

Title: Opening the 10th “fridge series” in Dubai. **Haley Kallenberg’s piano interpret her dreams**

Subtitle: **The performance of the music will depend on the environment**

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When you listen to the American pianist, Haley Kallenberg, performing, you will understand her passion and love of “all what comes from this box”. Haley's concert was announcing the beginning of 10th concert series held by “The Fridge” in Al Quoz, Dubai. All the pieces presented by Haley were expressing her dreams and vision of life with all its changes, ups and downs... These pieces reflected and communicated her style and approach to performing. Haley, who started playing the piano at the age of 3, received her Bachelor Degree in music from the Cornish Collage of the Arts in the United States. During this night she was able to capture the audiences’ attention, who listened to her intently and with great passion. Haley was distinguished by sharing with her audience her dreams and the reasons behind composing her pieces. All this made the audience passionate, while listening to Haley and watching the Japanese Ballerina, Mariko Wada, who was accompanying Haley in her concert.

About Haley's choice of the musical pieces, Haley said: “I spontaneously compose during each performance. Every performance of my music is unique for each audience and tells a story. My dreams act as inspiration for these stories and I use the piano as the medium to shape them.” And she added: “The environment which I perform influences the performance of the music. For example, the music I play will be different for an intimate audience then for a full house. An audience of children will influence the music differently than from an audience of adults.” Haley went on to say: “This is why each performance is different and original for every audience, never to be repeated again. Each piece of music is a living entity, which is continuously changing and adapting within each environment. A musician always has something new to present the audience through their music.”

The audience sat in complete silence while the sound of the piano filled the air, the Japanese Ballerina “Mariko Wada” was anticipated to surprise the audience after 20 minutes waiting back stage. The concert was more than an hour in length. The audience gave a reaction of amazement to the Ballerina who performed her movements in harmony to Haley's music. During this concert Haley played more than 11 different pieces, such as: Jex, Morgan, Rome, Book of EB, Gospel for You Mothers Living Room, Schooled and Hero Mashup, Smolny Sabor, People's Music: Water, Secrets, Bad Dreams for Piano: Bombing Raid, Bad Dreams for Piano: Big Spider in My Ear and Mr. Barata.

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This concert is not the first for Haley to present in Dubai. She presented at many different occasions such as Emirates Literature Festival. She also played at the Canadian University of Dubai, and at Abu Dhabi Gourmet Festival. Haley has participated in many international concerts held in the USA, Italy and Beirut. She was awarded recently “Most Distinguished Composer” in the International Music Competition which was organized by the Ibla Foundation in the summer of 2011 in Italy.

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