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Dubai Opera Announces a Tribute Concert to the 'Queen of Soul'

Aretha Franklin Performed by Mica Paris on 14 November

Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 11 February 2019: Soul singing sensation Mica Paris returns to Dubai Opera on Thursday 14 November to perform a special one-off performance paying tribute to the late 'Queen of Soul' Aretha Franklin.

The long-reigning and undisputed "Queen of Soul" known for her iconic " R.E.S.P.E.C.T" song had passed away on 16 August 2018 at the age of 76, leaving an extraordinary legacy of timeless songs for generations. Aretha Franklin won 18 Grammys, had 17 Top Ten US chart hits and sold over 75 million records over a music career spanning six decades, making her one of the best-selling artists of all time. Dubai Opera pays homage to the musical culture icon with an evening of her timeless hits performed by UK soul sensation Mica Paris.

This is Mica Paris second performance at Dubai Opera after the huge success of her tribute concert to Ella Fitzgerald "Mica Sings Ella" in 2017.

Mica Paris is one of the UK's most respected female Soul singers with a career full of top-ten hit singles, a platinum-selling album and has previously collaborated with the likes of Prince and Jools Holland, leading to a career in the West End, playing a lead role in the UK tour of Chicago and in Love Me Tender, the Elvis Presley musical. The range, power and sheer soulfulness of Mica Paris' singing made an immediate impact on the UK music scene in 1988 and continues to do so.

This Aretha Franklin tribute concert will take audiences on a nostalgic musical journey with powerhouse soul vocalist Mica Paris singing Aretha Franklin's greatest hits including 'Respect', 'I Say A Little Prayer', 'Bridge Over Troubled Water', 'Natural Woman' and many more!

Jasper Hope, Chief Executive at Dubai Opera, commented: "Mica Paris' performance at Dubai Opera two years ago was one of the highlights of the season. She has a voice like no other and I cannot wait to welcome her back with her tribute to the legendary Aretha Franklin."

Tickets are available at dubaiopera.com from AED150 with a limited Early Bird discount of 20% on top two categories until 25 February.

Notes to Editors

About Dubai Opera:



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 2000m² 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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