



## 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."

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.

### **„From Vienna with Love“ - Conchita with orchestra**

In March 2016, Conchita gave a sold-out concert at the **Sydney Opera House** in Australia. Her program represents her musical development: cover songs from Shirley Bassey to Cher to Tina Turner, as well as songs from her album "Conchita" including duets with guests. She was accompanied by the Sydney Symphony Orchestra under the musical direction of Guy Noble.

In 2017 this idea was continued: at the **Brucknerhaus in Linz** with the Bruckner Orchestra under the direction of Marc Reibel, as the opening act of the **Wiener Festwochen 2017** with the Vienna Symphony Orchestra and two sold-out and equally acclaimed shows in Germany: at the **Philharmonie Berlin** and at the **Laeiszhalle Hamburg**.

This autumn Conchita will release her new album "From Vienna with Love". Conchita will present the project as **part of her appearance for the BBC on the 25th of February 2018 at the Palladium in London**. **A european Tour will follow after the release of „From Vienna with Love“.**