



# Erin James

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## Erin James:

"I've worked with Erin James and watched her grow into an incredible artist. She is truly one of the most creative and talented artists I've had the pleasure of producing and engineering."

*Jim Lightman - Grammy nominated producer/engineer (Erykah Badu, Leanne Womack)*

"She's the whole package. She's unique because she sings her butt off but she doesn't sound like anyone else. A lot of times, we hear artists these days and you can't differentiate who's who! She's got her own style AND she writes the songs!"

*Brent Mason, Grammy winner / 14 time ACM winner*

"After years in this business, its pretty easy to get jaded by all the posers and wannabe's in the world of music. But, every now and then an artist comes along with that special something that makes you realize why you got in this business in the first place, Erin James has that magic. Great writer, Great performer and very sweet person on top of it all, the real deal."

*Michael Clair, Nashville Ninja Management*

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**"IN HIGH SCHOOL, ERIN JAMES WAS THE CLASS CLOWN. SHE WAS KNOWN AS THE 'DETENTION DIVA.'" That was more than a dozen years ago, but now, instead of lots of detention for her antics, James is getting lots of attention for her music.**

The 2009 Lipscomb High School graduate is being in Nashville and pursuing her dream of becoming a recording artist. She just finished recording her first album, entitled *Country Country* Award and American Country Music award winner Steve Mason. James wrote and performed all of the songs.

She recently toured in California on a tour with Chris Brown. James also will be performing at the Nashville, TN, at the Nashville Country Music Awards on May 15th, at the Nashville Country Music Awards and then to Europe for about a six-week tour that will take her to England, Scotland and Ireland.

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James is a public speaker and has written with other Nashville writers, including Austin Anderson and Stephanie Bentley, who wrote Faith Hill's "Shake It". James said her mother has said her first when James was in elementary school, teachers would tell her "I was more creative than any of the other girls."

"I've always had the creative bug. When I was 10 or 12, I thought I would try to become that one artist." She saw the Dixie Chicks and wanted to do what they were doing: songwriting, performing and playing instruments.

"Songwriting is what I love," James said. In the early '90s, while still in high school, she wrote and performed several songs. Her parents were in the band Dixie Chicks and played around the region for about a dozen years, she said. "I started singing with them when I was 10 or 12, performing with four voices. My favorite."

In high school, she got "banned" with the antics that landed her in detention and got serious about music. Eventually she landed a recording gig as a backup singer and musician for Golden Legend Nashville Club, where she performed at gigs, festivals and clubs around the region. "I learned so much from her," he said about her mentorship and having a "real



**WHAT TO KNOW**

**What:** Erin James  
**Where:** Chapman Billings Sports Club, 15200 Briarhaven Blvd., Franklin  
**When:** 9:30 p.m., Saturday  
**Tickets:** \$5 cover  
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**and getting better."** James said. He didn't play with the former Dixie Chicks because there are no rehearsals in Nashville, she said.

In Nashville, James was asked to be part of the stage for Cheating Cheater (later called *Heart*) in 2008 and was first touring. They opened for Dixie's & Clay before a crowd of 15,000 people. "It was the most amazing experience. Playing in front of a lot of people is easier than it sounds," she said.

After her years with the Dixie Chicks, James led to perform for solo career and has been invited to perform at the "Tennessee's Best" and "Country Music Awards."

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