



Press release

## DUBAI OPERA ANNOUNCES DXBEATS; THE VENUE'S FIRST ARABIC MUSIC FESTIVAL

*An outstanding line-up of artists confirmed for a five-hour music celebration. Lebanese icon Yasmine Hamdan to headline with a special closing set from Egypt's high-octane band Sharmoofers.*

**Dubai UAE, March 2018** – Dubai Opera has today announced that it will host its first ever Arabic music festival on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2018. dxbeats is set to welcome some of the region's most popular progressive artists, including Lebanon's ground-breaking Indie music icon, [Yasmine Hamdan](#) as a headlining act, Egypt's powerhouse band, [Sharmoofers](#), the internationally renowned rock band [The Wanton Bishops](#), Morocco's wild heart urban superstar [Manal](#) and UAE based star representing the youth's hip-hop movement [Moh Flow](#).

Dubai Opera will be tapping into the region's vibrant music scene, offering guests the chance to hear an eclectic line-up of leading artists, who have taken the Arabic music scene by storm. Music lovers will be entertained all night long to a number of different genres, including reggaeton, pop, funk, jazzy blues, rock, rap and hip-hop.

Dubai Opera will be transforming the auditorium into a flat-floor concert hall, thereby creating a capacity for nearly 3,000 people, allowing for a more atmospheric and unmissable experience between the musicians and their fans.

**Jasper Hope, Chief Executive of Dubai Opera** commented: *"dxbeats is about bringing the best Arab sounds from the region to Dubai's best stage – with five incredible artists on the same bill playing to nearly 3000 fans it's going to be epic night and an incredible atmosphere"*

### **Yasmine Hamdan**

A leading artist in the Arabic Indie music scene, *Yasmine Hamdan* was one of the first artists in the region to adopt indie music with her former band, Soapkills. Yasmine combines oriental heritage and western influences in her music, which have helped her turn from an underground sensation to an international phenomenon.

### **Sharmoofers**

Ever since Ahmed Bahaa "Bob" and Mohamed El Arkan "Moe" formed the Egyptian band back in March 2012, Sharmoofers have taken stages across the MENA region by storm, mesmerizing their crowds and giving them performances to remember. Sharmoofers' creations are best described as a comedic



narration of the surreal chaos of their daily lives. Their songs are infused humorous tracks of upbeat tempos, Jazzy Blues, Hip-hop and Cuban Funk with a distinctive African flavor.

### **The Wanton Bishops**

Internationally acclaimed The Wanton Bishops, though a band by every definition of the word, is actually the vision of one very eclectic man – Nader Mansour from Beirut. The Wanton Bishops' successful debut album *Sleep With The Lights On* won the Beirut band accolades and opportunities, including opening for The Who, Guns N' Roses, and Lana Del Rey, and paved the way to many major festival performances.

### **Moh Flow featuring A'Y**

Born in Syria, raised in Saudi Arabia, and based in Dubai, Moh Flow is a singer and rapper. Supported by elder brother and producer/engineer Ayham (aka A'Y), Moh Flow started rapping in 2005 and within eight years had released his first three mixtapes. After the more widely distributed debut album *This Is Yo(u)*, issued in 2016, Moh Flow collaborated with Pusha T on "Options," which was released in 2017.

### **Manal**

Urban Pop songstress MANAL. Hailing from Marrakech, Morocco, Manal is a 24-year-old urban superstar who is dubbed as Morocco's wild heart for her fierce song writing skills and demeanor. Manal's powerful anthem "Taj" tackling women empowerment in the Arab world has clocked over 6 million views to date. Manal signed with Sony Music Entertainment earlier in February.

Early Bird tickets starting from AED225 are available from 3pm on 28 March 2018 at [www.dubaiopera.com](http://www.dubaiopera.com) until 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

### **Note to Editors**

#### **About Dubai Opera:**

Dubai Opera is a truly unique venue and the city's first purpose built multi-format performing arts theatre, situated in the heart of Downtown Dubai. With an iconic dhow shaped design rooted in Emirati heritage, Dubai Opera offers the ultimate flexibility of a proscenium arch theatre, an acoustic concert hall and a 2000m<sup>2</sup> flat floor event space, and is the definitive destination for quality entertainment productions and performances. Dubai Opera's stage hosts an incredible array of world-class talent, with opera, ballet and classical music concerts and productions at the core, Dubai Opera also stages musical theatre, fashion shows, jazz, comedy, family shows and a full range of live entertainment.

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