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## Abra Moore is back in business

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Abra Moore performs at Waterloo Records

shop as a dog groomer and began quietly booking gigs as a supper club singer.

After a four-year break from recording, Grammy-nominated Austin singer-songwriter [Abra Moore](#) is back in business. She's making her return with a new record that's already being critically hailed as the best of her career.

The album is called *On the Way*, a title perfectly suited for a wandering spirit and a record that's the result of a four-year sabbatical, where she set up

"I feel like I captured that chapter in my life. I'm on a creative journey. I captured that. I'm in the now, now. But I caught it. And now I'm visualizing and dreaming the next one," Moore said. *On the Way* is being released by a small Seattle label, where there's less pressure for big singles and gold records than in her major label days. Perhaps as a result, the songwriting is a little moodier and less obvious than before, although it's a record that still sounds unmistakably like Moore.

"I can't help but have a pop sensibility. I'm kind of an ethereal pop-singer-songwriter. It's not something I sit down and think about, it's just my sensibility. It has a little of that flavor, but it's maybe not as commercially focused and directed," she said.

The album may be less commercially straightforward, but the first video - shot by fine art photographer Jack Spencer - looks like a full on major-label production, even if Moore insists a big pretty video was more a result of the

moment than by design.

"It wasn't like 'We're going to have it look like this and have an angel vibe.' None of it. It just happened. I went to the studio and there was this big princess dress. I was like, 'Let's just grab that.' He carried me on his back through snake-ridden waters and put me on a log. They're just captured moments. It's pretty. Isn't it?" she said.

It is. Moore says she's never been happier, personally and professionally, than now. It's a centered, grounded state of mind she hopes the record reflects.

"I'm finding a comfortable place for Abra that works for me. I'm grooming some dogs and making some records. I'm finding my way towards what feeds me and makes me full," she said.