniel Seavey Talks About the Reality TV Show's New Fan Save

During this week's episode, a new element – the fan save – was introduced. Once the bottom two singers were revealed, the two hopefuls sang their song from this week, and fans had five minutes to vote via Twitter for their favorite performance. The person with the lowest votes was sent home in real time.

Of course, there may be some kinks to work out. Due to when the show airs, most of the votes come from the East Coast, leaving the West Coast without a chance to vote during the live show. That may have been a hindrance to Seavey, who is from Oregon. "I actually heard that the majority of voters were on the East Coast, but it is what it is," the performer shares. "The only thing that threw me off was the age limit because you had to be 13 or older, and a lot of my fans might be younger than that."

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While the fan save isn't without its issues, it is a great way to involve the fans in the show even more. "I think the fan save is a good idea because it gives the singers a second chance to prove themselves, and America gets to show who they like. It needs a little work, but it was a good start to it!"

While most contestants are upset when they're eliminated, Seavey is looking forward to going home, especially since today is his birthday! "Tonight, I'm going to see all my friends at the airport," he shares. "Apparently half my school is going to be there tonight." Other than seeing his friends, he's excited to "sleep and get my life back."

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