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# DANIELLE NICOLE

**HOMETOWN:** Rich Hill, Mo.  
**INFLUENCES:** Etta James, Susan Tedeschi, John Paul Jones  
**ALBUM:** *Wolf Den*, out now  
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OVER THE PAST 15 YEARS, DANIELLE NICOLE SCHNEBELEN HAS made a name for herself on the blues circuit as the singer-bassist for the award-winning sibling trio Trampled Under Foot. Now 33—and going by Danielle Nicole—she and her brothers have split, allowing the Kansas City-based Schnebelen to pursue a solo career. That path led her to New Orleans to work on her full-length debut, *Wolf Den*, with renowned writer-producer Anders Osborne, Galactic co-founder Stanton Moore and North Mississippi Allstars’ Luther Dickinson. Songwriting was done in three days, and the entire blues-based roots album was recorded in six. “New Orleans has a history that you can feel. Being there was inspirational and added a lot of imagery to my songs,” she says. “People usually go to New York or L.A. to make it big, but I’m not looking for the million-dollar house in the Hills. I’m just happy to be able to make a living touring and playing the blues.”

Marina Chavez

