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# CAIT POOL

## BUILDING ON SUCCESS

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Athens native and Hornet alumna Cait Pool is building an impressive acting resume, starring alongside big names in just a few years in front of the camera. Recently she has taken the world by storm in the role of Peggy Sutter, a fictional version of one of Jerry Lee Lewis' wives on CMT's television show "Sun Records."

The show is based around a pivotal day for legendary producer Sam Phillips and the early days of rock and roll when a jam session on December 4, 1956 came to be known as the Million Dollar Quartet. As Jerry Lee Lewis was playing piano for a Carl Perkins recording session at Phillips' studio, Elvis Presley walked in unexpectedly, which led to Phillips calling in Johnny Cash to join them for an impromptu session featuring the four musicians.

Jerry Lee Lewis, who had been married seven times, was first wed to a woman named Dorothy Barton. The two were only married for 20 months, from February 1952 to October 1953. Not much is known about Dorothy to this day, other than that she was a very spiritual person. The show writers decided, for this reason, to write Dorothy into Sun Records as a fictional character and gave her the name Peggy.

"Peggy is amazing," said Pool. "She was supposed to be this shy and reserved person but when I read the script and got on stage I saw more than that. I wanted to represent her in a positive manner and give her strength. I wanted her to be the empowered woman that she seemed to be from the little we knew about her."

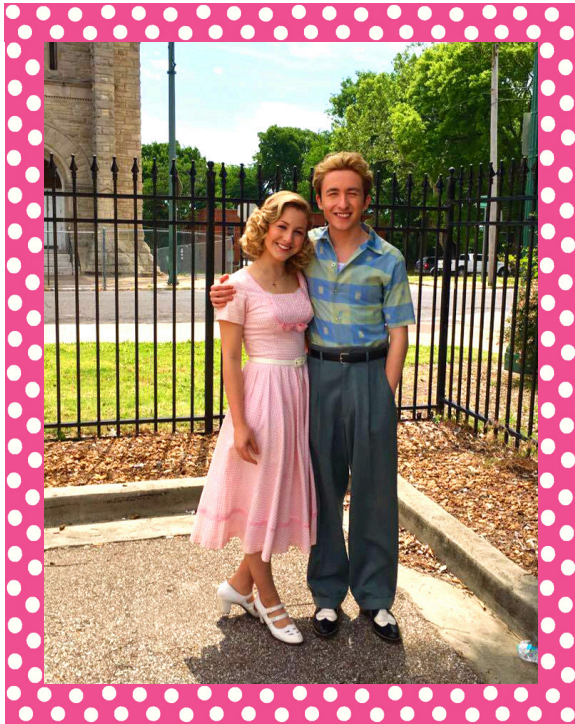


Pool and Christian Lees, a British actor who plays Lewis on the show, are able to bring a unique chemistry to the set because they are actually dating in real life. Christian's identical twin brother also stars in the show as Lewis' cousin, Jimmy Swaggart. "It's amazing how they made them look so different", says Pool. "Christian is great. He really is a phenomenal actor. All of these people on Sun Records are incredible. It was amazing to be around all of these people because they are all just so great at what they do, like the guy who plays Elvis, sometimes you forget it isn't actually Elvis!"

Sun Records premiered on February 23, 2017 and as of the date of this publication had aired eight episodes, four of which Pool starred in.

Cait is truly grateful to her parents and to God for the support and the opportunities they have given her. Her career features some other impressive credentials besides Sun Records, such as a role on the AMC show *Halt and Catch Fire* in 2015.

"That was a small role but a big turning point," said Pool. "My favorite Casting Director, Sharon Bialy, was in charge of casting on that show. The fact that she cast me for a role was amazing. She's amazing. To know that she okayed the decision to hire me, I cried."



It was on *Halt and Catch Fire* that Pool met Mackenzie Davis, a show front runner, who also starred in *The Martian* with Matt Damon. Davis became a mentor and friend to Pool instantly.

"I had a scene with Mackenzie on *Halt and Catch Fire*," said Pool. "She is absolutely the most incredible person I've worked with."

Pool will also be starring in an upcoming HBO series called "Vice Principals" which was co-created and written by Danny McBride (*Land of the Lost* and *Eastbound & Down*).

Sun Records premiered with 2.1 million viewers tuning in, which was right up there with season 5 of the show *Nashville*. It's too early to tell if it will be renewed for a second season but we can all watch and help our local star out by tuning in to CMT on Thursday nights at 9pm.

