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Multicultural European Singer-Songwriter Emily Johnson Releases Her Debut Ep "Open You Heart" Produced By Narada Michael Walden

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“Ever since John McLaughlin discovered Emily Johnson on stage on the Côte d’Azur, the Mahavishnu Orchestra founder has consistently praised her as an artist.”

Sometimes known as “The Lady of Heart,” Emily Johnson is a Bulgarian-born Nigerian singer, songwriter, and composer. Having performed around the world for many years, she is releasing *Open You Heart*, her debut EP, on May 11, 2018, with the help of Tarpan Records in the United States. This EP was produced by Narada Michael Walden and features 4 original songs.

Emily Johnson was born in Sofia, Bulgaria, at a time when the country was still under the influence of the Soviet Union. Her mother is Bulgarian and her father Nigerian, a mix which made her quite different from the other children in her own neighborhood and even her own country. Different by color, but also different in her heightened sensitivity which is expressed so wonderfully in her music.

“Open your heart,” Emily Johnson sings on her soon to be released debut EP of the same name. To her this statement is more than words; it is a way of life. On this release of original songs, she creates her art with something beyond passion, giving herself to her audience with a great generosity, energy, and sincerity. Emily brings others together to ignore prejudices, erase borders, and overcome difficulties. She shares with them a simple pleasure which is to SING!

Emily has been fortunate to work with some music industry greats, including the incredible guitarist John McLaughlin who invited her on stage for an emotional performance of “Redemption Song.” Another is the world famous, Grammy Award-winning American producer Narada Michael Walden (Whitney Houston, Mariah Carey, Aretha Franklin), who graciously opened the doors of his Tarpan Studios to produce *Open You Heart*. Ever since John McLaughlin discovered Emily Johnson on stage on the Côte d’Azur, the Mahavishnu Orchestra founder has consistently praised her as an artist he already considers “a star.” Emily would certainly reply that she also owes much of her success to his friendship and support. John McLaughlin says, “If one day Emily Johnson is on the top of the charts, it will be because of her talent. She has an extraordinary voice, superb. She has it all! An inner and outer beauty. She can sing everything.”

Emily appreciates this immense compliment coming from an artist with such a career. “He is more than a musician; [John McLaughlin](#) is a Legend and a great friend and I am so blessed to know him!” she says. They have performed together several times both live and in the studio. Their relationship is more than beautiful; it is strong, sincere and much more than words.

Even better, John invited Emily Johnson to cross the Atlantic to join Narada Michael Walden, the former Mahavishnu Orchestra drummer who became one of Billboard Magazine’s Top Ten Producers of all time. “John has opened up new horizons for me,” says Emily. “He is not only a friend but also my Light.” “The Light,” as she sings on the track from OPEN YOUR HEART that she wrote and dedicated to him.

Open You Heart features some amazing performances, with Narada Michael Walden playing many instruments and featuring performances by Chris “Heist” Walden (Keyboards/Electronic Drums, “Open Your Heart”), Jim Reitzel (Guitar, “Open Your Heart”), and Cornell “CC” Carter and Deedee Simon (Back-up Vocals, “The Light” and “Open Your Heart”). The song “I’m Blessed” features Rapper G-Dub. *Open You Heart* was recorded at Tarpan Studios by Jim Reitzel and mixed by Dave Frasier.

Today this beautiful story continues with new collaborations on both sides of the Atlantic and with the release of her first project, simply titled *Open You Heart*. An obvious choice, isn’t it?

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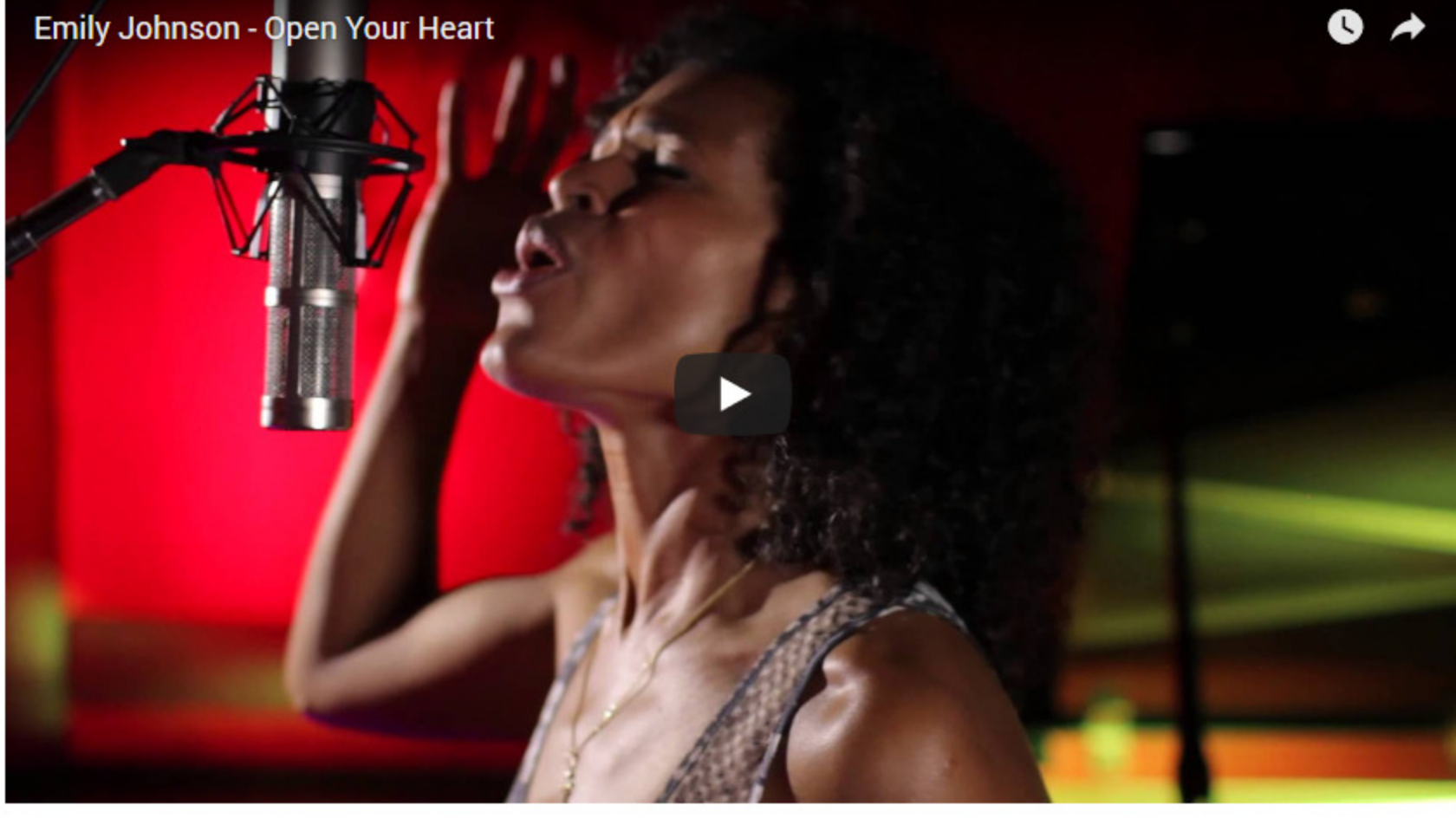
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