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# SHANNON LABRIE

**HOMETOWN:** Lincoln, Neb.  
**INFLUENCES:** Bob Dylan, Lauryn Hill, James Taylor  
**ALBUM:** *Shannon Labrie EP*, out now  
**WEBSITE:** shannonlabrie.com

THE DAUGHTER OF AN OPERA-SINGING MOTHER AND guitar-playing father, Shannon Labrie took to music early—she astounded her first vocal coach with her four-octave range, and began writing classical piano pieces as a child. She got her first guitar at around 10 and began learning chords from her dad, who died from cancer when she was only 14. “I was in a dark place for a while after that,” she recalls. “I just wanted to leave.” She found solace in music, developing her skills as a player and songwriter. She performed across the U.S., eventually snagging an artist-development contract that brought her to Nashville in 2009. “I write in many different styles,” she says, “but living and working in Nashville has made me fall in love with country music.” In 2010 her song “Calls Me Home” was snapped up for use on TV’s *One Tree Hill* and released as a single. She released her self-titled debut EP in March.

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