



LORNA BRACEWELL

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BRACEWELL TO TOUR EUROPE AS SHE BUILDS SUCCESSFUL MUSICAL CAREER

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When Lorna Bracewell visited St. Augustine a few years ago, she received what she says is the best compliment of her life at the Mill Top Tavern. The man singing that afternoon at the bar invited Bracewell, a singer since age 15, to join him on stage and told her she had the "voice of an angel that swallowed Bob Seger."

Bracewell graduated from Flagler last year and is an independent singer and songwriter in St. Petersburg, FL. Critics have said that her lyrics and vocals "speak wisdom beyond her years."

"Actually, and this is going to sound weird, but I write (my songs) in bathrooms," Bracewell said with a laugh. "I'm sure a lot of musicians do this. The acoustics are great. And when I have to spend so much time in hotels, it's either there or on the bed."

Bracewell's latest album, "God Forbid," was released in 2005. Some songs have political undertones, which could be linked to her political science major from Flagler.

"People always ask me why I went to college (But) if I hadn't gone to college, I would have nothing to write about. It totally expanded my worldview."

Her European tour has also helped expand that view. For the second consecutive year, this summer Lorna will be touring France and the Czech Republic. A few years ago while playing in St. Augustine, a man told her he wanted to book her some European venues. She didn't believe him at first, but everything fell into place.

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