

Gwen Sebastian

Country singer and songwriter, Gwen Sebastian comes to MontanaFair, August 8th-15th, 2009.

Gwen Sebastian is a living contradiction and example of the expression: You can't judge a book by its cover. On stage, the spunky blonde has been known to engage in antics like somersaulting across the stage. Behind the scenes, Gwen exudes the humility and charm of a girl raised with small town values.

She hails from a tiny, rural area in North Dakota (population 734), but has a large extended family (Gwen is one of 117 grandchildren!). A country girl at heart, who loves to round up cattle on the range, yet feels just as comfortable in big cities and thrives on the energy and excitement of places like New York and Las Vegas.

After high school, Gwen enrolled in nursing school. During her first semester, Gwen attended a music conference in Nashville with her mom and made a life changing decision. With the encouragement from several representatives at the conference, Gwen decided to quit nursing school, move to Nashville, and pursue a career in music. Her first performance in Music City was at the famous Bluebird Cafe, and Gwen immediately knew that she had made the right choice. Since her move to Nashville, Gwen has grown and developed as a writer and artist. She has had the opportunity to co-write with hit songwriters, and has played the Nashville songwriter circuit. As a headlining performer, she became one of the house bands at the world renowned Wildhorse Saloon.

With her band, Breakaway, she has played fairs, festivals, casinos and clubs all over the country and opened for acts such as Sugarland, Taylor Swift, Phil Vassar, and Emerson Drive. Her latest CD, Push Play, was released in June 2009. True to form, Gwen's new music will elicit a wide range of emotions from its listeners. The album has a little taste of everything: rock/pop sounds, energetic summertime songs, contemporary country, and thought provoking ballads that may bring a tear to your eye. "I wrote or co-wrote nine of the thirteen songs on Push Play. I think that this CD represents who I am as an artist and a human being," confesses Gwen. "The CD is a roller coaster ride, but that's my life!"

You can see Gwen Sebastian and her band Breakaway for free with your MontanaFair Gate Admission which is \$8 for adults and \$5 for kids (3-12) and adults over 65. Gwen will perform 3 times daily at 4:15PM, 6:30 PM, and 8:45PM at the Chiesa Plaza Stage. More info at www.montanafair.com and www.gwensebastian.com.

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