



## «For me it is a pleasure to be and share music with the patients of the ICU»

**BREQUETTE CASSIE** Singer

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►► The singer and songwriter, Brequette Cassie.

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Brequette Cassie is a South African singer, songwriter and dancer who currently lives in Madrid. The artist has participated in many television programs related to music. Cassie is a person with clear ideas and has the goal of one day being able to represent Spain at the Eurovision festival. From EL PERIÒDIC we interviewed her to review her career and because today she is doing a music therapy session in the ICU of the Hospital de Nostra Senyora de Meritxell and in the evening she is performing at UNNIC.

**–When did your passion for the world of music begin?**

–I started singing at the age of 12. I have had music very close to me and I always knew that in one way or another it would be my profession.

**–Are you coming to Andorra today to hold a music therapy session for the patients who are in the ICU at Hospital de Nostra Senyora de Meritxell? what do you think? And the fact that they chose you?**

–For me it is a pleasure to be and share music with them. I feel very grateful and blessed to be able to do this.

**–Can you tell us what this session will be like at the hospital?**

–I have chosen themes from all eras so that we can all enjoy it. It will be a concert that will last approximately 45 minutes and will be mainly Soul and Blues songs.

**–This night also performs at UNNIC, the casino in Andorra, a completely different record. On this occasion, have you prepared a different repertoire than the music therapy session?**

–Yes, the repertoires are different. In the ICU of Nostra Senyora hospital I wanted to make a repertoire for all ages and tastes.

**–In 2012 you participated in 'La Voz' and reached the semi-finals. How would you summarize the experience?**

–It was one of the best experiences of my life. That was where I decided that I want to grow as an artist.



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**–Your single «Mas (Run)» was one of the candidates to represent Spain at Eurovision in 2014. What inspired you to compose this song?**

–When they proposed it to me, I was very clear that this song was going to change my life. I didn't hesitate for a second.

**–A few years later, in 2016, you were able to live the Eurovision experience, as you were the chorus of 'Barei'. How do you remember this moment?**

–Yes, another experience that would not change for anything. Living it from the background was great because I didn't have that pressure, anxiety and stress, I lived it like no one else. I have to confess that at first I didn't want to do it because I would like to represent Spain as a singer. But in the end I changed my mind and went. The trial period lasted between three and four months.

**–The following year, together with Barei, she presented herself again as a candidate to represent Spain at Eurovision, this time with three songs in English, but there was no luck either. Are you considering to take part again?**



–I am certain that one day I will represent Spain at Eurovision. I'm in no rush, it will happen when it has to happen.

**–In 2021 you were the winner of the Telecinco program 'Top Star. Cuánto vale tu voz?' Do you think winning has opened more doors and given you more opportunities in the music world?**

–Yes, it has given me more possibilities, but I have always been a woman who works for what she wants. The two things came together and thank God I don't stop working.

**–What is your source of inspiration when composing?**

–I am very spiritual, I like to focus on personal improvement, love, positive attitude and dancing.

**–What goals do you have in mind for the rest of the year? And for 2024?**

–I am working on my second E.P. and I really want you to see it. I can't go much further because I start working on this next week.

**–In the world of music, which artists do you look up to?**

–Whitney Houston, Beyoncé, Jill Scott and Erika Badu. The world of art is complex and there are few people who can make a living from it.

**–Currently, do you combine the world of music with another job or profession?**

–I'm very lucky to be able to dedicate myself to music every day and to be able to make a living from it.

**–Which artist would you like to collaborate with?**

–I would love it with Beyoncé. ≡

POLITICS

# Entry into the UN meant international recognition for the country

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|| A round table was held to learn about the past, present and future of the relationship between the two parts

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This 2023 marks 30 years since Andorra joined the United Nations (UN) and on the occasion of this anniversary the Government organized several events to commemorate it, the last one was a round table yesterday to learn firsthand the past, present and future of Andorra's relationship with the UN. During the event, the Head of Government, Xavier Espot, recalled that Andorra's entry into the UN allowed the country to have «its own and strong voice outside our borders». Espot described the entry as a fact of «historical significance» because the country's sovereignty can be defended as an internationally recognized State and it is possible by making «our voice heard in a completely interdependent and globalized world». For her part, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Imma Tor, was in charge of closing the event and shared that «a long way has been traveled, but there is still a long way to go to be able to take full advantage of membership in the organism». Tor remarked that the Principality has begun to build «its profile in the immense field of the United Nations».

The round table was led by the political scientist Yvan Lara, and included the participation of the secretary general and spokesperson of the Government in 1993, Jordi Cinca, the first permanent representative of Andorra at the UN (1993-98), Juli Minoves, and the current permanent representative of Andorra at the UN (since 2015), Elisenda Vives.

Minoves, detailed that in 1993 when Andorra became part of the UN, there was a «small difference» with the other Small States of Europe, since «we were setting up a foreign policy at the same time as we were entering the United Nations», for this reason he detailed that «immediately we had to exercise our vote, with little infrastructure but with a very great sense of responsibility». The former minister remembered the fact as a «very nice, but complicated moment because we had to focus on all the United Nations issues». Despite this situation, they felt very supported by the other member states.



► Event held yesterday afternoon to commemorate 30 years of Andorra's accession to the UN.



**JULI MINOVES**  
FORMER MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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AMBASSADOR OF ANDORRA TO THE UN

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Minoves pointed out that one of the strong points of the UN «is the sovereign equality of all states [...] we were received very well because we had the same vote as the other states». The former minister explained that joining the organization was «essential for our recognition as a state», also to be part of international negotiations with other States. «It is necessary to have contact with the rest of the world and the United Nations is where we started to deal with all this, to make diplomatic relations and we showed that we were a responsible state at an international level», Minoves argued.

On the other hand, Andorra's ambassador to the UN, Elisenda Vives, expressed «the honor and privilege of representing Andorra at the United Nations». The ambassador defi-

ned the entry into the organization as a success, since «it is there where you can find not only interlocutors but also talk about the world agenda, that is to say all the challenges that countries have to face in a common way, is the essence of the United Nations, you have to be there to be part of it». The future challenges of the Principality at the United Nations are: the climate crisis, the consequences of the war in Ukraine, the Covid-19 crisis. Vives also pointed out that there are permanent agendas which is the maintenance of the defense of human rights, the attempt to have peace and security. The ambassador remarked that Andorra's goal, in its scale, is to continue speaking and contributing to the maximum in the resolution of these challenges. ≡

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