



Press release

DUBAI OPERA ANNOUNCES ABDEL HALIM HAFEZ TRIBUTE

HarfousH Jazz Band set to bring back the golden era with jazz sounds to celebrate the life and works of the Egyptian legend on 3 November 2018

Dubai UAE, 13 May 2018 - Dubai UAE, 13 May 2018 - Dubai Opera is proud to announce that the HarfousH Jazz Band, will be taking to the stage on Saturday 3 November 2018 to pay tribute to the Egyptian icon, Abdel Halim Hafez.

To commemorate 41 years since his death, the HarfousH Jazz Band, led by Egyptian international jazz vocalist Ahmed Harfoush will perform the timeless nostalgic songs of Abdel Halim Hafez from his 50s and 60s film and studio recordings. Favourites include 'Shaghalooni', 'Ahwak', 'Kont Fein' and many more songs from this golden era.

Abdel Halim, also known as Al-Andaleeb Al-Asmar (The Black Nightingale), was famous beyond the Egyptian arts scene. Dubbed the "King of Arabic Music", "The Voice of the People" and "The King of Emotions", his songs are masterpieces of collaborative efforts by some of the Arab World's top poets and composers. Before he passed in 1977, Abdel had performed in almost every Arab country in the world, as well as venues across Europe including the iconic Royal Albert Hall in London, where he received one of the greatest standing ovations of his career and where the HarfousH Jazz Band performed as well.

Ahmed Harfoush is an Egyptian jazz vocalist based in London who appears at leading venues and events throughout Europe and the Middle East. His repertoire is extensive, including traditional American jazz and swing, musical theatre, Arabic songs and contemporary hits. His latest project, The 'Egyptian Jazz Projekt' is the revival of the 50s and 60s Egyptian songs with a new jazz sound mixed with songs from the Great American Songbook. It aims to expose the Egyptian music legacy to the world with many collaborations of diverse jazz artists. The Egyptian Jazz Projekt is produced by Arts Canteen in London.

Jasper Hope, Chief Executive of Dubai Opera commented: *"Abdel Halim Hafez's songs and sounds are legendary and it's wonderful to be able to announce this special tribute featuring the very talented Harfoush Jazz Band."*

Tickets will be available to purchase from Sunday 13 May 2018 at 4pm from www.dubaiopera.com, with prices starting AED 195. An early bird offer of 20% off all seat categories will also be available until 27 May 2018, with tickets starting at AED 156.



Note to Editors

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