

## **Diamond Rio**

Six-time Vocal Group of the Year, **Diamond Rio** won their first *Grammy* for their album *The Reason*, which also garnered the band their first *Dove* award. Formed in 1984, Diamond Rio features lead singer Marty Roe, guitarist Jimmy Olander, drummer Brian Prout, keyboardist Dan Truman, bassist/harmony Dana Williams and Gene Johnson on mandolin/harmony. The band signed with Arista in the early 90's and embarked on one of the most successful careers in country music. The band has sold over 10 million albums earning three platinum and five gold records and won the Country Music Association's Vocal Group of the Year award four times as well as netting two Academy of Country Music Awards in the top Vocal Group of the Year category and thirteen GRAMMY ® nominations. When they debuted in 1991 with the hit "Meet in the Middle," Diamond Rio became the first group in the history of country music to have a debut single reach No. 1. They continued to place 32 more singles on the Billboard chart, including "How Your Love Makes Me Feel," "Norma Jean Riley," "Beautiful Mess," "Love a Little Stronger," and "One More Day." Diamond Rio was inducted into the Grand Ole Opry in 1998.

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