



## CHRISTOPHER FALSON

### Class of 1977

Chris Falson is a well-known songwriter, studio musician, producer and music teacher based in Hollywood, USA. Born into a show business family from Sans Souci, Chris attended Sydney Technical High School, following in the footsteps of his father, Ron who attended the school when it was based in Ultimo. At school, Chris played grade cricket and four years of 1<sup>st</sup> grade soccer, where he won a premiership, and he captained in his final year.

After leaving school, Chris worked in Australia as a studio musician and singer, record producer, stage actor and songwriter (among other pursuits). In this time, he played guitar for touring artists such as Tiny Tim, The Ink Spots, John Farnham, Little Pattie and the Platters, as well as in the Sydney production of *Cats*. Moving to Los Angeles in 1993, he joined *Maranatha!* and did music producing, arranging and singing on several projects, before being invited to Denver to perform for World Youth Day, in honour of Pope John Paul's visit to the United States.

From 1994-1998 he performed at over 30 stadium events across America, while also participating in the Champion concert at Wembley Stadium in London (1997). The same year he released six solo albums, as well as writing a book for the Church musician and worship leader, entitled *Planted by the Water*. From 2002-2013, after Hollywood discovered his songwriting talents, he began writing and producing songs for NBC, CBS, Fox, Disney and Warner Brother. Catching the eye of Apple, he was hired to develop a series of online tutorials for Garageband, Logic and Aperture.

In 2013, Chris produced a short film titled *The Release*, while in 2015 he and his friends formed *Rhythm Gospel and Blues*, releasing an album in 2016 titled *You Got Wings*. Chris Falson, the father of entertainer Sam Sparro, works as a singer-songwriter and is still currently based in the USA.