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NIKOTINE (Arabic: نيكوتين بيروت) is a Lebanese-Canadian singer-songwriter and cabaret artist based between Toronto and Montréal. Born in Beirut, her multilingual music blends Arabic classics, glam rock, and queer cabaret.

Her influences span the Arab tradition (Fairuz, Assala, Majida El Roumi, Julia Boutros) and the Western stage (Freddie Mercury, Prince, Nina Hagen, Klaus Nomi), with the poetry of Rumi and Rilke informing her lyrics.

Nikotine is the co-creator, writer, host, and live singer of CABARET: The Dancing Djinn, a two-hour queer Arab musical theatre spectacle built alongside bellydancer and burlesque artist Samara. Drawing on the history of the Mukhannathun (Arabic: المخنثون) — performers who held celebrated roles in medieval Andalusian and Arab court culture before being erased by colonialism and religious repression - the show has been described by [The Link](#) as "a reclamation of erased queer Arab histories." Since its debut in Montréal in January 2025, The Dancing Djinn has sold out multiple venues across Canada (Lula Lounge, Cabaret Lion d'Or, Café Cléopâtre). All profits from every performance are donated to displaced families in Beirut and humanitarian relief in Gaza.

Nikotine is currently recording her debut studio album: a multilingual original record spanning Arabic and English, with sessions between Paris, Beirut, and Canada. It arrives in 2027.

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