



## Shantell Ogden Releases Debut CD: *Water Through Stone*

Nashville, TN (August 12, 2008) – Up-and-coming performing songwriter Shantell Ogden will release her debut CD, *Water Through Stone*, on October 13, 2008.

A Utah native, Shantell combines thoughtful lyrics and tightly-woven melodies in *Water Through Stone*. Produced in an inviting coffeehouse style, the songs are a blend of country, folk and alternative music. Shantell's pure alto voice complements lyrics that reflect genuine experience.

The mid-tempo title track, "Water Through Stone," is a summary of life's journey "I was raised with a history / of blue collars deep roots / I've got years in the attic / that I never outgrew." The gentle ballad "Stay" describes a powerful memory, "I found your old sweater, the one you left here last December / when the rain came and soaked us through / It's like finding old love, it doesn't fit but it's soft to touch / it smells like rain, dripping with you."

"Leaving You" captures a story of starting over in 60 words while "We Come Here" is an authentic view of both the faith and hypocrisy within a group of churchgoers. Shantell wrote six of the album's seven songs, the only exception being "Where You Are" written by Derek Shampine.

"When I was performing about ten years ago, there was a woman who approached me and said she felt like my songs were a page out of her own diary," she explains. "That personal connection means a lot to me as a songwriter. It's a humbling experience to realize people are traveling with you to places in their own life when you perform."

The album features the work of some of Nashville's finest session musicians (Danny Parks, Tommy Wells and John Vogt). It was produced by Jay Vern and recorded, mixed and mastered in his studio, Jay's Place, on Music Row in Nashville.

"It was incredible to work with such talented musicians," Shantell offers. "Great musicians find a way to reach beyond notes on a page to capture emotions with their instruments; it was amazing to hear my songs come to life through them."

The album and digital downloads can be purchased at [ShantellsMusic.net](http://ShantellsMusic.net) beginning on October 13<sup>th</sup>. A multi-city tour is being planned for later this fall.

"I'm excited to see what the future holds," she adds. "It's been a long journey to get to this point – but it still feels like it's just the beginning!"

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