

BIO

Allye Ratledge's effervescent personality will inspire you, while her perfect pitch will blow you away. As one reviewer said, her voice is like "warm caramel on cool glass."

Allye's musical career spans over twenty years and covers every musical genre. She began studying classical piano and voice as a girl, performing in operas and musicals throughout her college days. Allye honed her craft in Austin, Texas playing local clubs and stages. She sang lead vocals with the band, *The Pacers*, one of Austin's favorite party bands of the last decade. During this time, Allye's sound grew more experimental, as she began developing her own creative, improvisational style. In 2010, Allye joined the band, *Bluestone*, in Washington state, collaborating with John Farey (Sly and the Family Stone, Van Morrison, John Cipollina). *Bluestone* released an album of funk and jazz in July 2011.

In 2013, Allye released her own cd with the singles *Angel* and *Love is an Army*, on sale now. All proceeds benefit *Partner for Life*, a fundraising effort to help a dear friend obtain a service dog. For more information visit: www.ServiceDogForDrew.com

Allye is currently working on her first full-length solo album with an expected release of spring 2014.

Reviews

Laura Hall, Host of [Acousticity Radio Show on KWCW 90.5 FM Walla Walla WA](#)

Allye's confidence, extensive vocal training, enthusiasm and her big heart shine through in this beautiful cover of "Love Is An Army". Previously I have only heard her in live performances in Walla Walla, Washington with former trio Bluestone. She definitely commands the room, engaging the audience with her exuberant personality, her big dimpled smile and of course that powerful yet sensitive voice. Listening to her sing this particular song, I can imagine her animated gestures as she emotes from her core. She means every word that she sings. As host of Acousticity Radio Show on KWCW 90.5 FM Walla Walla WA, I review many artists' CDs to provide the best quality show to my listeners around the country. I would not hesitate to play this song on my show, and I trust that any future recordings by this artist will be well worth a listen. Check out her sweet cover of Angel [here](#). What a great cause...hope you make the choice to spend less than \$2 to help! - Laura Hall, Acousticity Radio Show. Find me on Facebook: [Acousticity Radio Show](#)

Tom O'Neil of [Thomas O'Neil Cellars in Richland, Washington](#)

"Allye has the voice that other singers aspire to; one that would be right at home anywhere from a Broadway stage to a smoky jazz club. During her stint with a polished jazz-funk-R&B band called Bluestone, she would move effortlessly from sultry to sassy with unmatched range, control, and timbre. Allye's connection with the audience made her a crowd favorite, and her cross-country move to Ohio left a hole in the Eastern Washington music scene that hasn't been filled since."

Bob Park at www.TriCityVibe.com

"Allye is a rare talent with great vocal range and a loving interaction with the audience. I always look forward to seeing her again!"

Press

Article from *The Tullahoma News*

Written by Kali Bolle on July 5, 2013

A love of music has led Tullahoma native Allye Ratledge many places, playing with different musicians and enjoying numerous experiences.

Her musical journey began as a teen playing piano with the Tullahoma High School AristoCats. Ratledge said she was one of the last pianists to perform with the group.



Tullahoma native Allye Ratledge has enjoyed a musical career that has spanned 20 years. Now a mother of two, she is embarking on a new journey that includes balancing the roles of mom, wife and musician.

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While with the group, Ratledge mainly played the piano and didn't really explore the talents of her voice until she graduated and moved to college.

"I knew that I could sing and I liked my voice, but I just never really got the chance to sing. But I knew I

wanted to pursue singing,” she said.

After graduating in 1997 from Tullahoma High School, her musical journey continued at Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville. While attending school in Cookeville, she studied classical piano and voice, performing in operas and musicals from various periods and styles.

The musical journey begins

After graduating with a degree in vocal education from TTU, Ratledge headed west to Montana to teach music.

While she said she enjoyed “inspiring a new generation of musical hopefuls how to sing, march, play music,” she continued to follow the dream of performing and pursuing her own musical career.

Her musical journey would then lead her to Austin, Texas, where for the next several years she would hone her musical talents.

These talents would grow while singing lead vocals for “The Pacers,” one of Austin’s favorite party bands —specializing in rock and Motown covers.

Ratledge said that over the next few years her time with “The Pacers” would allow her to grow more experimental, performing as the lead vocalist in a blues/jazz trio at smaller venues all around the city, developing what she said was “her own improvisational style and creative sound.”

After saying farewell to Austin in 2010, Ratledge’s next big move would land her in the Pacific Northwest —where she was soon performing all over the region, from Portland and Seattle to Walla Walla and Coeur d’Alene.

While performing locally, she would get a once-in-a-lifetime chance to perform with musical great John Farey and his band, Bluestone.

Farey is known for performing with musical greats such as Sly and the Family Stone and Van Morrison.

“Playing with John allowed for one of the biggest changes in my musical career,” she added.

These changes would include touring with a well-known group performing at over 100 live shows and festivals in one year.

While performing with the group, Ratledge would record her first album. She would also find out she was pregnant with her first child.

“I found out I was pregnant in January 2011 and we finished the album by the sixth month of my pregnancy. It was a very interesting time and one of the biggest experiences of my life,” she said.

A change of music

One month after the birth of her first child Maddy, Ratledge and her family would again make another move, this time to Marietta, Ohio.

Settling into the role of mother, Ratledge would now have to figure out how to balance the roles of mom, wife, and musician.

Although she didn't know anyone in Ohio, she didn't let that stop her and took the advice of her musical mentor, Farey, and decided to let her role of mother play a part in her musical inspiration.

She would receive even more inspiration when her second child, Maggie, was born.

Inspired by her two daughters, she kept the music going and is in the process of putting together her own album of lullabies for them and for the world.

"It is a very non-traditional approach to lullabies," said Ratledge.

She is also working on other projects that include raising money for Tullahoma native Andrew Booker.

Booker is in need of a special service dog that will be able to warn Booker of oncoming seizures and to also protect his head. The service dog will also be able to sense his blood sugar before it gets too high or low.

Booker is battling epilepsy, Type 1 (juvenile) diabetes, and autonomic autoimmune ganglionopathy or AAG. He also suffers from three additional autoimmune disorders.

The service dog will help in assisting Booker in his day-to-day activities and be a full-time companion.

Ratledge is lending her voice and musical talent to help Booker raise money to acquire the dog.

"I have recorded two songs, 'Love is an Army' and 'Angel.' Both are on iTunes. All of the proceeds from each download will go directly to the cause," she said.

For more information on how to donate, visit online at <http://www.indiegogo.com/projects/partner-for-life-getting-andrew-a-service-dog> or click the "partner for life" link on Ratledge's webpage.

Ratledge said she plans to continue her musical journey while enjoying being a mother to her two girls.

"It's all about what you make out of life and I plan to keep on playing," she added.

Check out Ratledge and her music at www.allyeratledge.com.

Important Links

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