

Former Vermonter nominated for Golden Globe

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Provided Photo Singer-songwriter Julie Frost, formerly of New Haven, has been nominated for a Golden Globe.

Former New Haven singer-songwriter Julie Frost found out through an email last month she was nominated for a Golden Globe award for Best Original Song for the song "Masterpiece" she co-wrote with Madonna and Jimmy Harry.

"It was a congratulatory email, as if I knew," she said two days before the 69th Annual Golden Globes, to be broadcast tonight. "My sister was in the next room and I could not speak for a while. I was in shock. I was in no way expecting that I was going to be nominated for a Golden Globe."

This is the first Golden Globe nomination for the singer-songwriter who is up against the likes of Elton John for "Hello Hello" and Mary J. Blige for "The Living Proof."

someone is going to come and say 'Hey Frost, what are you doing here?' At the same time I am honored and amazed."

"To just be in the list of people, it feels like sitting at the cool table and you are a geek," the first-time nominee said. "And at any moment

Frost, who now resides in Southern California, grew up playing music and dreamed about becoming a singer, but felt she was not creative enough and pursued other career paths. When she moved to Chicago for college in the early 1990s, her love for music pushed her to go out and try it.

"I had stage fright," Frost said. "To overcome it, I did an open mic every week until I could sing on stage as good as I did singing in my living room. Once I got it, I never looked back."

Throughout the years she sold original albums, including "The Wave" which topped charts on AAA radio stations across the country. In 2009, EMI Music Publishing's president Jon Platt signed Frost and she immediately started working with prominent artists including Beyonce, the Black Eyed Peas, Pitbull and a variety of European artists.

For the song "Masterpiece" she teamed up with Madonna and Jimmy Harry and producer William Orbit.

"It was very deep," said Frost of the song. "The feeling of how fragile and precious life and love are. It sounds trite when you say it in words. It was just a powerful feeling of love. It was heartbreaking love."

For tonight's ceremony, Frost will be wearing a custom-designed Stacy Quackenbush midnight blue dress and accessories that she had not remembered as of Friday afternoon.

"That's all new things to me. Nobody ever cared what I was going to wear," she said. "I am mostly terrified. I am looking forward to moving past the red carpet and sitting down. This is my first red carpet. It's something you see on "Entertainment Tonight" or read in People magazine."

"I have to remind myself to stop and take a breath and really enjoy the moment," Frost said. "This is my first nomination. That will never happen again."

Samples of her music can be found at www.juliefrostmusic.com. The 69th Annual Golden Globes will be presented live tonight on NBC at 8.