

JENN BOSTIC

HOMETOWN: Waconia, Minn.
INFLUENCES: Emmylou Harris, Bonnie Raitt, Stevie Wonder
ALBUM: *Missin' a Man EP*, out September
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AT THE AGE OF 10, JENN BOSTIC SURVIVED A HORRIFIC CAR accident that took the life of her father, a musician who taught her to play piano. To cope with the loss, she began writing songs. "The first time I sat at the piano after the accident, I shut my eyes and honestly felt my dad's presence next to me," she says. "I poured my heart into those first few songs. The only way I could connect with him was when I played music." Bostic eventually earned a degree from Boston's Berklee College of Music. Now living in Nashville, she recently earned five Independent Country Music Association Awards and completed a sold-out headlining tour of Ireland and the U.K. But for Bostic, music will always be rooted in humanity. "When I started to focus on touching lives, that's when things started happening," she says, "and that's what makes me happy."

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