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Press Release

SINGER/SONGWRITER VALERIE NICOLE TO LEND VOICE AT SCRANTON VIGIL



April 3, 2009 - National: Valerie Nicole grew up in rural Birdsboro, PA, but always had her sights set on bigger and better things; she began singing in choirs at age 6, playing piano at age 7, and playing flute at age 8. Her passion for music led to her decision to study music in college; she completed her Bachelor's of Music in Music Education from Elizabethtown College in 2005.

Valerie Nicole writes and sings her own original pop/rock material and plays acoustic guitar and keyboard. She has been touring eastern PA and NJ since January 2008, including special showcases at Musikfest, Millennium Music Conference, and SS Cape May. After competing at the 2007 American Model and Talent Competition in Orlando, FL, she was awarded 3rd place in the singer/songwriter category.

In 2008, she teamed up with some very talented musicians to form the Valerie Nicole Band. Her new album "From the Heart" was released on January 9th, 2009, which has opened up several opportunities; she was recently nominated in the Best Female Vocalist category for the 717 Music Awards which will be held in Harrisburg, PA this June. Future projects in 2009 include a music video for "Misunderstood", recording her 3rd album, and TV/film licensing opportunities. "We're honored to have Valerie lend her voice at this year's National Vigil For Hope and we're excited to host her at our Scranton Vigil Site," said **Jessica Shipton**, Scranton Vigil Site Host Coordinator.

The National Vigil For Hope 2009 is a national coalition of businesses, organizations, and individuals lending a helping hand to those children and adults that are missing in the United States. The National Vigil For Hope event will take place **Sunday, May 17, 2009** (7pm ET / 4pm PT). Many vigils will be held across the country and those not being able to make it to an event in their communities on **Sunday, May 17, 2009** are encouraged to visit www.nationalvigilforhope.org and explore the many links of those missing.

For more information on hosting a vigil site or to become a community partner, please go to www.nationalvigilforhope.org. ***If you are reading this press release and recognize any of these people below, please contact your local law enforcement agency or the Federal Bureau of Investigation.***



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