



**Press Release**

**DUBAI OPERA WELCOMES GLOBAL NEW WAVE PHENOMENON  
'NOUVELLE VAGUE' ON JUNE 25 AS PART OF 15<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
WORLD TOUR**

**Dubai, UAE, 17 February 2019:** Dubai Opera is pleased to welcome the highly acclaimed Parisian new wave band 'Nouvelle Vague' as part of their 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary world tour, for one performance only on the 25<sup>th</sup> of June 2019.

Led by Marc Collin and Olivier Libaux, 'Nouvelle Vague' released their first album in 2004, at the height of the 'French Touch' musical movement, taking their original concept worldwide.

Punk and New Wave "standards" are thus reinterpreted in the dreamy style of 50s and 60s Bossa Nova, with lush arrangements and entrancing vocals. Nouvelle Vague soon became a global phenomenon.

In just a few months, Nouvelle Vague deconstructed the notion of "the cover band" and, supported by some of the most prestigious labels (Peacefrog, Luaka Bop, Rough Trade, Pias), with renditions that made the audience almost forget the original versions.

Alongside singers Camille and Mélanie Pain, Olivier Libaux and Marc Collin created their first live show: a minimal show, with just two unique voices, a guitar, a few keyboards and electronic ambience.

After five studio albums and many extensive global tours, Nouvelle Vague are now celebrating their fifteenth anniversary with an international unplugged tour in 2019 keeping with the band's original 2004 format. Premiered in the UK in June of 2018, Nouvelle Vague's latest live production saw the band returning to their roots in a minimal show with two singers Mélanie Pain and Elodie Frégé performing the band's iconic songs.

2019 will also see the release of the Nouvelle Vague By Nouvelle Vague documentary, which recounts the band's spectacular history, as well as two new studio albums.

**Dubai Opera's Chief Executive, Jasper Hope**, commented: " For 15 years now this fantastic band has been breathing new life into the classic hits of countless world-famous artists, blending the original brilliance of the music with their own unique blend of sophistication, humour and French style to thrill audiences wherever they go."



***Tickets are available on [dubaiopera.com](http://dubaiopera.com) starting from AED150. An Early Bird offer of 20% off VIP and Platinum categories will be available until the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March.***

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*"Nouvelle Vague are far from a gimmick and in fact are more than capable of adapting their music to fit their equally-classy aesthetic."* **Metro**

*"...filled with delicate, euphoric melodies, it's an utterly spellbinding offering."* **Gigslutz**

*"...kitschy, jazzy...often sublime"* **Brooklyn Vegan**

*"I Could Be Happy seems almost more urgent than ever...there is a haunting melancholy that elevates their work from 'easy listening' to sublime pop."* **Pop Matters**

*"light, airy, gorgeous"* **Impose Magazine**

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

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