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# J RAND

**HOMETOWN:** Delray Beach, Fla.  
**INFLUENCES:** Eminem, Stevie Wonder, Donny Hathaway  
**ALBUM:** As-yet-untitled LP, due out 2014  
**WEBSITE:** jrandmusic.com

AS A TEENAGER, J RAND GROOMED HIMSELF FOR THE spotlight by singing Michael Jackson songs at a local karaoke bar in his hometown. "When I was a kid I was always fascinated by entertainers," he says. While pursuing a solo career, he performed with various local cover bands. In 2010, Rand signed with Interscope Records and collaborated with some major hip-hop acts including Akon ("Oo La La") and T-Pain ("Can't Sleep"). He also landed roles in the films *Spring Breakers* and *Rock of Ages*, and TV's *Burn Notice*. Along the way, he accumulated 5 million YouTube views and 66,000 Twitter followers. After splitting with Interscope, Rand re-emerged last fall performing his new single, "Ride," with Flo Rida and T-Pain on *The Tonight Show With Jay Leno*. Rand, 26, is currently recording his debut album, which he describes as "modern, fresh pop and R&B." The record is due out later this year on Flo Rida's label Poe Boy Music Group.

