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## **WSRE to host “An Evening with Chloe Channell” August 9**

Pensacola, Fla. — WSRE, PBS for the Gulf Coast, will host “An Evening with Chloe Channell”— a free concert event — on Saturday, August 9 at the Jean & Paul Amos Performance Studio on the Pensacola State College campus.

Doors open at 6 p.m., and the show starts at 7 p.m.

Channell gained national acclaim as a singer from Season 8 of the “America’s Got Talent” televised talent show, in which she competed into the quarterfinals.

“An Evening with Chloe Channell” will be recorded live in high definition, and it will be her first television concert recorded live in front of a studio audience.

“We are pleased to create this production not only for WSRE viewers, but also for Chloe with this being her first televised concert,” said Bill Harrell, executive producer.

Since the age of 7, Channell has enjoyed a local following of fans from the Pensacola Bay area as a full-time member of The Sawmill Band at the Farmers’ Opry House in Chumuckla, up until the Opry’s closing in 2012. She recorded her first self-titled CD at the age of 8 and has performed hundreds of shows opening for country artists including Tracy Bird, Rodney Adkins, Little Big Town, Craig Morgan, Ronnie McDowell, John Conlee and the Queen of Bluegrass, Rhonda Vincent.

Now age 12, she recently opened for Chris Young and Josh Thompson during the Tour for the Troops aboard NAS Pensacola.

Channell is setting the stage (the WSRE stage, in fact) for another young talent who will perform in Pensacola this fall. Internationally acclaimed musician Ethan Bortnick, age 13, will perform at the Amos Studio on Oct. 28, and proceeds from that event will benefit the WSRE TV Foundation.

Although admission for the August 9 “An Evening with Chloe Channell” concert is free, seating is limited.

For more information about this and other upcoming WSRE events and programs, visit [wsre.org](http://wsre.org) or call 850-484-1211.

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