

An Interview with Kasia Borek

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Kasia is back – and more creative than ever, at that. In addition to her own songs, lots of bags are being created. What's up with that? And what are Kasia's thoughts about Hand aufs Herz and Jemma after all this time? All of this will be revealed in our interview.



JemmaInternational: You've really surprised us with your bag collection. It's been available since Halloween. How did this project come to be?

Kasia: A good question. I'm always discovering new creative aspects of myself and I am curious. The bag idea was conceived a few years ago when I was always moving with my parents from city to city as a teenager. My life was always on the go and a bag gave me the feeling of a home that's always with me. Plus, I like to sew in my spare time.

Where do you get your ideas from? What is your inspiration when designing things?

I'm inspired by wanderlust, travelling, the colorful flora and generally nature with its beautiful forms and colors. I especially like one bag from my collection: it's called „Botanic Garden“. I'm also inspired by the big city and urban settings - that's why there are also plain-colored bags and bags with simple motifs, because there is beauty in simplicity.

Do you have further plans for your label KB in addition to the bags?

Yes, since creativity knows no bounds. Next year I'd also like to create clothing. Just wait and see.

We're looking forward to it and we're also a bit curious. Which items absolutely have to be in your own handbag?

Haha! I always have my little notebook with me because the best ideas for lyrics occur to me while I'm on the move and they have to be jotted down immediately. The second most important thing, the default classic is also a must-have. My lipstick.

You're also musically active at the moment. In 2018, there will be your first solo concert. What are your hopes for this event?

I hope that I and my fans will have a great time together and that I will deliver a good performance. I want to take my audience with me on a musical journey and give everyone out there hope and strength with my songs. To share all of this would make me happy.

The setlist will also include your own songs. How would you describe your music?

Music connects people and creates magical moments, that's why it's a very important part of my life. Music picks you up again and again and it can help when words aren't enough. If I manage to touch people with my songs and unite them with my music, then I would describe it as a bridge to the world.

Are there certain subjects that you are especially interested in as songwriter?

I'm especially interested in what is happening with the world and people. Every one of us has a purpose in life and is indispensable. That is something of which I want to remind everybody out there.

Are you planning to release your songs?

Yes, definitely.

What dreams and wishes do you have regarding your own music?

If all goes well, I'd hope to release my single before Christmas 2017 and then 2018 give more concerts with a finished album and later go on tour.

Great idea! It's crazy how many years have already passed by since the show „Hand aufs Herz“ aired. Still, for many fans the love story between Jenny and Emma remains unforgettable. Are you surprised by this? How do you personally feel about it?

I always think: „Just what have I and Lucy done there.“ All joking aside. ;) It always moves and satisfies me. I hadn't expected such a great response and so I'm even happier that I could touch hearts with my role as Emma, because it's always worth it to fight for love.

What comes to mind when you think about Hand aufs Herz and Jemma today?

It was an awesome, intense, unforgettable and defining time. I'm grateful and happy to have participated in such a great show that broached social issues. They were brave and smart, that's why it probably won't be forgotten and that makes me proud.

This interview with you will be a highlight of our advent calendar. So, how will you spend Christmas?

With my family, of course. I don't see them very often and it's one of the best opportunities to spend time together.

What rituals are a necessary part of your Christmas celebration?

On Christmas Eve, I always look out for the first star to appear in the sky, then I know that Christmas time is starting. In Polish tradition you always set the table with an additional plate and silverware, because there's always a chance that an unexpected guest will stop by. So that's something that has to be there. :)

And New Year's follows closely on the heels of Christmas. What are your plans, dreams and wishes for 2018?

Most of all I'm wishing for my family's and friends' well-being. They are very important to me. I'm also looking forward to realizing my plans for my music, my collection and exciting acting roles. It will give me the chance to show new aspects of myself and I can't wait to express them in my songs.

Do you have a wish that you would like to send out to all your loyal fans out there?

Believe in yourself. Live your dreams and put smiles on the faces of your loved ones. Approach her or him if your heart tells you to and be proud to have said something because it was honest, human and thus beautiful!

Dear Kasia, thank you very much for your great answers, good luck with all of your plans and ... Stay Jemma! :)

KASIA'S PROJECTS

Wrapped up!



Shooting for the ARD comedy „Verliebt in Masuren“ (working title: „Heart overboard“) ended on October 8th 2017. Shooting locations were Poland and Germany. The focus of the story is the special relationship between the cantankerous Captain Kurt and his feisty nurse Roza. Also to be seen: Kasia as Ewa. The exact airdate hasn't been announced yet, but the timeslot is set („Endlich Freitag im Ersten“), so it will be airing at 20:15 / 8:15 PM on a Friday on Das Erste.

Tuned up!

Whabaam, turn the sound controls all the way up. Kasia has been holed up with her own songs in the recording studio for some time. She has shared a first, short sample („Glasses“) on her Instagram page. If you want to experience Kasia live, mark down the date of

her first solo concert: **March 17th 2018, 20:00 / 8:00 PM, Wuppertal, Kontakthof.** Tickets here: www.wuppertal-live.de



Handsewn!

Happy Lemon, Glitter Party, White Cloud: Every bag has its story and its own style.

Kasia presents her own creations under the label „KB by Kasia Borek“. Those who buy one of these fashionable companions will also receive a signed picture.

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