

Jess Paternoster Singer/Songwriter

Jess Paternoster, 24 years old from Mahopac, NY went to school for graphic design and photography at Western Connecticut State University, but recently decided to take a career shift into following her dreams to become a very successful singer/songwriter. She's been singing since she was a little kid and did chorus, musicals, acapella, karaoke and open mics. Paternoster loves to sing and finds singing very therapeutic as a great way to express herself. She's in a metal band called SplatterHead and they're just starting out! Their music is on all music streaming platforms. Paternoster recently took a songwriter class and performed at the Ridgefield Playhouse with her original ballad song "The Shadows Within Me." In addition, her first original song "Convivial" will be released on January 6th on all music streaming platforms! Lately she's been writing songs, teaching herself piano/guitar, getting voice lessons, practicing with the band, and trying to get gigs around the area. Paternoster's short-term goals is to continue learning, improving, gaining experience, and putting herself out there in the music world. Her long-term goals is to hopefully become a very well known musician performing at big venues one day, such as Madison Square Garden, Sofi Stadium, TD Garden, and many more music venues all over the world. Paternoster is a very passionate, driven, ambitious, motivating, inspiring and hard working person that she doesn't give up.

"I had the pleasure of being Jess' co-instructor in the most recent singer-songwriter workshop at the Ridgefield Playhouse, "From The Notebook to the Stage: Finding Your Inner Singer-Songwriter." Jess came to us with a background in design and photography, but also very passionate about developing her creative skills in music. Her progress in just six weeks was remarkable. She dug deep into her personal journey to compose a moving, confessional pop/rock ballad called "The Shadows Within Me." And then, at the finale showcase on the Playhouse stage, she confidently delivered a powerhouse vocal performance for the live and online audience. I would say that Jess has truly found her inner singer-songwriter, and has a very bright future ahead of her as a composer/singer-songwriter and performer." - AJ Gundell

"Within the past year I met Jess Paternoster at a composer's class we both attended. I was very impressed with her enthusiasm, her honesty in support of other composers in the class, her own composition and especially her voice. She is young with lots of talent. She is working with her voice teacher to define her capabilities. She is also a great listener and is willing to do what is necessary to make her song or performance the very best. Looking forward to following her career." - Jim Moriarty

I first met Jessica in my Ridgefield Playhouse songwriting class I was teaching and I was blown away by not only her voice, her drive, conviction, confidence and her songwriting skills. Her voice is a contender but it's not just a voice that makes a star. It's the whole package. I believe with guidance Jess can be a force to be reckoned with. Her voice is as strong as Lady Gaga and Adele and her personality is so amazing as well. She shines. If she continues down this path of being driven with persistence and working hard on her chops and writing she will be one to watch for. I'm also proud to be able to say I am her voice coach now! So happy she chose me to guide her on her musical journey. - Samantha Cole

"What I really like about Jess Paternoster's music is that it's like a journey that never ends and always keeps going. She is very relatable as a songwriter to always strive in the face of adversity. I have been fortunate enough to have supported Jess and seen her grow into a singer/songwriter every step of the way and will continue to do so as she further establishes herself in music. She has a very pretty and pure voice that is sure to catch your ear. I am truly proud of her and the progress she has shown throughout the years and I have no doubt that she will continue to grow." - Daniel Madeson

Jess has a powerful, strong and very moving voice. She feels and grasps the tone and mood of each song, and it blends very well together. From re singing songs from popular artists (of any music genre) to creating her very own lyrics to her own songs, Jess has some crazy talent with singing as well. Her songs are very moving and realistic, as she sings about real life struggles, and the power to overcome it all. Be sure to give them a listen, as she is on Spotify. To top off her creating her own songs, Jess is also a part of the band Splatterhead. Being the lead singer, she also is in the spotlight here too! You can give her band a listen on Spotify, and can learn more about Jess, and her band on all social media. Definitely worth a look if you want to see some talent! Jess also has some amazing web and advertising design. Be sure to take a look at her upcoming song "Convivial", which will be available for pre order on December 30th! - Kristiana Iaconis



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