

## FELINA VAUGIRARD – So Bi !



Felina Vaugirard is a Parisian singer/songwriter based in London, England. Just like good food and wine, music is an essential part of her life. However, although she can often be found in the streets of Camden and Portobello market in the company of her eclectic bunch of troubadours (pre Covid-19), Felina never seriously thought of music as a career.

Those who have seen the movie “Notting Hill”, will know that despite being the location of the famous Carnival since 1966, except for that one brassy weekend every August, the area is actually pretty quiet and rather posh. Well, the posh likes music too, particularly when it is a repertoire of timeless French classics such as “La vie en rose”, “La mer” or “Comme d’habitude” elegantly interpreted by a beautiful, somewhat unusual Gallic songstress called Felina Vaugirard. Did you know that “Comme d’habitude” is the original version of the song “My Way” popularised by Frank Sinatra?



From one rendition in Notting Hill, word of mouth quickly spread and Felina was soon performing her French music delights in swanky living rooms and unexpected venues in and around London via the Sofar movement.

The opportunity to demonstrate her versatile songwriting skills came in the form of a Christmas carol for an independent school. With its inspiring message “Peace on the Land” brought tears to many eyes in the cathedral when it was performed by the young boys’ choir. The song is now part of the school’s Christmas repertoire.



From then on, all Felina wanted was to continue writing powerful yet simple lyrics with strong and captivating melody lines. As fate would have it, five of her music creator friends were looking for fellow songwriters to share a table at the forthcoming Ivor Novello Awards. Being amongst esteemed writers and artists like Ed Sheeran, Stormzy and Rag’n’Bone Man was a great source of inspiration for Felina who started conversing with a number of artists and producers. Her proactivity led to a collaboration with George McFarlane, producer and writer of several songs for British singer Gabrielle. Via another of her contacts at Universal Music Publishing, Felina also began co-writing with edgy French producer Teetoff as well as German songwriter/producer Carim Clasmann, the other half of eccentric duo Psapp (Grey’s Anatomy).

Not only is she a prolific melody maker, Felina is also an intuitive storyteller. Her EP “So Bi” is an enchanting narrative in English and French, the languages of her many sweet dreams.

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