

Local recording artist releases new track and video and becomes 'Bayla'

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The Suburban

Dollard des Ormeaux recording artist Brittany Kwasnik is embarking upon a fresh chapter in her career, starting with a new stage name. Introducing Bayla.

The announcement was made last week to coincide with the 21-year old's global release of the first track of her new sound with an accompanying official video. The track, titled Turn It Around, was written by Bayla, recorded in Montreal and produced by John Nathaniel. His credits include working with Quebec star Marie-Mai. It was mastered at Sterling Sound in New York by 12-time Grammy Award nominee and three-time Grammy winning mastering engineer Tom Coyne, who has worked with the likes of Beyonce, Adele, Taylor Swift and Sam Smith. As for the video, it was filmed in various sections of southwest Montreal, including Westmount and St. Henri and was directed by Montreal's Drei Media.

Bayla began recording at the age of 14 and focused her sound mostly on adult-contemporary.

"I've always experimented with different types of sounds and ideas in my music," she says. "The overall change in sound stemmed from this. I'm also a much happier person than I was a few years ago, and it is definitely showing in my music, which today, sounds more positive, happy and energetic"



COURTESY BAYLA

As an independent artist, Bayla (Brittany Kwasnik) is among those who hope that local radio stations will give her and others some exposure.

As for her new stage name?

"When I committed to the new direction for my new music, I knew that my full name no longer fit," she said. "My full name was never the easiest to remember or spell. I was losing people who couldn't remember how to find me online. When choosing my new stage name, I wanted to make sure it would still feel like me. Bayla is my Hebrew name."

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Victoria Hall: Host the exhibition When the Stone Talks - The Art of Contemporary Zimbabwean Sculptors. Fifteen artists will be represented in the exhibition, including Zimbabwean artist, Walter Mariga, the exhibition will be open to the public until Oct. 7 at 4626 Sherbrooke West. Free admission.

Black Theatre Workshop: Presents The Adventures of a Black Girl in Search of God until Oct. 18 at Centaur Theatre. Info: www.blacktheatreworkshop.ca

EVENTS & FUNDRAISERS

The Ludmer Centre for Neuroinformatics and Mental Health: Host a free lecture discussing Brain, Poverty and Mental Health with Dr. Michael Meaney and panel of experts on Oct. 7 (6:30-8:30 p.m.) in the McIntyre Medical Sciences Bldg - Martin Theatre, 6th Floor, 1200 Pine Ave. West.

Registration: www.alumni.mcgill.ca/events/ludmer-centre2015 or 514-398-1234.

Jewish Public Library: Presents the film The Last Mentsch by Pierre-Henry Salfati on Oct. 8 (7:30 p.m.) at 5151 Côte Ste. Catherine Rd., Montreal. Admission: \$10 members/students, \$15 non-members. Tickets: 514-345-6416. Info: www.jewishpubliclibrary.org

Montreal Walks: Host a walk for mental health, an event to raise awareness about mental health issues, Oct. 4 (11 a.m.) in Phillips Square. Info: mtwalks.com

Unitarian Church of Montreal: Host a lesbian social discussion group, catering to mid-age and older Anglo Lesbians/Queer women. A space to socialize and to discuss topics in current gay culture, screen Lesbian films, discuss lesbian novels and share potluck meals. Meetings are held every second Friday of the month, 7:30 p.m. Next meeting Oct. 9 at 5035 de Maisonneuve West. Info: 514-563-2429.

SouthWest United Church and Mission: Host their Annual Penny Fair on Oct. 3 (12-3 p.m.) at 1445 Clemenceau Ave., Verdun. Raffle prizes and light refreshments available. Info: 514-768-6231 or southwestunited@gmail.com

Congregation Shaar Hashomayim: Present Dr. Laurie Wiseberg on Oct. 11 (12 p.m.) at 450 Kensington Ave., Westmount. Cost \$5. Info/Reservations: 514-937-9474, ext. 139.

Union United Church: Hosts 'Our God is an Awesome God' featuring Combined Gospel Choirs directed by Kimble Sherwood and guests Claire Jean Charles and Khai Lewis Welch on Oct. 3 (7 p.m.) at 3007 Delisle, Montreal. Cost \$25. Info 514-932-8731.

Montreal Baha' Centre: Presents Modern Physics and Religion, talk given by Dr. Virendra Jha, Canadian Space Agency - ex Chief Engineering Advisor on Oct. 2 (7:30 p.m.) at 177 Ave. des Pins East. Info: 514-849-

0753.

The Atwater Poetry Project: Presents monthly readings by established and emerging poets from Montreal and across Canada. On Oct. 1 (7 p.m.) listen to Leah Horlick and Peter Norman at Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater Ave. Free. All are welcome.

