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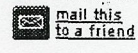


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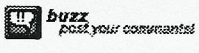
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British pop singer Dido Armstrong got an early start in music. At 5 years old she stole her first instrument, a recorder.

She entered music school at 6 and was playing piano and violin (and, yes, recorder) by age 10. As a teenager she toured Britain in a classical music ensemble. It was in her teenage years that she discovered Ella Fitzgerald, and a whole new

world of music opened for her.

Despite her brother Rollo's warnings that music was perhaps not the best career choice, Dido persevered. She sang in several bands around London and, ironically enough, sang on her brother's debut record with his electronic dance band Faithless. She toured with Faithless for several years, working on her own material and recording demos during breaks from the road. Arista signed Dido on the strength of those demos and released last year's "No Angel."

"No Angel" showcases the power and versatility of Dido's voice, from the soulful acoustic balladry and techno-pop hybrid of "Hunter" to the impassioned, string-backed love song, "Think of Me." Dido is looking to find her ray of light in the States.

—C. Auman

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