

# From Nashville to Baker City: Meet Laney Jones

**Kathryn Claire and Margot Merah open concert July 2**

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BAKER CITY — Laney Jones grew up in theater, but these days she sings her own songs instead of reciting from scripts.

"I've loved music since a young age," said Jones, who grew up in Florida and now lives in Nashville, Tennessee.

She especially liked musicals, and started singing at age 10.

"I wanted to learn how to sing well," she said.

Her influences from those musical days — George Gershwin, and Rodgers and Hammerstein — helped when she began more musical pursuits in college.

"Having the background of solid melodies and lyrics helped form what I do now," she said.

And what she does now is sing — she's coming to Baker City on Saturday, July 2, for a concert at Churchill School, 3451 Broadway St.

Doors open at 6 p.m., and the show starts at 6:30 p.m. with special guests Kathryn Claire and Margot Merah. Jones will be joined by Brian Dowd on drums and James Bandini on bass.



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Laney Jones and the Spirits, on tour from Nashville, Tennessee, play at Churchill School in Baker City on Saturday, July 2. Kathryn Claire and Margot Merah will open the concert at 6:30 p.m.



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