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Jewel: Singer/Songwriter BIOGRAPHY

From her Alaskan youth to the triumph of international stardom, Jewel has traveled a singular road as an acclaimed singer, songwriter, poet, actress and painter. She has recently released her first country music album and live performance DVD, married a rodeo star and now is using her star power to support American farming.

Hailed by The Times of London as "the most sparkling female singer-songwriter since Joni Mitchell," she nevertheless remains a unique and authentic artist, exploring fresh musical avenues for more than a decade that have taken her from the simplicity of acoustic-driven folk to the embrace of rock, pop, country, blues, jazz and classical influences. Among her many accolades are three Grammy Award nominations, an American Music Award and an MTV Video Music Award. In 1999, she was presented the prestigious Governors Award from the Los Angeles chapter of the Recording Academy (NARAS).

To date, Jewel has sold more than 27 million albums worldwide, enjoying career longevity rare among her generation of artists. Jewel is currently on a nationwide tour with Brad Paisley through the fall in support of her recent country release *Perfectly Clear*. Her live DVD, *Jewel: The Essential Live Songbook*, launches on September 30. In addition, she recently completed a stint as a judge on Nashville Star; and is proud to continue to support her charity initiative Project Clean Water.

Jewel's family members were original pioneers of Alaska who settled there when it was still a territory. She was raised on the family homestead with the same old-world traditions her family members learned years ago. Her home was located in a very remote area, and they ate only what they raised and stored. Growing up on the land not only established her grounded perspective, but also increased her awareness of the important service American farmers provide to communities. Now Jewel joins Campbell Soup Company and the National FFA Organization to raise awareness about the importance of supporting the future of American agriculture.

Jewel currently lives on a working ranch in Texas with her husband, world champion bull-riding superstar Ty Murray. For more information, visit jeweljk.com.

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