

# FORMER 'TEAM BLAKE' MEMBER KRISTI HOOPES HITS CLOSE TO HOME FOR DEBUT, "DON'T WORRY MAMA"



**Kristi Hoopes**, an emerging 70s-inspired country songstress, shares her first release of original music since 2014 with "**Don't Worry Mama**," a heartfelt ease to her mother's worries as her not-so little girl strikes out on her own for the first time. The track was produced by Grammy winner **Paul Worley (The Chicks, Lady A)** and seasoned session guitarist **Biff Watson (Don Williams, Crystal Gayle)**.

With Kristi's gentle vocal gliding over the melody like a nursery rhyme, the song speaks to the Colorado native's journey from her Rocky Mountain home in pursuit of big city dreams, all while trying to hold onto the small-town memories and morals her mother gave her. Her delicate southern tone paired with lush, twang-soaked strings – played by studio legends like **Dan Dugmore** and **Byron House** – harkens back to the classic 70s country sounds of greats like Olivia Newton-John and Emmylou Harris.

**Listen to "Don't Worry Mama" [HERE](#).**

Kristi dedicates "Don't Worry Mama" to her mother Rose, who has supported her musical aspirations since she first started singing at age 10.

Kristi says, "I was at a crossroads between childhood and womanhood when I wrote this song with Biff Watson. Moving to Nashville to start building my new life came with so much excitement, but there was a great deal of homesickness too. I wanted to give my mom something that would remind her that I'd always be her kiddo, that I wouldn't forget all the things she taught me. I think it's only right that the first song to be released from my upcoming EP honors the woman who helped make me who I am."

Kristi is hopeful that "Don't Worry Mama" will serve as a means of comfort for listeners who are social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"In this time of people being unable to see their families and loved ones, I think we all need to be reminded that no amount of distance can separate us from their love. The love we have for each other makes us as close as we've ever been."

Kristi turned the chairs of Blake Shelton, Adam Levine, and Jennifer Hudson before 11.9 million viewers on Season 13 of NBC's *The Voice* and took her place as a member of Team Blake. Her new music was fully funded by fans via Indiegogo.

"Don't Worry Mama" is now available on all major streaming platforms and digital retailers.

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