



Khebez Dawle

Short Bio:

Khebez Dawle is a Syrian five-member rock band. Founded in Damascus, Syria in the late 2012 as a one-man project, the band consolidated in Beirut, Lebanon in early 2013. With Anas Maghrebi, Muhammad Bazz, Bachi Darwish and Hekmat Qassar. Khebez Dawle has a one album so far, their self-titled concept album "Khebez Dawle", recorded April-July 2014 and scheduled to be released August 2015. All the band members are now living in Beirut, Lebanon.

Name And Concept:

We enjoy the wordplay in our band's name.

In Syrian spoken-word, "Khebez Dawle" means "government bread" or -literally- "country bread", it's a very common thing in Syria. The Syrian government bread always used to mean safety, stability and living well, to all the Syrian people. However, to us, "Khebez Dawle" is also interpreted as "the people that are the basis for building a dignified, safe and well-being country", regardless of any boundaries or policies. Thus, we ourselves and all the people around us are the subject matter of our music.

Musical Background:

Khebez Dawle members performed in many venues and places back in Syria, under many names and projects.

Anas -Lead singer/songwriter- worked in media production with many studios in Syria, and as a vocalist/rhythm guitarist with many Syrian bands. Bachi -Guitarist- works at the 'Bidna Capoeira' organization, and co-founded a Syrian band called 'Ana'. Bazz -Bassist- played bass guitar for many Syrian bands and co-founded 'Ana' with Bachi. Hekmat -Guitarist/Keyboardist- also played for many bands and composed soundtracks for short

films and animations. Khebez Dawle has been recording and playing with session drummers until Dani Shukri from the band Tanjaret Daghet joined Khebez Dawle.



Musical Style:

Khebez Dawle's sound is a combination of "indie/post-rock oriented guitars, modern-rock up-building drums and bass, and the dirty, rough oriental male vocals".

Khebez Dawle's music consists basically of "Arabic Syrian spoken-word lyrics, oriental vocal lines/guitar licks/solos, and a rhythm section that is a creative fusion between oriental and modern-rock beats".

Lyrics:

Khebez Dawle's lyrics are best described as "revolutionary, hopeful, yet wise poem"

The lyrics are written in Arabic Syrian spoken-word language.

-selections of the lyrics would be sent upon request-

Band Members:

Current members:

Anas: lead singer/songwriter

Bachi: guitarist

Hekmat: guitarist/keyboardist

Bazz: bassist

Touring members:

Louay Qanawati: guitarist

Omar Entabi: drummer

Former members:

Rabea Al-Ghazzi: drummer

Dani Shukri: drummer



Discography:

Khebez Dawle (2015): By the 1st of May, 2014, Khebez Dawle started recording their self-titled first album, funded by The Arab Fund For Art And Culture (Afac) and The Arab Culture Resource (Mawred) -links below-. It's a concept album that tells the story of a Syrian young guy experiencing the events of the Arab Spring, particularly the Syrian Uprising. This album tells the story from a humanitarian point of view, away from any polarizing political alignment.

Live/Dates:

From May 1st, 2014 through 2015, Khebez Dawle is doing shows and concerts at many venues and places in Lebanon in order to promote the album. Here's our schedule for the past period:

2014:

May 15th Yukunkun Club, Gemmayze.

May 24th AUB Outdoors 2014.

June 3rd Metro Al Madina, Hamra (guest).

June 6th Yukunkun Club, Gemayze (headliner with others).

June 21st Fete de la musique, Beirut 2014.

August 7th till 10th Forestronika Festival 2014 "Life In FlowMotion".

September 17th The Back Door, Mar Mikhael.

September 26th AltCity Hamra (Unplugged).

October 8th Radio Beirut, Mar Mikhael.

October 23rd Yukunkun Club, Gemmayze.

December 13th Metro Al Madina, Hamra, Binzin Wisikh Fundraiser.

2015:

February 24th Station Beirut, FriendsWithWarChild Concert.

April 21st Metro Al Madina, Hamra, Global Week for Syria.

September 20th Kutina Refugee Camp, Croatia
September 23rd Mocvara Klub, Zagreb, Croatia
September 24th Jiggy Bar, Zagreb, Croatia
November 4th Global Social Business Summit, Berlin, Germany
November 21st Big Up Berlin! @Club Gretchen, Berlin, Germany

On August 12th, 2015 Khebez Dawle officially released their album, at a launch party held at a venue called Mezyan in the Hamra district of Beirut. By early October 2015 Khebez Dawle will be preparing for their first tour in Germany to start early February 2016, to be followed by their European tour that would start by early June 2016. Late 2016, Khebez Dawle will be preparing for their international album-release show to be staged in early 2017 in Berlin. It's a rock musical show that involves visual arts and actors. The show builds up as the scenario of the story evolves.

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