HEALTH & SUPPORT GROUPS

Mount Sinai Hospital: Seeks volunteers to work between 2-3 hours once or twice a week as a greeter for the Out Patient Department. Volunteers are responsible for directing patients through the clinic process as well as ensuring that hand hygiene protocol is respected. Info: csteadman.sinai@ssss.gouv.qc.ca or 514-369-2222, ext. 1500.

Hope and Copc: Offers a free 7-week Bereavement Support Group, for those who lost a loved one to cancer, that will begin at the end of September. Register/Info: 514-340-8222, ext. 8535 or 514-973-2254.

BAYLA

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will give her and others some exposure.

"I think that the radio industry makes it difficult for indie artists to get heard," she says. "We have to hire a radio tracker to have any chance of success. The budget needed for a successful radio campaign is very

high, so they are definitely going to miss out on some great talent because of that. I wish it was more like the days when artists could just send in their tapes and radio stations would decide if they were going to play the song based on whether it was strong enough!"

You can see Bayla's video on *The Suburban website* at www.thesuburban.com

Pet of the week

Grace

Grace is about 8 years old, she was born outside and was rescued when she was about 7 months old. Grace is very beautiful and has minimal needs but is shy and very timid and tends to hide especially when there are strangers at home. Grace is house trained and good with other cats, but not with children. For more information about Grace please visit <http://www.animalrescuenetwork.org/animals/detail?AnimalID=5879338>



ACROSS

1. Send
5. Cabinet Department
10. Wear away
15. Exhausts
19. Canadian prov.
20. Verdi's specialty
21. Hazard
22. ___ Day; multiple vitamin brand
23. Body parts listed under "W"
27. Provided with new footwear
28. ___ liberty to say; bound to keep secret
29. Type of rug
30. Personalities
32. First lady's man
34. Fierce badgers
35. Cities listed under "W"
42. Sense of wonder
43. Like a catty remark
44. ___ Lewis
45. Very destructive weapon
49. Clothe
51. Swat
53. Not moving
55. Of a generation
56. Desert basin
58. Boss, at times
60. Divide
62. Eliot's initials
63. Lessen
65. Astronaut's employer, for short
66. Eggs: Lat.
67. Word with any or some
68. Presidents listed under "W"
75. Amigo
76. Amerindian
77. Elephant's color
78. Morning drops
79. Muslim title
80. Encountered a second time
83. Makes
85. Intellectuals
89. Baby's 1st home
91. Foreign garbs
93. Jenny's sound
94. Cocoon dweller
95. Pry
97. "Likewise!"
99. "Per ___ saecula saeculorum" (Prayer ending)
102. Part of a TV dog's name
103. Animals listed under "W"
107. Hoffman's namesakes
110. Author and activist Wiesel

W W W

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111. Adore one's grandkids
112. Twilight occurrence
115. Tree-dwelling mammal
118. Greene and others
122. Old TV shows listed under "W"
125. Gets ___; has one's hair rolled
126. Ms. McPherson
127. Ana ___ of "Ugly Betty"
128. Eur. language
129. "Ye are My friends, if ___ what I command..." (John 15:14)
130. Name for a Beatle
131. Gullible
132. Helper: abbr.

DOWN

1. Bryn ___
2. Wings: Lat.
3. "... ___ the East, and Juliet is the sun!..."
4. Pirate's punishment
5. Rotten
6. Calendar pg.
7. "___ Green"; song for Kermit the Frog
8. Approximately
9. Patio furniture material
10. Headstone phrases
11. Home: abbr.
12. Church calendar
13. Christian, for one
14. City in New York

15. On the horizon
16. Make ___ of; jot down
17. Iris part
18. Mort's family
24. Old Roman robes
25. Ravines
26. Educate
31. Dishwasher noise
33. Veal and venison
35. Disfigure
36. Not where you're supposed to be, for short
37. Country music VIP
38. Doing nothing
39. ___ hand; close
40. Clutch
41. Narrow-leafed tree
46. Mattress brand
47. Burr's role
48. ___ it; failed
50. Peepers
52. 100 centavos
54. Enraged
57. Loathe
59. Extent
61. Legends
64. Nips
68. Drawn vehicle
69. 1836 battle site
70. Saharans
71. Riyadh resident
72. Restrictive
73. Energetic person
74. Switch

75. Fido's feet
81. U.S. lake
82. Mr. or Mrs.
84. Bishops' meeting
86. Wise mentor
87. Heroic story
88. Went under
90. Showing great respect before
92. Longer and more slender
96. Equals
98. Green ___; scallion
100. Adore
101. ___ a whim; be impulsive
104. "___ saying..."
105. Clerical title
106. Uncomfortable protrusion
107. Corp. that sells home products
108. Capital city
109. Like a fish entree, hopefully
113. One-act play
114. Late Bombeck
116. Old Italian dollar
117. "Nay" voter
119. Turner and Cole
120. Greek letters
121. Gritty residue
123. ___ person; each
124. Two full decks

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