



Bryan Baeumler – Biography

Host of HGTV's *Disaster DIY*

The only person surprised that Bryan Baeumler is the host of HGTV's popular renovation show *Disaster DIY*, is Bryan himself! Despite Bryan's apparent charm, his passion for building and his pride in craftsmanship, he never saw himself as the conduit for a weekly reno series. But Bryan is a natural in front of the camera who aims to inspire and entertain both troubled homeowners and viewers alike.

Bryan spent his childhood taking things apart under the watchful eye of his father who built airplane parts for a living and who was meticulous with detail. This attention to detail had a profound effect on Bryan and his work reflects this in every project.

At the age of 14, Bryan and a friend started a summer handyman business at the family's cottage and he has been honing his skills ever since. While his passion for building came early, he's always had many other interests as well. Hailing from Oakville, ON he grew up playing football, singing in the choir and playing in the band. After graduating from the University of Western Ontario with a degree in Political Science and Business, Bryan briefly considered going into law, but instead, at age 22 opened his own cargo company. Says Bryan: "I would sit in the office staring at my watch wishing I was renovating my house. I finally decided that wearing a tie and pushing paper wasn't for me and it was time to get paid for doing what I love, building and fixing things, just like my Dad."

Drawing on his business skills learned in school and home building experience, he opened his own construction company and has not looked back since. Baeumler Quality Construction has the motto: "Design, Destroy, Rebuild" and Bryan is part of a new breed of contractors who are equipped with a business plan, a deep passion for the work they do and an ambition to set new standards in their trade. Surrounded with like minded young tradesmen, his team works hard and aims for a very high level of craftsmanship on every job, and in the centre of it all is Bryan, "It's hard to come home and feel like you've done an honest day's work if your hands are too clean!"

Bryan lives in Oakville with his wife Sarah and their two children. He is spending summer '09 building his dream home from the ground up – documented in the new HGTV series, *House of Bryan* premiering in January '10.