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Jewel, now country but still fresh after 15 years

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Boy, how 15 years goes by, especially when referring to singer and songwriter [Jewel](#), who still looks like the fresh face that produced the successful "Pieces of You" in 1995. She sounded like the same folksy pop star in her recent performance on "The Early Show," before setting off on her Star Light Cafe tour that hits the Vic on Friday. You can see Jewel live, then digitally live Monday on Velocity Broadcasting's First Spin worldwide launch of her new CD, "Sweet and Wild." (For more information, check Jewel's Web site at jeweljk.com/blog_news.) Jewel's storytelling brand of music helped her connect with her fans, and it is perfect for her crossover to country music with "Sweet and Wild," her second country album. Jewel seems very settled in her new genre and married life, with the new single, "Stay Here Forever," inspired by husband and rodeo champ Ty Murray. *8 p.m. Friday at Vic Theatre, 3145 N. Sheffield Ave.; \$49.50; 800-745-3000, ticketmaster.com*