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Young songwriter shares talent at Midwest Horse Fair®



MADISON, WI, September 28, 2010 - Singer/songwriter Kayla Hawkins will be performing some of her original songs at the 2010 Midwest Horse Fair®. While growing up, Hawkins remembers listening to the music of Danni Leigh, Martina McBride, Gary Allan, Toby Keith, and many other country artists. Her influences have expanded to include those such as Miranda Lambert, Taylor Swift, Jewel, Eric Church, Brad Paisley and many others. When she was younger, Hawkins loved writing her own stories and plays to perform for her family in the living room. She has since graduated to bigger stages including the three-day Midwest Horse Fair® event on April 16-18, 2010 in Madison, Wis. at the Alliant Energy Center.

Music has also been there to help Hawkins through some difficult times. When she was 13 years old a family tragedy occurred. Hawkins remembers feeling so many different emotions, not knowing how to express them and being afraid to express them. So, she sat down in her room, cried her eyes out, and through her tears wrote the first song that had true meaning to her. She's been writing songs ever since. Hawkins is inspired by anything and everything. People, places, and things are all at risk of becoming part of her newest song. Hawkins recently released her debut CD, *See Straight Through Me*. It includes five original acoustic songs, just Hawkins and her guitar.

Fortunately, she has been blessed with the opportunity to share the stage with bands such as SaddleBrook, the Penny Mae Dixon Band, and Amy Acklyn. Hawkins is forever grateful.

“This musical journey can be crazy at times,” she said. “But I love that I get to be on stage, doing what I love, and sharing songs that you can hopefully relate to and enjoy. I thank you for listening and becoming part of the journey.”

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