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Calgary Cree Métis artist's new single captures hearts of country indie-folk fans

Rising country indie-folk artist Jaiden Riley released her new single, *“If You Please,”* on SoundCloud today.

EDMONTON, Alta., Feb. 14, 2024 — For Calgary-based artist Jaiden Riley, authenticity is key. With *“If You Please,”* Riley channels emotions from a past relationship, offering listeners a glimpse into the longing that followed its end.

The song tells the story of young lovers trying to understand their romantic feelings during their high school years. Riley writes with nostalgia about her relationship with a female partner. *“It’s a summer song about young, naive love,”* Riley said. The song’s inspiration is bittersweet, reflecting the difficulty of keeping the relationship a secret out of fear of rejection for being her authentic self in a world that is not always accepting of unconventional relationships.

“If You Please” speaks to my roots in traditional country while incorporating the heartfelt storytelling of contemporary folk,” Riley said. *“It reflects one of the most vulnerable times in my life.”*

Raised in a single-parent household, Riley credits her mother as her biggest supporter. Her encouragement began when Riley first performed in an elementary school play at age six and has remained unwavering. *“My mother can’t sing, so I’m fairly certain I inherited my voice from my father, though he was never present. It was my mother’s consistent care and support that pushed me forward in my music,”* Riley said.

To celebrate the release and connect with her local community, Riley will perform live at the Roadside Pub in Calgary on **Friday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m.** The performance will showcase her raw talent and heartfelt storytelling.

A full list of upcoming live dates is available at

<https://jaidenofficial.com/live/>

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About Jaiden Riley

Jaiden Riley is a Cree Métis singer-songwriter and proud Calgarian. She blends indie-folk with classic country and bluegrass, weaving stories of love, loss, triumph and passion throughout her music. Career highlights include a month-long residency at Ranchman’s in Calgary in June 2023 and being featured in a promotional video for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Calgary, an organization that had a significant impact on her early life.

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