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Rebekah Northern is seventeen years old and currently a senior at Bloomfield High School. She has lived in Bloomfield her whole life and has always attended Bloomfield schools.

After graduation, Rebekah plans to move to Nashville, Tennessee, to further pursue her music career as well as study music business.

Rebekah recalls that she has been singing ever since she started to talk. "My mom used to be a music teacher and she has always been an inspiration to me," said Rebekah.

Rebekah Northern first learned how to play guitar when she was twelve years old. It was then that she first started writing songs as well. She has performed at many different venues and events from the Southeast Missouri area to Nashville.

In 2010, Rebekah was accepted into a program known as "NOISE!" She was one of the thirty-two selected in the country to attend the camp in Nashville, Tennessee. The MUZAK and The Heart and Soul Foundation paid all expenses of the camp. "It completely immersed me in the music business and opened my eyes to how everything works. That camp was a game-changer for me."

In the fall of 2011, Rebekah became acquainted with The Walker Bros. from Bernie, Missouri. Rebekah jokes that the wonders of the Internet led her to the Walker Bros. (she first heard of them via Facebook.) Rebekah's list of original songs was starting to

get very heavy and she wanted to get some of them recorded.

She recalls that her and The Walker Jimages/Jessica's Pics/Rebekah Northern 2.jpg Bros. instantly clicked. "They are so talented and great role models for me. They are like my brothers and I'm their little Walker sister!"

Rebekah had only dreamed of recording her songs until she started meeting up with The Walker Bros. and instantly began to record. Rebekah's six-track self-titled EP was released last February. "I've had such an amazing response from my fans. I could not ask for any better friends than my fans."

Recording that CD has helped Rebekah Northern open doors and reach out to more fans. This past year she has been in and out of Nashville a lot playing songwriters rounds and making friends in the music business.

Last summer at the National Beta Convention, Rebekah was in the special talent competition with a trio called "The Band Bloom" and took home first place. "That was a big deal for Bloomfield High School and myself because no one had ever won that before."

Recently, The Walker Bros. and Rebekah got together and decided it was time to test the music video waters. "I'm always writing new songs and I played one of my favorites for them, and we instantly decided to record it and make a music video to go with it."

The song recently recorded is called "What You Wanted," which is getting a lot of positive feedback from fans along with the music video.

The day after "What You Wanted" went live on YouTube, Clear 94.5 started playing it on the radio. "I had no idea that it was going to happen and I heard it one morning while getting ready for school. I kind of freaked out," recalls Rebekah.

Since then, "What You Wanted" has been released on iTunes and other digital music sources. The song has been getting a lot of radio play from fans calling in and requesting it every day.

Rebekah closes by saying, "I am truly blessed. I know that making it in the music business is tough, but I also know that this dream is possible. I have the determination, the best friends and fans, family, and God to always back me up."

If you haven't heard Rebekah Northern's "What You Wanted," you should take a few minutes to listen and watch her video. It is amazing to see the amount of success that Rebekah has already accomplished at such a young age. We wish her the best of luck in all her future endeavors!



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