Mel’s heartfelt tribute to legends

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PETALING JAYA — Corporate executive Mel Mohseyn will sing her heart out for charity in her first solo showcase called The Heart Project: Her Legends, tomorrow.

“I want to give back to society and at the same time, do what’s close to my heart, which is to sing,” says the Kuala Terengganu-born Mel.

“I started to sing when I was young. I would sing to my classmates. But I developed stage fright. I didn’t sing in front of an audience again until I was at UiTM in Shah Alam,” says the 32-year-old.

While working in the corporate sector, Mel took on gigs, sang at weddings and functions. She has also taken part in reality singing shows including Akademi Fantasia. “I was scared,” she recalls. “It was a nerve-wracking experience for me.”

As her confidence grew, she contributed background vocals for albums recordings and live shows, working with well-known artistes including Azlan Abu Hassan, Ramlah Ram, Adibah Noor and Noryn Aziz.

But she feels the time is right for The Heart Project: Her Legends. While realising her dream to become a professional singer, Mel says she wants to help those underprivileged “in what little way I can”.

“I believe that everyone should be treated the same — with respect, love and care. “In my show, I will pay tribute to the legends of song whom I’ve learnt to love in my journey as a singer.

“One of those legends is my mother, Radziah Ismail. She is also a singer. She’s been an inspiration to me, as she had to raise my three siblings and me alone. It was not easy,” says Mel who reveals cheekily that her great grandmother is Chinese while her great grandfather is Indian.

Describing her voice as sultry and soulful, Mel says she likes most musical genres especially jazz and R&B.

She will be singing 10 to 12 hits by Aretha Franklin and Whitney Houston, among other artistes, in her one-hour solo showcase. “I will be performing with a live band called Project N 9, and recording the show,” adds Mel who is currently working on producing her first single.

Mel has also invited newcomer Izmil Zulkipli to perform during The Heart Project: Her Legends.

Catch Mel Mohseyn’s The Heart Project: Her Legends tomorrow, from 8-9pm at Phat Barrels, Publika. Tickets are RM35 with one free drink. Proceeds will go to a beneficial cause.

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