

# MY PANDEMIC PERFORMANCE

**H**olly has cancelled this year's big Disco performance. Now free to join and watch a live video online. Fans will be picked at random to join her on the live and share the screen one by one to have a chat with Holly Neill herself.

Holly was born in France before she started moving, Holly moved countries 6 times ending up in Manchester, England. Everywhere she went she found herself singing on the side of streets and towns to earn her money, when one day a producer walked past and noticed her truly natural talent. Holly's music journey started at a young age on 13 "I grew up listening to music as it was the one thing I could take with me everytime I moved" she says excitedly. "The music gives me memories of everywhere I've been, the friends I've made, and the experiences I've had." It was at the age of 14 that Holly wrote her first song. "The first song I wrote was for my mum as she liked it when I sang for her, at the time she thought it was the best song ever." She soon moved again and this time found her perfect genre; "It was at the age of 16 that I discovered the genre Disco, I loved everything about it and after writing my own songs, I soon moved to Busking to try help my mum afford to settle down." Holly treated this hobby as a job, "I made a different amount of money each day, not knowing what was going to happen that day gave me a rush of excitement and I loved what I was doing,

sometimes making hundreds, other times less than fifty pounds". How does this compare to your career now "I never thought I'd be performing on a stage to hundreds, I wish I could this year but keeping myself and others safe is more important." What's the plan for the Winter disco concert then? "We are going to be refunding everyone who has already bought a ticket. We will be emailing them the time and place they can find the live online concert and for only 50 lucky people a meet and greet". And how do you plan to choose the 50 people you're going to speak to? "This will be done using a new generator and their online names meaning we can contact them and they can join the live if they are up to it, all the other fans streaming will be able to watch this meet and greet of their own devices".

How has the global pandemic affected you Holly? And do you have any advice you want to give to others? "This pandemic has been a big and memorable part in everyone's life but we can't let it affect us in a negative way as we still need to look after ourselves and each other and make sure were okay, I hope that this live online performance will brighten peoples day and maybe even week as we all need some cheering up" Do you think you will be back to performing on stage again anytime Holly Neils live will be happening Tuesday, December the 22nd at 6pm on her instagram @Holly\_Nei11, stream in and me may hear her first song she ever made, in her mums words 'the best song ever'.

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