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To Play Joliet's Rialto Square Theatre

**ON SALE FRIDAY 5/23 9AM!**

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Joliet, IL: GAVIN DEGRAW will perform at the Rialto Square Theatre on Wednesday, July 2nd, at 7:30pm. **Tickets are ON SALE FRIDAY, MAY 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9AM** and are priced at \$29.50 to \$39.50. Tickets may be purchased at the Rialto Box office located at 102 N. Chicago Street, or ordered by calling 815/726-6600 between 9am and 5pm Monday through Friday or between 9am and 12 Noon on Saturdays. On performance days the box office remains open until the completion of intermission. Tickets may also be purchased through all Ticketmaster outlets or online at [www.rialtosquare.com](http://www.rialtosquare.com).

### **ABOUT GAVIN DEGRAW:**

Gavin DeGraw is a talent, who in just a few short years has become one of today's premier singer-songwriters. He's done it the old-fashioned way, on the merits of his creative abilities, perseverance and a healthy, homegrown perspective, establishing himself as a magnetic, new voice in music. Now, Gavin DeGraw adds a new chapter to his celebrated narrative with the release of his second studio album, the self-titled, *Gavin DeGraw*. DeGraw broke through in 2003, with the release of his debut album, *Chariot*, which awakened music fans across the country to a charismatic, vibrant young artist who connected with audiences in a way other contemporary musicians did not. Selling over a million copies and earning platinum certification, *Chariot* yielded three hit singles – "I Don't Want To Be," "Follow Through," and the title-track, "Chariot." *Gavin DeGraw* is a collection of impassioned, emotionally resonant songs about the joys and rigors of love and life. Whatever the influence, it has translated into much success for DeGraw, who began his career trekking to New York City to play just about anywhere that would take him – restaurants, bars, after-hours spots. In 2001, he recorded and pressed up his own live CD that would sell out at his ever-growing club shows. After signing with J Records and releasing *Chariot*, in 2003, DeGraw would earn a big break when "One Tree Hill," would use his first single, "I Don't Want To Be," as its theme song. Audiences around the country were soon introduced to his affable charms and prodigious songwriting and singing talent. Much of *Gavin DeGraw* is about the ups and downs of being in love – all its enveloping emotions, its pangs, its yearnings, and all its nuanced terrain. The album's first single is the bold, rocker "In Love With A Girl," which finds DeGraw crooning sweetly about the security of being in a relationship. With this new album, DeGraw hopes to continue the success he's had and, more importantly, continue to connect with his ever-growing audience.

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