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Texas-Born, Texas-Bred Artist Jackie Venson Releases New Music

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(VILLAGER) - Austin-based, award-winning, independent, R&B and pop guitarist **Jackie Venson** announces a new single, **Make Me Feel**, off her forthcoming studio album **Vintage Machine**. Venson's latest project is due out September 4, 2020.

Make Me Feel showcases Venson's range, both musically and vocally. There's a sexy, wailing guitar laced throughout while still featuring heavy electronics. At times, it's hard to make out if the neon squeals are coming from her six-string or her Novation MiniNova.

An accomplished guitarist and talented singer to boot, Venson collaborates with some of the best instrumentalists and artists, including Gary Clark, Jr., Aloe Blacc, Curtis Harding, Earth Wind and Fire, Billie Eilish and many more. Venson has distinguished herself while performing at prestigious festivals including **Austin City Limits, John Coltrane International Jazz & Blues Festival, SXSW and the Open-Air Blues Festival**. In 2019 Venson amassed over 700,000 Spotify streams



Jackie Venson performing for RSM, LLP in Austin, Texas. Photo by Naomi Richard.

and nearly 2 million YouTube views.

She released her album **Joy** and won Best Guitarist at the Austin Music Awards—making her the first African American woman to win the award in the show's 37-year history. Venson then went on a massive 4-month tour that took her all the way from Austria to Alaska and everywhere in between.

She had two tracks on *Starbucks' Coffeehouse Playlist*, she was named #10 out of 50 *Young Exciting Guitarists* on *Guitar.com* and

reached #13 on the *Bandsintown Austin Emerging Artists' Chart*. Her work, *Joy*, has received praise from noted publications such as *Forbes, Guitar World, Guitar Player, Guitar Girl Magazine, Austin Monthly, Texas Monthly, AfroPunk, Grammy.com, EARMILK, NPR Music, She Shreds Magazine, and Vintage Guitar Magazine*.

This year she heads out on an extensive US tour with dates soon to be announced, and we'll just say this: catch her if you can!



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