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Music by Robynn Shayne

"Let's Get This Show On The Road"



ROBYNN SHAYNE

Robynn Shayne is a singer/songwriter out of The Lonestar State who has released four albums, with her most recent album "Let's Get This Show On The Road" dropping in 2020. Robynn is a member of Nashville Songwriters Association International, Americana Music Association, Austin Texas Musicians, and is sponsored by Lone Star Beer. Robynn has received a nomination for "Country Album Of The Year" by the Texas Country Music Association for her album "Coffee Days and Whiskey Nights," and has also been nominated by Texas Regional Radio for "New Female Vocalist of the Year." Robynn was kind enough to take a few minutes out of her day to conduct this interview via email.

Tim Board: How did you get started in music?

Robynn Shayne: Growing up, I always thought I could sing, but was so shy and never shared that with anyone, even my parents, until about 6th grade. My parents took my brother and I to Six Flags Over Texas, where they had a karaoke recording studio. I begged my parents to let me give it a go. They reluctantly let me, as it was expensive, and we didn't have much money. I chose the song 'Black Velvet' by Alannah Myles. They play your song over the loudspeaker after it's recorded. My parents kept asking when they would play 'my version.' I told them that WAS my version. They were floored and sent me back in for another song! Ha! I still never really pursued anything publicly until many years later after my brother passed away. He got a guitar when he was 14 and he was a natural with it. I eventually inherited his guitar. I learned to play as a challenge to myself because I thought he would think it was really cool if I did. I got on YouTube and taught myself how to play. I eventually started going to open mic nights and just fell in love with the rush of being on stage.

TB: Musically, who are your influences?

RS: Hands down, Dolly Parton is someone I admire. I have such respect for her for all she has accomplished and continues to accomplish. I also credit Miranda Lambert for inspiring me. She was up-and-coming about the time I was learning to play guitar. If these 2 small-town girls can follow their dreams, then why can't I?

TB: You have released 4 studio albums 'Robynn Shayne,' 'Rebel Child,' 'Coffee Days and Whiskey Nights,' and 'Let's Get This Show On The Road.' What was it like for you when you released your first album?

RS: Recording my first album was a HUGE learning experience. I had no idea what to expect or really what I wanted as far as the sound and feel of the album. I let the producer take full lead. I was certainly still learning who I was as an artist. I would actually like to take those songs back to the recording studio one day!

TB: 'Rebel Child' was dedicated to your brother Shane who according to your bio 'was the musician in the family and left us way too soon.' Did you set out with that album with the goal in mind to dedicate it to him?

RS: I always knew I would write a song about him and dedicate an album to him one day. It took me years to get the courage to write a song about him. I didn't want it to be a sad song. I wanted to paint a picture of him for those that never got the pleasure of meeting him. He was such a unique and special young man. You couldn't help but admire how he could adapt and fit in no matter where he was or who he was with. That's sort of how the songs are on that album. There is something for everyone!



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TB: As an indie artist who also holds down a 'day job,' how do you juggle everything?

RS: I have been a flight attendant longer than I've been playing music and pursuing it as a career. Fortunately, scheduling as a flight attendant is pretty flexible at my seniority. I usually book shows and writing sessions and then bid my monthly flight schedule around my music schedule. It can certainly be stressful at times, but I'm so grateful for both careers! I love them both!

TB: What was the best piece advice anyone gave you about the music business, song writing, or performing?

RS: Best advice I've been given is to stay true to myself and have FUN! I may not be everyone's cup of tea musically, and that's OKAY. I had to learn to be okay with that and just do what I do. I'm super grateful for those who have supported me along the way!

TB: Are you writing new music or working on a new album?

RS: I'm ALWAYS writing. It may just be taking notes until I can sit down with a guitar, but I'm constantly soaking in conversations and experiences to draw the next song from. I always like to keep fresh tunes on the way, so no doubt we will head back to the studio before too long.

TB: What does the rest of 2021 hold for Robynn?

RS: We are starting to book shows again finally and plan to focus on continuing to promote my latest album 'Let's Get This Show on the Road.' It was released March of 2020, and because Covid was making its debut about that time too, it really hasn't gotten its time to shine yet! We always book a proper album release party for my albums, and since we didn't get to do that, we are making up for it this summer! I'm really proud and excited about this album and don't want to let it get overlooked.

2020 was a rough year for musicians -- especially for those that released a new album. They did not have a traditional release party that goes with a new album nor were they able to promote the album with tours. Here is hoping that Robynn is able to promote the album in 2021 with some live shows. If you are traveling by plane, be on the lookout for Robynn Shayne...she just might be one of the flight attendants on your flight! You can find a viral video of Robynn singing Lorde's "Royals" on a plane that even Lorde on Twitter gave Robynn praise for the rendition.

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