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Fallston singer-songwriter raising funds to make first music video

Former Cryin' Out Loud lead Piper Bateman pens song about breaking up and moving on

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Like many 18-year-olds, Piper Bateman, of Fallston recently graduated from high school and is preparing to enter college in the fall, but before she starts classes, Bateman plans to shoot a music video.

Working with Baltimore-based filmmaker Jane Hollon, Bateman is finalizing the selection of shooting locations, costumes and other details for the shooting of the video of her original song, "Finally a Refugee."



Piper Bateman, of Fallston, is preparing to shoot a music video... (Photo courtesy of The Fallston...)

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Bateman and Hollon set out to raise the \$2,000 needed for production of the video through an online pledge campaign. As of early this week, she was closing in on her goal.

According to The Fallston Group Inc., which is handling publicity for the singer-songwriter, 23 people had already supported Bateman through the website <http://www.kickstarter.com> pledging more than \$1,600. The funding period closed Wednesday and Bateman beat her goal with \$2,065.

Bateman, who has been making music since the age of 6, describes "Finally a Refugee" as a little bit country and a little bit rock 'n roll. "The song is about self empowerment and overcoming pain, something that everyone can relate to," she wrote on kickstarter, where she can be seen performing the song at <http://www.kickstarter.com/projects/432260125/music-video-for-finally-a-refugee-by-piper-bateman>.

"My ultimate goal is to work in the music industry," says Bateman, who graduated from Fallston High School in May and plans to attend St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia.

"I'll be studying music and communications in college," she continued. " Hopefully this music video is more than just a line on my resume; I want it to help me lay the foundation of success in my career."

Bateman says "Finally A Refugee" tells the story of her growth as an individual following the end of a long-term relationship.

"It's not the typical 'I miss you' song about a break-up," she said. "Instead, it tells what I learned about myself, and about being independent, strong and confident as a young person."

As Bateman performs the song, the video will take the viewer on a journey through her reflections on the relationship and its ultimate end. The scenes will depict her initial feeling of entrapment and loneliness and her evolution to be a stronger individual while regaining her confidence and independence.

During high school, Bateman was the lead singer for the Harford-based cover band Cryin' Out Loud. When her bandmates went off to college, Bateman launched a solo career, performing at locations such as DeSantis' restaurant in Perry Hall and MaGerk's Pub in Bel Air.



Director Hollon studied film production at the University of Southern California before returning to her native Maryland. She has directed several documentaries and short films and has been working in the film production industry for the past two years. The making of "Finally A Refugee" will be her first music video serving as director.

"I am thrilled to be working with Piper to bring her song to life," Hollon said. "I really believe in Piper and her music; she is such a talented performer and is inspiring me to create this music video. This is a project that is truly what art and getting started is all about."

The pair will be filming at four locations throughout the greater Baltimore area.

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