## Woman with a vision sings it her way

Shocked's music runs gamut from country to funk

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wisdom. South Florida gets a "general introductory offer," as Shocked calls it, when she makes her first Florida appearance Friday at the Stephen Talkhouse in Miami Busch Stephen Beach.

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Beach. She's a rebel The second is feisty and indepen-ficious life. A Mormon Army brat ("that's a double negative") from a family of eight, Shocked says she ran away from home in Texas in the teens, lived with friends, put herself through the Univer-sity of Texas, then lived in a series of abandoned buildings in San Francisco, New York and London. She was camping out in brites, deliberately living outside the system, until the bootleg became an underground hit in britain, and she "decided to work in the system, be main-state of the system system system, be a state, main system, be seen of a built, captain Swing, was a tribute to fuldhood.



INTRODUCTION: Michelle Shocked, who is appearing Friday at the Stephen Talkhouse, wants to tell her personal stories through music.

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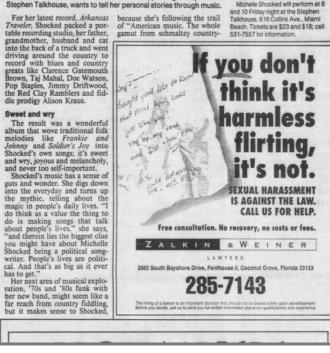
Sweet and wry. The result was a wonderful melodies like Frankie and book of the second second second book of som songs; it's sweet and never too self-important. Shocked's music has a sense of massi and wonder. She digs down into the everyday and turns up too think as a value the thing to do is making songs that talk about people's lives," she says, "and therein lies the biggest clue booked being a political song-writer. Hengel's lives are politi-bas to get." Then, as a of musical explo-metar of m

western to the slickest hippest freshest in-your-face R&B to everything in-between. I think it's such a waste to be an Ameri-can and limit yourself to being a renge." genre." For her that's the trail of black

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genre." Tor her that's the trail of black music, from its roots in gospel and spirituals all the way up to funk and R&B. Playing this music will allow her to tell stories from her generation's adoles-cence. Like this one from her Texas high school days, where blacks and whites spent "four years eating on separate sides of the cafteria... I remember this one party during senior week, this girl crossed the color line, she went over and started danc-ing the Dirty Dog, and all these black kids are watching this white girl dancing the Dirty Dog. Then she comes and drags me over and I start learning the Dirty Dog. I want to tell these stories in my show." Where this incarnation will take her, and whether her folk will follow her there, doesn't. "I am a bit arrogant," she damits, "but I do have a few gaust of the there. Takehelf um entitled to them."

Michelle Shocked will perform at 8 and 10 Friday night at the Stephen Talkhouse, 616 Collins Ave., Miami Beach. Tickets are \$23 and \$18; call 531-7557 for information.



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