

## **Local radio personality sets out to establish own musical career**

*Former UT student displays talent on her debut album  
Sugarcane*

**By Stephen Davis**

If there is one thing that Austin is known for, it's an ability to give artists chances at the proverbial "big break." Though many let the opportunity pass by without making so much as a dent, some take hold of their chance head on. Autumn Bouakadakis, a proud local and 94.7 KAMX morning show DJ, is doing just that - taking her opportunity and running with it.

This past summer Autumn released her debut CD, Sugarcane, to little buzz and media coverage. Five months later, she is ready to make her mark on the Austin music scene with the release of her first video, "Sugarcane," which is premiering tonight at Six Lounge on 4th Street along with an acoustic set.

A graduate of the University of Texas, Autumn took the full-time position with JB and Sandy after serving as their intern while in school, and Autumn says that she can't be more thankful for her two co-workers.

"They are both very supportive and excited for me," Autumn said. "Through my job, I am allowed to experience the best of both worlds. I go to work and listen to all the mixes, and then go and play my love - Texas country."

As a native Oklahoman, Autumn admits that she was never really a fan of Texas country until she came to the Lone Star State, and now she's in love.

"When I started, I thought I would write film scores in California, but when I came to Texas, and listened to Walk Wilson, I thought: 'I have to do that.'"

And that she does.

"Don't worry 'bout a thing, if you get a little high. It's just a phase, to get you through getting by." In those two lines of the chorus from "Get A Little High," the first track of the album, Autumn is able to set the tone for the experience that is to come.

"This album has a very big innocence to it," Autumn said. "It's 24 years of work - life

experiences."

The album as a whole is a pure blend of excellence, excelling in all aspects, and really exemplifies what it means to be an all-around artist. With 12 tracks, Sugarcane never slows down, making you proud to be an Austinite.

When I brought up the first single and title track, "Sugarcane," Autumn was quick to give a lot of credit to the songwriter, Heather Morgan. She said a raving friend gave the song to her. After listening to it (and loving it), she took it to her producer, unaware of what his reaction to it would be. His response: You have to record this song.

"The album was pretty much done, and then 'Sugarcane' just came forward," Autumn said.

As far as the video is concerned, it's a family affair. Directed by her brother and containing scenes with her little sister, Autumn says that they are finally living out a dream.

"This is something that they have been planning our whole life." In fact, when it comes to what influenced her the most during the making of the album, she quickly states, "I think about my brother and sister with this album." Luckily for Autumn, she has put together something that her family can be proud to be a part of.

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