

q tour: EUROVISION ON TOUR IN OZ

I am a mix of everything and I feel very privileged, you know, I can touch every culture, yeah. I'm born in Italy but I keep the tradition of my family and I travel the world and do the best work ever. yeah, I feel like it.



Italian, African host and all-round really lovely person, Senhit and I spent half an hour together on Zoom to talk about the upcoming EUROVISION ON TOUR, her involvement, her support of our community, and life in general. The schedule being what it is, Senhit was in the back of her car en route to rehearsals and I was perched in front of my new Dell Precision 3520, navigating Zoom for the first time on a WINDOWS laptop.

So, how did you get involved with this Eurovision tour, which is obviously a massive exercise?

Yeah, I mean, it's the first experience for me as a tour, as for Eurovision. And it's very hectic, because I have a double role: I'm a singer and I will be hosting the show.

And it's the first time in Australia - many beautiful things will happen. So I'm very excited. And to be still again in this Eurovision bubble is a blessing, you know, in this Eurovision family.

Generally speaking, people who are passionate about niche markets, for the one of a better word, have a reason. So your support of the LGBT community, as much as it's obviously very well needed around the world, is there a personal reason or is it simply because you think that everyone should be dedicated?

Exactly, the second one, everybody. I think it's so normal for me, know, it's so, how do you say in English, like a mentor? It's something that must be, you know, so comes very, in a simple way for me, and it's not only about personal. I think it's something that everybody has to do it, you know. I feel more privileged because I have a microphone with me and I can say something you know I have this amazing gift and I can see but I can say something too so I think it's something that everybody has to do in in some ways and your vision generally speaking is fairly good with that diversity stuff isn't it? Yeah, absolutely.

I think Eurovision is an event where you can feel safe, like in a comfort zone. It's good and lately I saw the difference between 10 years ago and now when I did for the first time Eurovision in Dusseldorf then how they've grown in authenticity and support. It's very cool for the community.

For me it was like, it's not only about work, it's about as a human being. I grew up a lot with Eurovision. I understand so many things and I appreciate more the effort that the Eurovision put in this project. I feel like what can people expect when they go to this wonderful tour? Everybody thinks that it's a huge party, but it's like hard because it's a big competition.

You can feel the competition, but at the same time you enjoy being around amazing people from different culture and everything. You have to work hard every day with rehearsals and then interviews and the like representing your country.

So you have to understand that you have a country behind you that supports you and expect something from you. So this is where I was very lucky. I was very blessed four years ago when finally after a long time I put summer in on the finals. So because we are the tiny small country in the competition I was very, very happy. But yeah, everybody think that, you know, Eurovision is silly event or whatever.

So what can people expect when they go to EUROVISION ON TOUR?

It's not like a competition, it's like a celebration of Eurovision, you know, with many, many artists that will show you the power of this show. And for the first time we come in Australia. Unfortunately, we don't have much time to enjoy Australia because it's like one city after another, from Brisbane to Melbourne to Sydney. I hope I will stay in Sydney like... 15th of November, yes. Exactly, like one after the other.

Everybody told me that Melbourne is much better but anyway so one step and a half I mean I start with Sydney and then we'll see.

In a gay context I guess they did a survey many years ago about gay people who live in Sydney and Melbourne and essentially if you were single and young you lived in Sydney. Once you found a partner and settled down you move to Melbourne.

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Thank you so much for your time.

I thank you Brett and we will see each other in Melbourne on the 15th okay.

I would love to.

