

**Matt Giraud** is a singer/songwriter and musician from Kalamazoo, Michigan who achieved recognition and acclaim for his performances on the TV show and tour of *American Idol*. A judges' favorite and the first ever recipient of the judges' save, Matt went on to finish as 3rd runner-up on season 8.

Television appearances include *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*, *The Today Show*, *The Ellen DeGeneres Show*, *Access Hollywood*, and *Live with Regis and Kelly*. Matt released an album called *Perspective* in 2003 and another in 2006 called *Mind Body and Soul*.

He recorded a cover of the song "You Don't Know Me" with Anna Wilson and was a featured vocalist on "Thank You" released by Jim Brickman.

Mr. Giraud has performed at the Grande Ole Opry and in the 2013-14 season he will appear with *Symphony Idol* with The Maryland Symphony, The Winnipeg Symphony, The Spokane Symphony, and The Phoenix Symphony among many others.