

Country Singer Tesa Ruiz Working with Producer Ted Perlman

Grammy award-winning producer Ted Perlman currently producing new country singer's debut album

April 10, 2010 - [PRLog](#) -- Tesa stared intensely into her glass, barely noticing the ice cubes that just minutes earlier were peacefully floating in a sea of golden brown, heavily-sweetened sun tea now quickly surrendering to the typical Louisiana hot summer day.

Sitting on the front porch, balancing her elbow on the arm of her grandmother's old whicker rocking chair, she began running her finger along the withered strands of woven wood that once boasted a shiny coat of white paint, thinking back to a time when the now torn and faded seat cushions were a brightly striped magenta and yellow cotton fabric and summer days seem to go on and on forever.

She remembered those days as well as the snow cones she shared every summer with her brother and two sisters. Her mother in the kitchen whipping up her father's favorite dessert, a triple-layer chocolate cake topped with a generous amount of chocolate icing, and watching his face light up in delight as she later appears at the screen door and gracefully hands him a plate displaying a thick slice of cake followed by a glass of cold milk, gives him a quick peck on the cheek and then disappears back into the house.

Those were the days she remembered her mother being her happiest.

Never then -- when lil' Tesa's biggest concern was choosing the outfit her Barbie would wear for the day -- could she have ever anticipated the future that lay before of her. Among the sweetened tradition of iced tea, there was a weather-beaten road she would have to follow; one similar to the journey the old rocking chair had endured.

Sipping the last of her iced tea and slowly standing to her feet to go and help with the customary Sunday afternoon lunch, a southern tradition she had always known, she then realizes it was that same Garth Brooks' melody coming from the radio sitting on her grandmother's kitchen window sill that triggered her spontaneous memory flashback.

Years after the tragic loss of her father and the chaos left behind by Hurricane Katrina -- which hit only 3 ½ hours away from their small town of Sulphur -- Tesa finds herself in a much better place.

Briefly reflecting on the past hardship, she silently thanks God for bringing her through the trials which inevitably strengthened her faith.

But today, she decides, is not a day to dwell on the painful past. No, today is a day of celebration. A Sunday afternoon barbeque filled with all the traditional Cajun comfort foods: crawfish, blackened salmon, rice and gravy and stuffed bell peppers followed by her grandmother's famous banana foster and pecan pie for dessert.

And besides, she tells herself comfortingly, if her father were still alive, and assuming he would still follow his predictable after dinner habit of kicking back in his favorite chair and opening the newspaper, on this particular day, within it he would read:

“When I was a little girl my dad would sit with me at the piano and teach me little songs to play and as I grew up, it became an outlet for me to pour all of my emotions into. That's what I love most about music: it has the ability to connect with someone's soul,” says Country pop singer and songwriter, Tesa Ruiz.

Ruiz, a southern girl at heart who's vocals were heavily influenced by a variety of top-selling artists, including The Beatles, Janis Joplin, Garth Brooks, The Judds, Enya and Guns 'N Roses, has tickled the ear of producer Ted Perlman, who's impressive resume constitutes reasonable evidence that he knows a star when he sees one – or hears one.

Ted Perlman is the Grammy award-winning producer who has produced, arranged, recorded and toured with an endless roster of major artists, including Whitney Houston, Elton John, Dolly Parton, Bob Dylan, Diana Ross, CeCe Winans, Natalie Cole and Frank Sinatra Jr., just to name a few.

He has been involved in Major Motion Pictures starring Adam Sandler, Diane Keaton, Nicole Kidman and Will Ferrell as well as many television shows such as the hit Fox Television Studios and Sony Pictures Television series The Shield, starring Emmy winner Michael Chiklis.

Perlman is also well known as one of the producers behind such mega brands as Mercedes Benz, Coca-Cola, Budweiser, McDonald's, Burger King and Carl's Jr. (a gourmet burger joint infamous for their provocative, controversial and often offensive campaign ads starring Paris Hilton, Hugh Hefner and Kim Kardashian).

His songs have been featured on Good Morning America, The Late Show, The Today Show, the MLB World Series and the NFL Superbowl.

Perlman is currently producing Ruiz's debut album, which has been mostly recorded in California's Ranch Studio along with singer, songwriter and actress, Pegg Blu, whose famous background vocals have lent themselves to the likes of Stevie Wonder, Luther Vandross, Barbra Streisand, Quincy Jones, Tracy Chapman, Kylie Minogue, Aaron Neville, and has appeared on ten platinum-selling albums.

Other contributors include Teri Wood, who is known for her work on the mega-blockbuster smash hit, Avatar, and professional violinist extraordinaire, Eliza James, who will be adding her flavor of country and rock to the album as well.

Ruiz's is eagerly awaiting the release of her first single, "Beautiful" as well as her debut album, which is slated to be released in 2010, and will likely consist of a mixture of country pop, rock and blues coupled by the nature of Ruiz's southern upbringing's sweet and spicy influence, a sound that will undeniably prove itself tantalizing to the eardrums.

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