

NAWAL EL-ZOGHBI

The Happy and Free Butterfly

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The songbird in Nawal al-Zoughbi began to flex its wings at an early stage of her life when her country Lebanon was ripped by civil war. But, even during her vulnerable teenage years, Nawal knew exactly what she most wanted and had the self-belief and courage to reach out and embrace her dream: "My family appreciated the fact that singing had become my hobby, and that I had talent, but they were concerned when they began to realize that I was serious about turning it into a career.

Nawal admits that singing means more to her and she considers it as her creative outlet and not as a business. "When I am singing, I am no longer Nawal, I am transformed into a butterfly that is free and happy, "she purrs", and when I see that happiness reflected in the audience's faces as we party together, our connection becomes my greatest reward," she adds. "I love to sing songs that touch the people's feelings, whether it is soulful ballads or upbeat festive songs.

Nawal al-Zughbi released her hugely successful debut album entitled "Wehyati Andak" in 1992, when she returned to her birth city, Beirut, after working as a singer for two years in the Gulf countries. The triumphant launching of seven other successive albums has seen her rise to superstar status. She takes her art very seriously and has made it her vocation to develop extensive knowledge of the modern Arabic music scene.

This talented songbird is celebrated for her affinity toward a contemporary style of music, often melding melodies from different parts of the world, and creating a fusion of Eastern and Oriental tunes. Al-Zughbi has managed to perfectly balance her work and her personal life: "I love family life and try to devote quality time to my husband Elie, our daughter Tia and her Twin brothers Georgy and Joey. I try to protect our private lives from public scrutiny, even though I love the love that my fans offer me.

***NAWAL EL-ZOGHBI will be in Montreal
to celebrate VALENTINE with the Superstar MELHEM ZEIN
On February 17, 2006 at: RENAISSANCE Centre.***