

Samantha receives letter from Mayoress of Marbella

Scottish Singer Samantha Mairs could not believe her eyes when she opened a letter from Spain which had the logo of the Marbella Town Hall boldly printed on it. With baited breath she read the Spanish text thanking her for the gift of the song "Marbella Marbella" and wishing her every future success.

Fate had taken her hand. Who would believe that a girl from Motherwell, would receive a letter of thanks written and signed by none other than the dynamic Angeles Munoz the new Mayoress of Marbella, one of the most glamorous and prestigious towns in all Europe.

In 1991 her parents, Samantha and her brother Robert emigrated to the Costa Del Sol where she started her singing career and quickly displayed a talent for entertaining holidaymakers and residents alike. She sang and acted in numerous stage presentations and along with her father David, a professional musician, sang on BBC's Songs of Praise. Sam had her own late night radio show on Central FM and soon became one of the Costa del Sol's top entertainers. She returned to Motherwell in 2001 and, after becoming established as a well known personality vocalist, returned to full time education at University doing a degree course in corporate communications and business study. Samantha is back singing and is now one of the top acts in Scotland.

Samantha says "I was thrilled to be asked to record the song Marbella Marbella and I hope that a recording company will take the song and make it as popular as Viva Espana. Wouldn't it be wonderful if all of Europe were singing the praises of Marbella instead of reading one sided negative press".

On February 19, Samantha presented the song on Radio Clyde FM during an interview about her support for the Costa del Sol initiative. She was also featured in an article in the Scottish national newspaper "The Sunday Post."

The fight to defend the reputation of the Costa del Sol and Marbella began in Sweden April 2007, when Scottish composer, author, and painter Dario Poli, saw a CCN TV documentary on Marbella and the Costa del Sol which painted a very negative image of his adored Marbella.

Outraged by the one-sided depiction, Dario the co-author of the dramatic musical drama "Lady X And The Power of Destiny," (based on the life of the late Diana Princess of Wales) decided there and then, to do something about it, so he wrote the music for a song which he titled "Marbella, Marbella" expressing his affection for the town and the Costa del Sol.

Returning to Mijas Golf, he added the lyrics with

professional singer Alan De Ward and registered the song, with S.G.A.E in Malaga. Following a meeting with musical arranger and producer David Mairs; the song was sung by Alan and recorded in David's studio in Fuengirola.

The catchy tune began to take off and since that CCN programme, what began as Dario's one-man fight for Marbella, has intensified and the song is now played on most major radio stations on the Costa del Sol.

The song was presented by **Laura Stanbridge**, the organizer of the BCCS & CIT Symposium held in November 2007, attended by the Mayoress of Marbella, **Angeles Munoz**; the Councilor for Tourism of Marbella **Jose Luis Hernandez**; publicist **Max Clifford**, and other heads of the business community.

Dario, David and supporters have a new website costadelsolvoice.com and are working with the media to have the song played all over Europe with the hope of spreading a positive image of Marbella.

Samantha will be performing the song Marbella Marbella at the Rhys Daniels Trust Celebrity Golf Challenge at La Cala Hotel and golf resort which runs from the 5th to the 8th of June and will also be performing on Friday the 6th of June at Club La Costa.

