

Jennifer Lopez strikes a dreamy pose on top of the Acropolis in private photo-shoot



After a string of fashion disasters, singer Jennifer Lopez appeared to be a different woman as she posed for a private photo-shoot at the sacred Acropolis in Athens.

Wearing a dreamy flowing strapless blue dress, Lopez gazed intensely into the camera of Greek-born photographer Spyros Poros.

Lopez, with her hair curly, can be seen holding herself up between two huge pillars of the ancient Erechtheion, on the north side of the Acropolis.

While it is still unclear what the photos will be used for, there were rumours that they would appear in a weekly magazine.

One fan wrote on the singer's fan site: 'She looks absolutely gorgeous. The whole town is at

her feet. She is very friendly and waves to the cameras.'

Lopez was in Greece for a single concert on Saturday, wearing three outfits for her performance, including a white Charleston-like dress, a black body-hugging outfit and a gold-coloured short dress with black knee-high boots.

It comes just days after she was criticised for her fashion choices while on holiday in Italy.

Lopez was seen stepping out with beau, Marc Anthony, in a dress that looked suspiciously like a dressing gown.

She had previously selected an ugly brown crumpled smock and gladiator sandals to cruise around on a private yacht belonging to fashion royalty Dolce and Gabbana.

Canadian soldier arrested in Cyprus

NICOSIA, Cyprus -- Cypriot police say they have arrested a Canadian soldier for allegedly threatening a taxi driver with a knife.

A police statement said the 25-year-old soldier appeared to be drunk when he was arrested shortly after midnight last night in the southwestern coastal resort of Paphos.

Canadian Forces Maj. Ralph Sears said the soldier arrived in Paphos last Thursday for a brief rest before flying home after completing a combat tour in Afghanistan. Sears said the soldier was being released into the custody of Canadian military police until tomorrow when he is to appear in a Paphos court.



French Navy commandos provide support to World Food Program ships in Somali waters where pirates are causing havoc.

Somali pirates seize Greek ship

Somali pirates hijacked another Greek ship off the lawless Horn of Africa nation on Sunday in the latest of a wave of attacks, a maritime official said.

Andrew Mwangura, head of the Kenya-based East African Seafarers' Assistance Programme, said the MV Capt Stephanos had 17 Filipino crew, one Chinese and a Ukrainian on board.

No other details were immediately available.

Heavily-armed pirates from Somalia have seized more than 30 vessels off the coast of their country so far this year, making its waters the most dangerous in the world.

Last Wednesday, Somali gunmen hijacked another Greek ship, the Centauri. The pirates are holding more than a dozen vessels and more than 200 crew members for ransom.

Disgust amongst Greek Londoners over George Michael actions

Greek-Cypriot George Michael or Yiorgos Kyriakos Panayiotou based in Highgate has again made the headlines for the wrong reasons now being caught with crack cocaine and alleged to be loitering in a known cruising spot on Hampstead Heath.

The reaction by the Greek community of London some 300,000 has been unanimous in its condemnation of the pop star with many saying 'does he not have any respect for himself or for his family'.

The London Daily News contacted a leading member of the Greek community in London who wanted to remain anonymous who said:

'The actions of George Michael are bringing our community into disrepute he is abusing his riches and is not example to the young. What I would suggest to George Michael is to put his money he wastes on drugs in the funding of a Greek Orthodox daily secondary which is desperately needed in north London'.

George Michael is thought to be worth over £100 million and has been

plagued by negative press in the last few years.

In April 1998 Michael is arrested in Beverly Hills for a lewd act in a toilet, in February 2006 he is arrested for possession for a class C drug, October 2006 he is cautioned for possession over cannabis.

There has been a simmering resentment in the Greek community of London directed at George Michael for not every agreeing to involve himself in the community either in any meaningful appearances or donating funds, when he has been given millions to fund AIDS projects in Africa.



Savina Yannatou

By Richard Gehr

The wonderfully idiosyncratic Greek vocalist Yannatou, accordionist-arranger Kostas Vamvolas, and the five other members of Primavera en Salonico perform an Armenian lullaby, a Greek sponge divers' work song, a Southern Italian olive harvesters' tune, and a Yiddish Ashkenazic melody on their spacious and experimental new album, *Songs of an Other*. And since this marks the first evening of the World Music Institute's two-day Sephardic Song Festival, you should also expect music from the group's namesake Greek-Jewish community, Salonica.