

# CHORDS

## Laura Kaczor *crosses boundaries*

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Laura Kaczor is a musician from Collegeville, PA. Currently living in Nashville she found her passion in music from an early age. “My mom always played music in the house when I was very young, and I showed an aptitude pretty early. I started playing piano in elementary school, violin and flute and later guitar,” Laura said. “I started singing in church choir and eventually church solos at 12 or so.”

Her smooth voice brings a peaceful atmosphere into the room, as her love of God is evident through the words she sings. “It started when I began seriously writing my own music when I was in college. The next step was recording the songs, and the prospect of recording a full album and performing as a solo artist seemed feasible as I got further and further along.”

Her first album, “Wake Me Up” was released in 2006 and she has recorded three albums since. Her latest, “Restore Me”, came out July 2015. She describes the recording experience as: “Amazing! Ian Eskelin is a gifted producer and a joy to work with. He transformed the tracks.”

Even through a move, she is still in training with the vocal instructor, Susan Dash, who has taught her since she was only fourteen. “She’s in the Philly area, so even since I’ve moved to Nashville I’ve been taking lessons with her over the phone.” Her popularity and success of her al-

bums has not caused her to stray from the true message of the gospel. “The gospel is the greatest news of all time, and it completely transcends all time and culture,” Laura said. “The ways we ‘package’ the gospel message musically changes as musical styles change, so staying in tune to relevant musical styles is really important if you want your message to be far reaching.”

She also states that listening and sharing ideas with other artists and writers, as well as working with musicians and producers in the forefront, helps the process.

Last year was a rough year for Laura, but she overcame. “God really saw me through. My son Samuel was born with a large hole in his heart which required open heart surgery when he was six months old,” Laura said. “But the outcome was truly nothing short of miraculous.”

Laura is also the founder of LifeThirst ministries, and its purpose is to equip the body of Christ and share the gospel through worship, original music and speakers.

Her advice to aspiring artists is this: “Be yourself. Find your God-given voice. Trust God to open up doors. Surround yourself with like minded people, don’t be discouraged by criticism and use every opportunity to minister through your music.” Δ

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