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XIMENA SARIÑANA

HOMETOWN: Guadalajara, Mexico
INFLUENCES: Tracy Chapman, Ella Fitzgerald, Paul Simon
ALBUM: *Ximena Sariñana*, out Aug. 2
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WELL-KNOWN SINCE CHILDHOOD IN HER NATIVE MEXICO as a singer, songwriter and actress, Sariñana is preparing to introduce herself to a broader audience with her first English-language album. *Ximena Sariñana*, recorded in L.A. with producers Greg Kurstin, Dave Sitek and Natalia Lafourcade, is also a stylistic departure for the singer. "Everything was about forcing myself out of my comfort zone," says Sariñana, 25. "I wanted quicker, bigger-sounding songs and more bass and electronic instruments." The album does contain one Spanish-language song, "Tu y Yo" ("You and Me"): "My mother language and the country I live in are such an important part of who I am," she says. Sariñana elected to self-title the album because, she says, "It's my first record to a lot of people. I just hope listeners can hear the honesty in the album. I titled it after myself because my name keeps it close to me and who I am as an artist and a person."

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