

# Conchita

The fictitious character Conchita Wurst was brought to life in 2011 by Austrian singer and drag artist Tom Neuwirth.

Conchita owes her existence to Tom's life-long fight against discrimination. As a result, he created a striking statement - a woman with a beard. She became the catalyst for discussions about terms like "different" and "normal" as well as his vehicle to carry his message all over the world in the most visible and unmistakable way. Appearances, genders, and countries of origin simply do not matter when it comes to the dignity and liberty of the individual

As the bearded diva Conchita Wurst, the artist's first TV performance was in 2011 at the casting show "The Big Chance" on Austrian national television. With her song "Rise Like A Phoenix", Conchita won the 59th Eurovision Song Contest in Copenhagen in 2014. This moment was captured in time as she exclaimed in victory "We are unstoppable!" and became an overnight sensation and global ambassador for the LGBTIQ-Community.

Her stage presence guarantees sophisticated and classic entertainment, be it as a singer, a star of the international fashion scene or in the political arena - her strong message of respect and love always shines through. She inspires designers such as Karl Lagerfeld and Jean Paul Gaultier, she enchants her audience at the Crazy Horse in Paris with her own show, and makes BBC's renowned presenter Graham Norton and his guests sing her praises: "You are the answer to many of our questions." Shortly afterwards she enchants Hollywood at the "Golden Globes".

She visits the European Parliament in October 2014 and meets with UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. Ban particularly praises her commitment to the fight against intolerance and discrimination and calls her performance "an electrifying moment of human rights education."

## **"Being Conchita"**

The level of interest in her stage persona and alter ego is high. Reason enough for Conchita to talk about her life. A young but very eventful life that she opens up about in her book "Being Conchita". The German version of the book was published in March 2015, while English, French, Italian, Portuguese, Swedish and Finnish translations followed shortly thereafter.

## **"Conchita"**

Conchita Wurst's greatest passion will always be music. Her single "Heroes" was released in November 2014, followed by "You Are Unstoppable" only a few months later. Even before her highly anticipated studio album was released, Conchita was nominated for three Amadeus Austrian Music Awards and won all three of them: "Female Artist of the Year", "Song of the Year" (for "Rise Like A Phoenix") and "Video of the Year" (for "Heroes"). Her debut album "Conchita" was released in mid-May 2015 and achieved Platinum status within a week. From power ballads to dance floor fillers, from Swing to Pop, the winner of the Eurovision Song Contest 2014 shows the entire spectrum of her skills on her debut album, which is simply titled "Conchita". There are many musical gems to be found, besides her hits "Rise Like A Phoenix", "Heroes", and "You Are Unstoppable": the driving beats of "Colours Of Your Love" and "Firestorm", the oriental influences on "Out Of Body Experience", the swinging brass section of "Where Have All The Good Men Gone".

In 2016, Conchita kicked off her first solo tour with her live band and a sold-out concert at the Sydney Opera House in Australia, followed by concerts with the Vienna Symphonic Orchestra, Bruckner Orchestra and others.

## **Ambassador for the LGBTI community**

In 2017, Conchita hosted and performed for Life Ball, Europe's biggest charity event supporting people with HIV or Aids. Conchita has been ambassador for Europride Amsterdam in 2016, guest star at World Pride Madrid 2017 and is the main ambassador for the upcoming Europride Vienna in 2019.

Becoming the hero of one's own life, self-determined, without discrimination or violence, unstoppable with love and respect. Conchita remains faithful to this profoundly human message – as an artist as well as in the fashion world or as an advocate for the dignity of all human beings.

## **Awards**

- Winner of the Eurovision Song Contest
- Unstoppable: The Conchita Wurst Award
- Berlin Soul of Stonewall Award
- Premio Madrid Orgullo-Muestra-T Award
- Goldener Rathausmann Austria
- Out.tv Media Person of the Year Award
- Attitude Award
- Communicator of the Year, Austria
- Eurostar Award Oikotimes.com
- Video of the Year, Amadeus Austrian Music Awards
- Song of the Year, Amadeus Austrian Music Awards
- Female Artist of the Year, Amadeus Austrian Music Awards
- Most Exciting TV-Moment of the Year, Romy Awards
- Jean-Claude Letiste Award, Cologne
- Tolerance Award, Gala Wider die Gewalt
- Special Rising Star Award, Icon LGBTI Awards, UK
- Artist of the Year 2016, Amadeus Austrian Music Awards
- Nomination „Celebrity of the Year“, Australian LGBTI Awards 2018

## **Love. Respect. Conchita.**

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