

# The Real TAYLOR THI

With a brand new music video, "The Real Me," out and an EP on the horizon, this Seven Lakes High School senior is headed for stardom

Ever since attending her first concert with her father, Greg Conklin, at the age of 4, Taylor Thi has been consumed with a passion for performing and songwriting. "We saw James [Vernon] Taylor, and I was so amazed by all the cheering that I turned to my dad and asked him why everyone was making noise. He said, 'See that man up there? They're clapping for him.' Ever since then I've wanted to be a singer."

## Drawing Inspiration

Although she began formally training at the age of 15, she considers her sixth-grade performance her official debut. "I performed 'Material Girl' by Madonna at the Beckendorff Junior High pop concert," she says. And she has been strategically placing herself in local gigs in order to build a following ever since.

"The rush of adrenaline is unexplainable; you can walk on stage and be whoever you want to be. You can be confident, a completely different person and just let loose," she adds. "You forget everything and just feel free in that moment." Thi spends hours at a time writing notes and lyrics. "Every song I write has a special meaning to me because I never want to write about something I don't mean or feel."

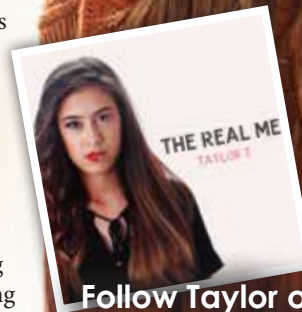
## Wildest Dreams

The young songwriter finds strength to pursue her dreams close to home. "My family has always been my biggest supporters no matter what. I'm extremely family-oriented and they are the ones I show all my music to first. Everything I do, they see or get to hear before I announce or release anything," she says.

Thi comes from a family not afraid to pursue their wildest dreams, and credits her father for giving her the courage to try. "He was from a small town, lived on a farm, and grew up being told by everyone he knew that he would never achieve his dream of being a pilot. He has now been a pilot for 41 years. Every time someone tries to tear me down, I think about my dad, and I know I'll prove them wrong."

Thi recently directed her own music video for her original song, "The Real Me," which received over 20,000 views on YouTube. "It was such an amazing experience," she says.

Armed with a notebook full of material, Thi plans to continue working on singles and eventually produce her first EP. But her future plans also include receiving an education. "I would love to go to college for audio engineering or songwriting," she adds. "I'm still deciding, but I'm positive I'll be around music no matter what." **KM**



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