



A Star is Born

15-year-old singer/songwriter Brooke Michelle Bickham '21, hit the red carpet at Hard Rock Cafe recently for the 2018 Indie Music Channel Awards in Hollywood. Among some of the biggest independent singers and bands from around the world, Brooke was named Best Pop Teen Artist for her hit song, "Beautiful". This poignant ballad has been widely praised for addressing the important topic plaguing teens nowadays, bullying.

"I wrote 'Beautiful' last summer because of all of the kids who deal with self esteem issues and thinking they aren't 'good enough,'" says Brooke. "Society is too quick to judge and generalize others and it's time for it to stop. I just feel it's time we come together and take a stand against bullying and violence and learn to love ourselves on the inside regardless as to what comes at us from the outside."

Besides being an award winning singer/songwriter, Brooke is also an actress and dancer who has performed at a number of local events, including the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk at Discovery Green and intimate concerts at Warehouse Live.

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