



Press Release

Emaar launches ‘Dubai Music Band’ to support the UAE’s fast-growing creative scene

Dubai, UAE; March 8, 2018: In a fitting tribute to the fast-growing creative scene of the UAE and to celebrate the evolution of Dubai Opera as a cultural hub, Emaar has launched the ‘Dubai Music Band.’

The debut performance of the Dubai Music Band, a subsidiary of Dubai Opera, was held at the iconic multipurpose venue in Downtown Dubai, and featured popular compositions by composers from across the Arab world, including several Emirati and Gulf-based musicians.

Emaar commissioned renowned singer Eid El Farag to establish and supervise the Dubai Music Band, which aims to highlight Emirati and Arab musical talents. Dubai Music Band will also provide the opportunity for emerging young Emirati talent to showcase their skills and contribute to the UAE’s booming creative scene.

Complementing the world-famous performances hosted at Dubai Opera, Dubai Music Band will add to the appeal of UAE residents and visitors as well as cultural enthusiasts with a dedicated programme that focuses on the best in Arab and Oriental music, and in presenting Emirati music to a global audience.

Open to all Emirati young musical talents, Dubai Music Band will be supported initially by veteran Arab musicians, who will train the young musicians with the goal of establishing the band as one of the region’s largest and most integrated troupes.





Interested young musicians can apply to join the Dubai Music Band, with new members to be accepted based on specific criteria such as their interest, passion and skills. Selected members will be provided specialised training and will eventually form part of the band.

Ahmed Al Matrooshi, Managing Director, Emaar Properties, said: "The Dubai Music Band is a path-breaking initiative by Emaar that underlines our commitment to promote the creative scene of the UAE. With a focus on nurturing our young talents, the initiative complements the vision of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, UAE Vice President and Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, to promote the creative industries and to nurture youth talent in arts. Our goal is to highlight the competencies of our young musicians and elevate Emirati music to the global league by drawing on our rich heritage in music and performing arts."

The opening concert of the Dubai Music Band had two parts. The first entitled, 'Journey of the Gulf Tune', included original and traditional Gulf music, as well as two musical pieces by Eid Al Faraj, founder and supervisor of the band.

The second part titled, 'Arab Musical Varieties', took audiences through some of the most popular Arab songs and compositions by Eid El Farag. Ahmed Taha and Abdulaziz Al Madani led the performance.

Emaar has been a dedicated supporter of cultural and artistic initiatives underlined by the creation of Dubai Opera, the first multi-purpose theatre for performing arts. Since its opening in 2016, Dubai Opera has welcomed the world's largest musical productions and concerts by legendary artists from the region and around the world.

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