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Exclusive Interview with our ReverbNation Winner, NYC's Leyla!



1. Age and how long in the industry? How is the music scene in your area?

Originally from Switzerland I've been making music and writing songs since I was a teenager. I've been living in New York for almost 12 years, graduating in Musical Theatre and finding my way as a singer and songwriter. The music industry in New York is tough but there are also a lots of opportunities and artistic collaborations.

2. Let's have some fun! What's your Zodiac Sign? I am a Scorpio.

LEYLA - LEGION OF LIGHT (Official Video)



3. What is your main inspirational philosophy in life? Favorite quote and why?

I love quotes! It's hard to pick only one. "There is a vitality, a life force, a quickening that is translated through you into action, and because there is only one of you in all time, this expression is unique, and if you block it, it will never exist through any other medium, and be lost. The world will not have it. It is not your business to determine how good it is, not how it compares with other expression. It is your business to keep it yours clearly and directly, to keep the channel open." -

Martha Graham. I believe that there is unique light within all of us and it's important to embrace who we are, to let our gift pour into this world and let our truth shine, so that we can collectively transform the world for the better. It's time to awaken to our own power, stand in the light and let our true colors shine through.


4. Ok, now...who are YOU as an artist? What is your story?

I believe in love, compassion, unity and equality, which are the core elements of my music. That's why I call it "Yoga Pop!" I want to share as much love as I possibly can and connect with peoples hearts to remind them of their truth and that we have the power for change inside of us.

5. Who are your musical influences and what genre of music would you say your style is?

I love Lauren Hill, Whitney Houston, Michael Jackson and Christina Aguilera. Some of the newer artists that inspire me are Jess Glynne, Sam Smith and Adele. My own style is a blend of Pop music with inspirational messages/spirituality.

6. What is the state of the music industry right now? Where is it going?

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7. How is your Art "your Religion"?

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My religion is 'love' and I try to express that in my music and lyrics. In daily life I try to choose compassion, understanding and mindfulness. Everyone has a story and things may not be what they look like from the outside, so it's important not to judge.

8. What are you truly creating with your music that changes the world, changes society?

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My love for music has led me to continuously explore and learn as much as possible about the power of sound. I realized that I wanted to help building a bridge between spirituality and pop music. I then searched to understand what makes pop music healing and how to utilize Sound Healing tools to create conscious/restorative pop music 'Yoga Pop'. 'Sound Healing uses vibration, frequency, sound, toning, chanting, song and music to create shifts in the body, mind and spirit. Within my music and through classic Pop songwriting, Sound Healing techniques and frequencies (vibrations) are being used that assist in healing and special instruments and mixing at various HZ to maximize the different tones that each of the instruments provide - to help tuning in with each of the seven chakras. Chakras are the centers in our bodies in which energy flows through and each chakra is associated with a certain part of the body and a certain organ which it provides with the energy it needs to function. Because they connect to our well being, psychological, emotional and spiritual, it's important to maintain balance. All meditation and yoga systems seek to balance out the energy of the chakras.

9. What is the spiritual, political or social message of your music?

It's time to awaken to your own power, stand in the light and let your true colors shine through.
Love is stronger than hatred. Love prevails.

10. What do you really think it takes to make it in the music industry? Tell us 3 keys.

Persistence - Believing in yourself and your vision - Staying true to who you are

11. Where do you see your career going in 2019?

More music collaborations with people in the mindfulness and mediation field. Creating more songs that bring awareness, positivity and healing.

12. Legacy: At the end of the day, how do you want your fans to remember you and your music?

The song “Legion Of Light” is a call to action to remember who we are and tap into our truth. It’s about realizing that we have the power for change inside of us and that we need to believe in ourselves, but also to reclaim our spiritual power. I would love if people would remember that and chose hope.

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