



Interview: Heidi Duss

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How did you get started singing Country Music?

I'm from Oklahoma and I kept listening to Country Music. I always knew, that is what I really wanted to do. I started singing when I was 5 years old and by the time I was 8 years I was playing Fairs and Festivals.

You have also appeared in a Musical?

Yes I did, I played Kathy Twitty, Conway Twitty's daughter in a Conway Twitty Musical and I told the story of his life and his wonderful career. I did that for a year and a half touring Nationally with it.

Who are your biggest influences in your career?

Dolly Parton, Reba McEntire and Barbara Mandrell are my three biggest heros.

How do you experience CMA Fest yourself?

It just means so much to have the Fans come from all around the World to meet us and also to meet them. What's also great about the CMA Festival, you get to meet new Fans, new People and it is always fun to see other Artists. It's a great experience. This is my third time appearing at CMA Fest.

You have just released a new film, Cowgirls and Angels, tell me about that.

Yes, it is in the Theaters right now, it stars James Cromwell and Bailee Madison. It is about a little Girl that doesn't know her Father, all she knows is that he is in the Rodeo Circuit. So she decides to join a trick riding troupe and go out looking for her dad. I play Amber Grant, a girl that's singing in a country club, that's my part in the movie. I sing three of my songs, one of it a duet with Richie McDonald from Lonestar.

Are you planning to star in more movies?

I would love to, if it made sense. The great thing about it is that it was Country Music meet TV and Theater. So hopefully I'll have another opportunity.

Are you working on a new CD? If so, can you tell us about the songs on it?

Yes, I just finished up some new stuff, I have seven songs so far, they were planning to record three or four more. I am a Loretta Lynn Fan and I wrote a song called Me and Loretta, that talks about anything you're going thru. I wrote the song together with Brady Seals and Bran Eckert. Another song is called Any Day is a good Day, it is a song about just being thankful for every day and for every Blessing that we have. Far Far Away is a song I wrote with Phillip White who wrote the song I'm moving on for Rascal Flatts. I have been able to go in a room and write with great Song Writers. Built this Wall I did not write, but I heard it and fell in Love with it.

Where and how do you get the Inspirations for the Songs?

It depends on the day, it may be something I'm going thru or something that somebody said, anything like that. You never know what you're going to write when you go in a room.

What is the newest Project you are working on now?

The new CD, hopefully it will be released late summer, early fall.

Have you ever done a Radio Tour?

Yes, I have done a Radio Tour for the last year and a half. I visited over 130 Radio Stations.

What about other Tours and shows,

I've done some thing with Ty Herndon and I have a few other shows coming up this summer.

Have you been to Europe?

Yes, last year I was in Sweden, Japan and China and I also went to a place in the middle of the Indian Ocean to perform for the US Troups.

What are your Plans and Hopes for the Future?

I'd love to be on a big tour, like a Brad Paisley Tour, continue to write songs and hopefully get some chart success. Maybe do some Movies and TV shows again.

Tell me something about Amber Hayes.

Well, I'm a country girl out of a small town, I love my family and i love Pro football. I sang the National Anthem on two NFL Football Games, it was so exciting and fun and a big honor.

What else would you like to tell people?

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