

Jaelee Roberts

Biography

Standing in the penumbra between tradition and innovation, Jaelee Roberts embraces the magic of the space between. Like so much of country music, hers is an exercise in contradictions—inviting its listeners to both plumb the depths of their sorrows while simultaneously reveling in the joy of the sound. Neither treacly sweet nor rough around the edges, her voice blends dynamic technical power with heartrending expression, all while carrying a depth that is uniquely hers and hers alone. Her songwriting and composition breathe fresh life into the well-worn instrumentation and rhythms of bluegrass, providing a 21st century perspective on timeless tales of heartbreak, betrayal, love, and faith. It is this push-and-pull that gives Jaelee Roberts her unique magnetism—seamlessly bringing warring factions together in her music to form a sound that is as entrancing as it is beautiful.

Jaelee Roberts is an internationally recognized vocal performer, multi-instrumentalist, recording artist, and songwriter. She has performed with Ashley McBryde and alongside Ricky Skaggs on the Grand Ole Opry with bluegrass supergroup, Sister Sadie, as well as recording with Vince Gill. She has played such historic and hallowed halls as the Station Inn, The Bluebird Cafe, and the Freight & Salvage Coffeehouse. In 2021, she was awarded Vocalist of the Year at the International Bluegrass Music Association Momentum Awards, a presentation dedicated specifically to recognizing and rewarding the talents of emerging artists and up-and-coming industry professionals. By 2022, she had released her debut full-length album *Something You Didn't Count On* for Mountain Home Records—earning her a nomination for IBMA New Artist of the Year. She was awarded Female Vocalist of the Year at the 2023 Society for the Preservation of Bluegrass Music in America (SPBGMA) awards show, and *Something You Didn't Count On* took home the title of Album of the Year. Most recently, she received a nomination for the 2023 IBMA Awards for Female Vocalist of the Year. She has also been recognized as a member of bluegrass' preeminent all-female band, Sister Sadie, with a 2021 win for IBMA Vocal Group of the Year and 2023 IBMA nominations for Vocal Group of the Year and Song of the Year (“Diane”).

Jaelee will make her Opry debut as a solo artist on September 19, 2023.

