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## MEET SARAH JAMES!

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# GOING FOR IT!

The journey of a gypsy rocker in Troon Fairways

BY MAXINE ROSENBERG

**S**he wears a silver amulet around her neck called a “Tree of Life Intention Stick; inside the charm is a tiny scroll containing inspirational words of love and joy and the names of people she holds near and dear to her heart. Her name is Sarah James and she’s been passionate about music for as long as she can remember. An accomplished singer/songwriter who leans towards classic rock, she appreciates all kinds of music from Pop, Blues, Classics and what she called, “Americana”. She also performs with her four-piece electric band called, naturally, the Sarah James Band.

Songwriter, singer and guitarist, Steve Earle is one



of Sarah’s inspirations and heroes. According to Wikipedia, Earle got his recording career off to a jump start in 1986 and is well-known for music that spans multiple genre including country, bluegrass, blues, rock and folk. Sarah met Earle in 2018 in Chatutaqua, NY, where he had performed. Others who have had an artistic influence on Sarah include Wilson Pickett, Bob Dylan, Bonnie Rait, Emmylou Harris, Shawn Colvin, Brandi Carlile, and Phil Keaggy, a renowned guitarist. “According to legend,” said Sarah, “Jimi Hendrix once stated Keaggy ‘could have conquered the world with his guitar’”.

## GOING FOR IT

Sarah said, “Success means being true to yourself-knowing who you are and going after it. There’s a lot of talented competition out there and I have to “knock” on a lot of doors, be willing to make sacrifices and, as Winston

Churchill once said, ‘just keep going’. Originally from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and relocating to Troon in 2013, Sarah feels fortunate to be living here. “I feel Arizona offers people great opportunities to explore their potential, as it has for me. I am passionate about my music. It is the way I connect with others and artistically express myself. Sometimes people say, ‘you’re so lucky’, but I can tell you that “lucky” takes a lot of effort, dedication and hard work-it just doesn’t happen! exclaimed Sarah. Sarah’s studio is fittingly called the “Lucky Now Studios,” and is the title of her latest cover collection, as inspired by a song of the same title by Ryan Adams.

## GETTING IT DONE

“We’re like gypsies”, said Sarah whose path has taken her touring in New York State, Pennsylvania and Ohio to perform at intimate venues where independent music artists



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are featured. This past Christmas, two of her holiday songs were released on Spotify, “Christmas is Going to the Dogs” and her version of “Have Yourself a Very Merry Christmas”.

One of her exciting and newest ventures is a soon to be released single titled, “Take It Or Leave It”. Plans are underway to feature a Nashville session drummer and other musicians that have influenced Sarah’s journey.

Even when she’s not off performing, recording or on tour, Sarah can often be found at home in her 200-square foot, fully equipped recording and video studio. Hanging along one full-length wall of the studio is an impressive collection of acoustic and electric guitars. One of her favorites is a Martin M-21 Steve Earle Signature Model guitar signed personally for her by none other than....Steve Earle. Looking back at her musical journey and passion for music, Sarah said, “I couldn’t have done it any better if I tried. It’s never too late to start pursuing your passion, whatever it might be. If I had one wish, it would be for people to discover and embrace who they are and share their gifts. I have committed my life to doing just that.”

Sarah resides in the Troon Fairways community. Her music can be found on Apple Music, Amazon and Spotify (The Sarah James Project). Her show schedule is online at [sarahjamesmusic.com](http://sarahjamesmusic.com), as well as on Facebook and Instagram.

She will be performing at the Pony Express Cafe (on the western corner of Alma School and Dynamite Roads) on April 30 th. from 5:00pm – 7:00pm for the benefit of the Stroll magazine Troon Village community. Look for an announcement in Stroll magazine.

