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A New Monday

WITH POP-PUNK ROOTS IN THE SUNSHINE STATE, CASSADEE POPE FIRE A NEW VIBE WITH A NASHVILLE SOUN

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She's already had an epic pop-punk band Hey Monday after attending and touring in Japan,

Fall Out Boy. She landed on season three of *The* Voice, and ended up with country megastar Blake Shelton as her mentor. Soon after winning, she released an album, with two singles hitting No. 1 on the Billboard country charts.

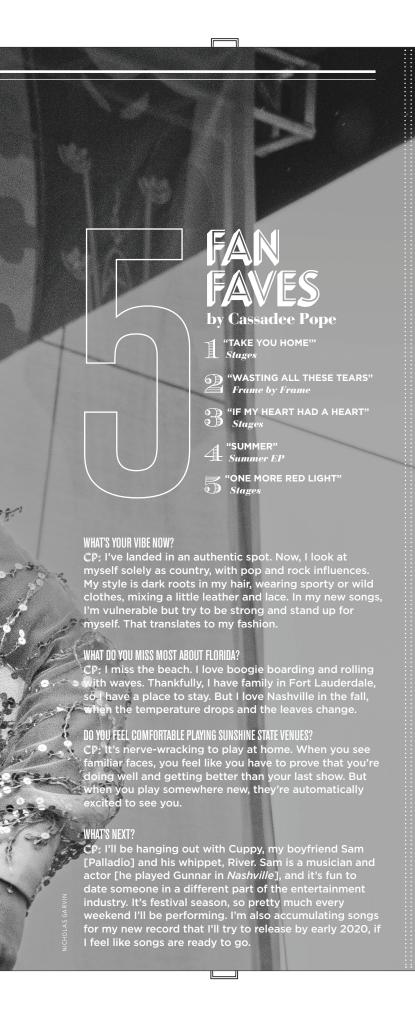
Almost six years later, with a second album and a move to Nashville behind her, we caught up with this busy crooner right before she left on a multistop USO tour.

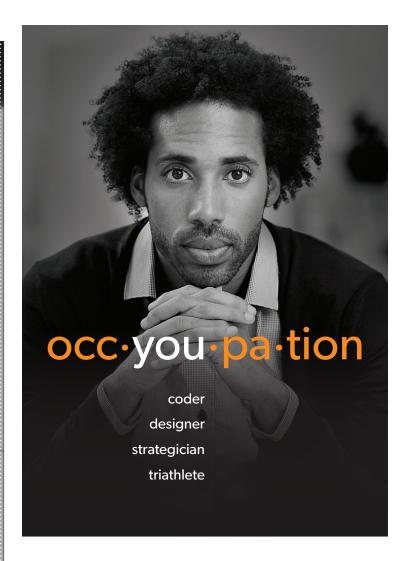
DOES BLAKE SHELTON DOG-SIT YOUR FRENCH BULLDOG, CUPPY?

CP: I keep in touch with him a little bit, but we don't hang out. He let me do this album release at his Nashville bar, Ole Red, in January. I have his cell

HAS YOUR HOME STATE INFLUENCED YOU?

CP: Florida is such a melting pot. Growing up and moving around the state—living in Boca, Wellington, West Palm and Royal Palm—I was meeting people of different cultures, races and ways of life. That was so influential. I grew up with different hobbies and tast in music and fashion. It took me a while to har I wanted to be because of that.





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