

## **About Kellie Pickler**

There are many ways to describe Kellie Pickler, with spunky, beautiful, talented and charismatic just scratching the surface. But there is one word that ties them all together and brings them to life. Kellie Pickler is *real*. Few people speak or sing so transparently from their hearts. Few can bridge life and art, story and song, so vibrantly and compellingly. "My life is a country song," she has said on occasion, and no one who knows her or has watched her career evolve would argue in the least.

Pickler grew up immersed in country music in the small town of Albemarle, North Carolina with the words of Tammy Wynette, Patsy Cline, Loretta Lynn, and Dolly Parton shaping her musical footing. At the age of 19, she gained fame and won television viewers' hearts as a contestant on the fifth season of "American Idol."

In 2006, she signed with 19 Recordings/BNA Records and released her debut album, *Small Town Girl*, which has sold more than 900,000 copies worldwide and produced three hit singles: "Red High Heels," "I Wonder," and "Things That Never Cross a Man's Mind." She followed that in 2008 with her self-titled sophomore record, featuring the hit songs "Don't You Know You're Beautiful," "Best Days of Your Life" (co-written with Taylor Swift and her first Top 10), and "Didn't You Know How Much I Loved You." Having established herself as not only a powerful vocalist but also a songwriter, Pickler released her third studio album, *100 Proof*, in 2011 to huge critical acclaim. The album was named the No. 1 Country Album of The Year by *Rolling Stone* and was listed on "Best of 2012" lists by *Washington Post*, Rhapsody, AOL's The Boot and more.

In spring of 2013, Pickler partnered with dance coach Derek Hough on "Dancing with the Stars." Judge Bruno Tonioli cited "her honesty and sincerity as a performer, and as a person, her naturalness and unaffected charm which shines through." Those qualities, along with her grace and athleticism, helped her and Hough to win the Mirror Ball Trophy amid widespread support from peers and fans alike.

Later that year, Pickler released her fourth album, *The Woman I Am*, on her new label home, Black River Entertainment. She co-wrote three songs on the critically acclaimed album, including the title cut. *Newsday* said “with *The Woman I Am*, Pickler shows how the next phase of her career may be bigger than she ever dreamed,” while the *New York Times* said, “...she’s matured into herself, releasing a string of strong albums, of which *The Woman I Am* is the latest.”

In 2014, Pickler provided her voice for the lead character, a sweet potato named Mirabelle, in the Veggie Tales animated movie “*Beauty and the Beat*.” She also performed eight songs in the movie that were included on the official soundtrack album.

Pickler launched her home goods line “Selma Drye by Kellie Pickler” in cooperation with the Opry Stores ([shop.opry.com](http://shop.opry.com)) in early 2015. In addition, she and her husband, songwriter/producer Kyle Jacobs, are currently filming the upcoming CMT reality show “I Love Kellie Pickler” with Ryan Seacrest Productions, which will air later this year.

An avid supporter of the U.S. military men and women and their families, Pickler has completed eight USO tours, most recently in Dec. 2014. During the 2015 CMA Music Festival, she was presented with the Operation Troop Aid Chris Kyle Patriot Award for the acknowledgement of her unwavering and impassioned support and contributions to the United States Armed Forces and their families.

She has been a spokesperson for the American Lung Association’s LUNGFORCE initiative, putting a spotlight on the fact that lung cancer is the No. 1 cancer killer of women. Pickler’s beloved grandmother passed away from the deadly disease when she was a teenager. Partnering with Athena Water® as an Athena Warrior, she has also been a strong advocate for empowering and encouraging women to join in the fight against breast cancer. She was inspired to do this by her best friend Summer Miller, a breast cancer survivor.

Pickler recently released the new single “Feeling Tonight” to SiriusXM Satellite Radio. “Leave it to...[Pickler] to deliver contemporary country anthems as big as Dolly’s bouffant. And she doesn’t disappoint...a saucy, turn-it-up-and-roll-the-windows-down ripper,” said *Entertainment Weekly*.

In-between touring and all her projects, she is working on additional music for the next album with Jacobs and Matt McClure as producers and she can't wait to share it with her fans.

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