

A portrait of a woman with long dark hair, wearing a gold sequined top, looking slightly to the left. The image is framed by a white semi-circle at the top and a brown semi-circle at the bottom.

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About the artist:

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THE MOMENT YOU FEEL - 2022



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Manuela Rufolo is an Italian-born vocalist and songwriter currently based in Luxembourg. Growing up she found great inspiration in music and singing, listening to soulful icons like Whitney Houston, Aretha Franklin, Mariah Carey, Nina Simone, Stevie Wonder and Italian vocal goddess like Mina, Giorgia, Elisa and Mia Martini, who set her standards in singing and interpretation. On the other hand, pop-soul artists like Amy Winehouse and the Italian Pino Daniele, helped her to realize emotions can be channelled into writing and opened the doors to songwriting. Later, she also found significant inspiration in Latin Music, above all Salsa, which she learned to dance and sing.

Her songwriting, mainly in Italian and English, aims to bring to light unconscious images and feelings (Amaranto, Domani, Careless Souls) but also to convey meaningful and inspirational messages (The moment you feel, Senza Cadere), sublimated by enveloping music atmosphere and a unique vocal interpretation. At the moment, she is working on a new song with a Mediterranean-jazzy music touch, in line with her music evolution and the renewed need not to lose contact with her roots.

On the top of her own songs, Manuela loves to perform covers re-arranged, with the help of her own musicians, in a jazzy pop style, in order to create original interpretations reflecting her vocal and music style. She is particularly inspired by the Italian music repertoire, for a personal need but also for a cultural mission.

From her arrival in Luxembourg in 2014, Manuela has gradually discovered the local music scene, collaborating with several local musicians and artists, exploring different music styles and evolving vocally and artistically, becoming well known in Luxembourg as well as in the in the Greater Region with invitations to perform with her live band at several concerts in France in the course of 2022, among them, the Italian Film Festival, to which she was invited to perform last November.