

Erin Eder grew up performing around the Katy area and recently celebrated the release of her new album Break Through

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Homegrown Country Star

Katy singer Erin Eder
steps into the spotlight, performing
for fans across the state

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With an energetic, down-to-earth sound, Katy singer Erin Eder is inspiring country music fans across the Houston area and the state. When *Katy Magazine* first featured Eder in our winter 2006/2007 issue, she was already receiving much acclaim for her work, even though she was still in high school. Now, after much life experience, she is finding her wings and building on her rich, sultry sound. "I am still producing music and becoming more creative along the way," she shares. "I feel that my voice has grown, and I am now recognized as a professional in my genre." She recently celebrated releasing the single "What About Us," as well as the completion of her first album *Break Through* in 2011.

Down-to-Earth Star

Growing up singing along with the oldies on the radio, Eder found her passion for music at an early age. By the time she was a teenager, she was already performing at local events like the Katy Rice Harvest Festival and the Houston Hot Sauce Festival. After graduating from Calvin Nelms High School Northwest, she decided to study theater at Sam Houston State University (SHSU) and graduated in December 2011 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. "I gained a lot of knowledge through my education," Eder shares.

The life of a country music star in the making definitely comes with its glamorous moments, but Eder stays firmly rooted through her professional full-time job in sales, as well as through the support of friends and family. All of her experiences in day-to-day life help her to connect with fans in a down-to-earth way, and she enjoys the chance to find inspiration in everyday scenarios. "I love to sing to an audience and express my emotions," Eder says. "I express myself best through song."

True Texas Roots

Throughout her varied experience performing at many local venues, Eder's sound has shifted to her Texas country roots. "The most current song has a more modern feel," she shares, adding, "I would like to get into the red dirt country circuit, but it's more difficult for women. Women have to be perfect!"

Like a true country girl, though, she keeps working hard at what she loves and hopes to one day follow in the footsteps of other Katy stars like Clint Black and Renee Zellweger. She has big plans for her big dreams, having mapped out a few goals for the next year. "I would like to start venturing out a little further past the state lines," she explains.

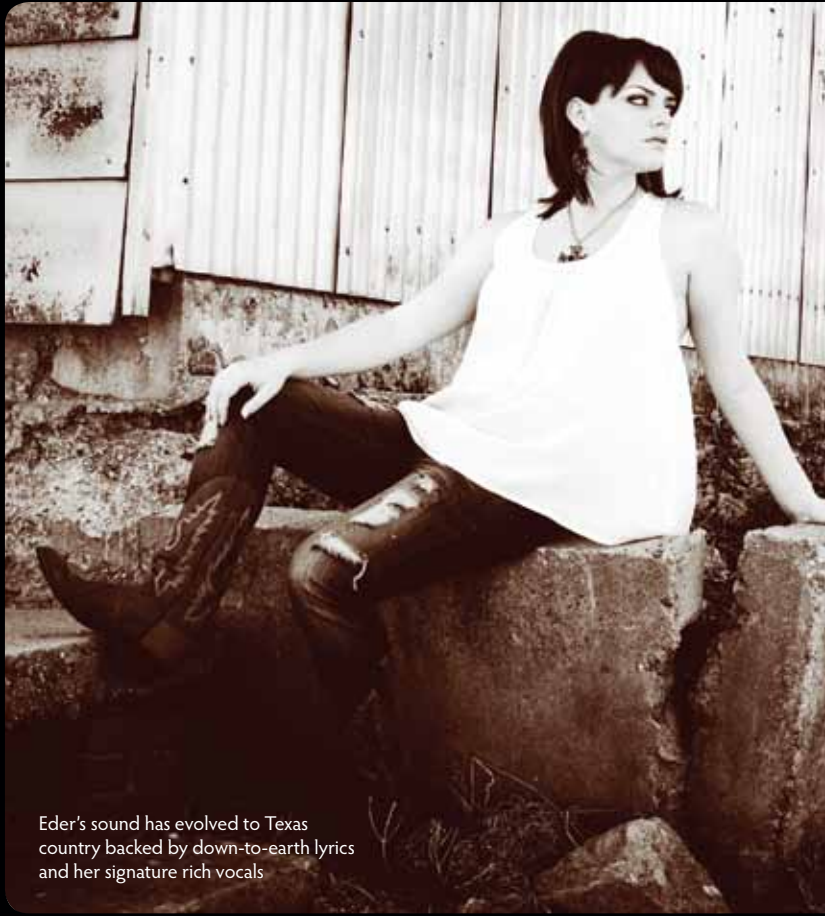
Last year, she released her first CD, *Break Through*, accompanied by the release of her first single, "Say Goodbye." Selections on the track pair her signature rich voice, reminiscent of Kelly Clarkson, with a unique western sound. She still remembers the thrill of her first CD release party at the Armadillo Palace in Houston. "It was great to see all of my friends come out to support me," says Eder. "The cake was great, too!"

Singing Her Own Tune

With many projects in the mix, Eder plans on keeping the soulful country sounds coming. She recently released the song "What About Us," written and produced by Doug Driesel, to radio stations across Texas. She has partnered with James Hook of Katy to record most of her vocals, and plans on continuing to perform out and about in the Houston area with Randy Meadows. "I hope to continue to promote my music with a radio tour this summer," she shares.

As she journeys down the path of performing, she hopes her fans find encouraging thoughts, feelings, and stories in her music that inspire them in their own lives. "I hope to keep recording and performing and that my music will be promoted and heard by everyone," Eder says. With a CD request from the Netherlands and radio stations across the world now playing her music, like Bill's Texas Bar Radio 88FM in Gothenburg, Sweden, she is on her way to stealing the international spotlight. "I have learned more about the music business," she says of her many years spent performing. "I've learned that it is very challenging and competitive, but I would rather be singing than doing anything else!" **KM**

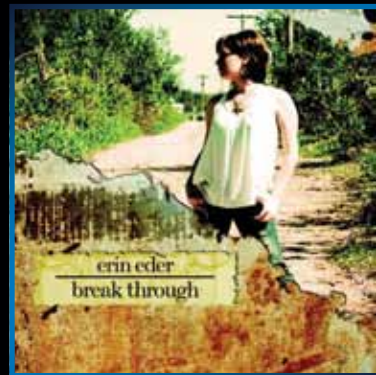
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Eder's sound has evolved to Texas country backed by down-to-earth lyrics and her signature rich vocals

About Erin's Album Break Through

Mixing a toe-tapping country beat with a little bit of soul, Erin Eder is proving big stars come in small packages with her newest album *Break Through*. The album features hits like "Say Goodbye" and "Drifter," that include encouraging lyrics sure to inspire fans in their daily journeys. Eder enjoys traveling around Katy, Houston, and the state, performing at events ranging from weddings and private parties to festivals. For concert schedules and booking details, visit erineder.com.



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