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Princess Bee to record song about UAE

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Italian pop artist and philanthropist Benedetta Paravia, popularly known as Princess Bee, will be recording this summer a new song titled 'Emirates', the first international song wholly dedicated to the UAE.

The song, which features lyrics written in both English and Arabic, talks about the country's transformation from being a small pearl diving community to a modern metropolis with tall skyscrapers. The Arabic lyrics of the song 'Emirates' are taken from a poem titled 'The Gentle Eastern Breeze', which was written by His Highness Shaikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, the Father of the Nation.

Princess Bee said the song is scheduled for recording by this summer with an Arabic vocal coach enlisted to guide her with the correct pronunciation, and will be co-produced with the management company 'Music is my life'. An accompanying music video of the single will be shot across the UAE, showcasing the country's many key attractions. "The new recording follows the successful release of my latest songs," she said.

"The song 'Emirates' is my way of paying tribute to a country, which I love dearly and have spent great time in. I have many memories about the UAE like my first visit in 2002 and later working there as an ambassador for international brands like Cartier, Dior, Emirates, Skywards and even for Dubai TV," said Princess Bee.

"My stay in the UAE also gave me the opportunity of working with the Ministry of Higher Education, focusing on 'The Intercultural Project' that was tailor-made for Emirati students. The UAE has not only given me sweet memories but many friends, who remained loyal to me to this day. Also, to pay homage to Shaikh Zayed, I have used one of his wonderful poems as part of the lyrics to this new song."

The announcement of Princess Bee's new recording came after 'ANGELS', Princess Bee's non-profit organisation, launched a project called 'Renewing Al Amal Orphanage', which aims to provide Palestinian orphans affected by the war with the necessary tools and assets for development and enhancing their psycho-motor learning abilities.

The foundation has already started on improving the infrastructure of the Al Amal orphanage and will also donate computers, bicycles, Playstation consoles, a library housing an extensive line of educational books, a piano and clothing. ANGELS has already set up an artistic laboratory focusing on creating ceramic and painting works and the equipment for the facility's newly opened gym.



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