



Mother & Daughter Country Rockers!

Over the years Marna Bales' professional music career had evolved from joining the school and church choirs in order to make new friends, to singing radio and TV jingles and fronting cover bands. Aspiring singer/songwriter Marna then put her dreams of furthering her music career on hold to raise her daughter Macy Kaczmarek.

Macy excelled at music as a child. She attended high school at Richmond Virginia's Specialty Center for Music and then completed her Bachelor of Arts at the prestigious Shenandoah Music Conservatory in Winchester, Virginia. While Macy was in college, Marna and her husband Jody Boyd started performing at local clubs and events, and writing and recording their debut album, *All Grown Up*. "My friends would come home with me and we would stop by a club to see the band. They would say 'Your mom rocks!'" says Macy.

When Marna and Jody were more than half way through production of their second full-length CD, *Boys Will Be Boys*, Marna invited Macy to sing backup in the studio. The moment the mother's and daughter's voices blended, both Marna and Jody knew they had something special. The epiphany came later for Macy. One night after some strategic prodding and a dare from her friends, Macy took the stage with her mom and it was pure magic. Their graceful family harmonies and powerful on-stage energy helped convince Macy to join the band. And you don't have to be a country fan to like what they do. "So many people tell us they don't like country music but they find themselves really enjoying us – we love winning them over," says Marna with a smile.

Marna & Macy have become hometown favorites with the help of regional Virginia radio and press support. They were honored to perform for the Queen of England during her 2007 visit to Virginia. They have performed throughout Virginia for audiences as large as 48,000 people and have shared the stage with contemporaries such as Sara Evans, Kellie Pickler, Montgomery Gentry, Charlie Daniels and Trace Adkins. They self-produced two CDs, a Christmas EP, nationally aired their music video 'Wave' on GAC and were finalists in CMT's Music City Madness Video contest for their single and video called "Queen of the Neighborhood."

The mother and daughter duo of Marna & Macy are currently writing and producing some new songs and have found themselves on a musical threshold. Nashville music heavyweights have confirmed interest in their country-rock sound. Says Marna, "Right now we are weighing all the options. It's nice to finally have them—and amazing to be able to share them with my daughter."

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