

Celebrity Interview: 'American Idol' Contestant Tristan McIntosh Values Communication & Spontaneity in Relationships



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Nashville native Tristan McIntosh was sadly eliminated last night from the farewell season of *American Idol*, leaving only five contestants remaining. She is well-known for singing country music – she even sang Martina McBride’s “Independence Day” on this week’s episode – so it’s no surprise that her influencers are Carrie Underwood, Rascal Flatts, and Chris Stapleton. As fans saw, not only does she have beautiful vocals, but she also plays multiple instruments, including the piano, guitar, trumpet, and mandolin. In our [celebrity interview](#), McIntosh, who attends the Nashville School of the Arts, opens up about her *American Idol* journey, what she wants in a relationship (someday!), and more.

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Only 15-years-old, being on the 15th and final season of the popular reality TV show is surreal for the singer. “*American Idol* was basically a dream come true,” she says. “As I was performing, I got a letter from my old English teacher, and

when I was younger, I said that I was going to be on *American Idol*.”

Reflecting on the competition, she says that her favorite performance was of “Go Rest High on That Mountain” by Vince Gill, one of her personal idols. “I was really attached to it,” she explains. “The melody and the piano – it all just came together.”

Although very young, the singer is mature, humble, and genuine – all traits that will come in handy when she’s ready for a relationship. When it comes to a future partner, she says that “humor, a personality, and being human” are three important traits. Although the reality star’s not focused on dating right now, she shares of her dream date, “I like surprises and spontaneity!”

As for her best piece of relationship advice, it’s simple. “It’s always communication,” she reveals. “You need to be able to understand that person’s situation and be able to trust them.”

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During her time on *American Idol*, the performer gained more and more confidence as an artist. Her journey on the show just ended, but she already knows what she wants to do next: “As a musician, I really just want to make country music for people who really *feel* the music. I want it to be full of meaning and appropriate for young girls.”

So who does McIntosh think will win? “Honestly, everyone on that stage deserves it,” she gushes in our celebrity interview. “They’re just amazing people and amazing performers, and any of them would make a great, final winner.”

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