

At 17, this singer has what it takes

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Singer/songwriter Maren Morris is a great big star -- the world just doesn't know it yet. The 17-year-old Arlington resident's second record, *All That It Takes*, hitting stores Oct. 23, is unnerving in its maturity and captivating in its range -- an exceptional showcase for an evocative-beyond-its-years voice. Jazz, pop, country and even a bit of gospel fervor filter through these 13 tracks, produced by Morris and her lead guitarist, Taylor Tatsch. It's one of the best local albums I've heard this year. Catch Morris, along with her four-piece band, opening for Mingo Fishtrap at McDavid Studio (301 E. Fifth St., Fort Worth) at 8 p.m. Friday. Morris and Mingo Fishtrap are performing as part of a new concert series sponsored by the Texas Music Project; Friday's gig will help raise money for the Bowie High School music department, where Maren studied. Tickets are \$25. Call 817-212-4280 for information. Morris will also perform at the Moon (2911 W. Berry St., Fort Worth) on Oct. 19.

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