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WHO'S NEW

Cooper Boone



OUT NOW: *Cooper Boone*, on Green Rooster Records

HOMETOWN: Wells, Minn.

INFLUENCES: Eagles, Patsy Cline, Fleetwood Mac

ONLINE: cooperboone.com; myspace.com/cooperboonemusic

A TRIPLE THREAT—AND MORE

Cooper Boone has more cards up his sleeve than the usual triple threat. Not only does he sing, play guitar and write songs, but he co-owns a country store in New York, raises chickens on a farm in Pennsylvania, hosts an online music-themed cooking show called *Coop's Kitchen* and has had a big-city psychology practice for the past 10 years.

DADDY'S ORDERS

Growing up, Cooper and his siblings—including a brother and two sisters—were required not only to learn a musical instrument, but to be civically involved. Cooper continues that today, giving his time to the anti-leukemia charity DKMS, the world's largest bone marrow donor center. Cooper also wrote "One Song" as the organization's theme.

COUGAR DREAM

Cooper's song "Cougar Dream" came out of his years of working in psychology. "Cougar Dream" was inspired from a lot of older women I've met in my work who were feeling invisible, with all these hot young things out there," he explains. "I wanted to write an upbeat song that honors those hot mamas out there who aren't 22—but are still out there living lives and looking great."