

Career Song

IUPUI graduate Lynda Sayyah is pursuing her dream of a singing career

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Transcript

[Music]

[L. Sayyah] My experiences at IUPUI started in 2003 and I graduated in 2005 with an associate's, and I really liked the school. I liked it in the sense that I felt that the teachers, the classes were small, the teachers had really cool personalities. I always felt comfortable speaking with a teacher--if I ever had a questions, I felt very comfortable talking to them about it.

I'm still very involved with IUPUI's campus, because we just shot the video using the IUPUI crew. I still talk to Ricardo Laranja, who's in the Informatics building, and I work with him all the time.

[Clip from music video]

So in a sense, we kind of, the team that we somewhat built involves a lot of students from IUPUI, because they are going to school for media and design and sometimes sound and stuff like that. You can use them as good tools because we're all just kind of starting out. We're all trying to get somewhere, and people really want to help each other out. So I'm very still connected to IUPUI in that sense. In Indianapolis I perform at places mostly in Broad Ripple, usually clubs like The Vogue, Peppers, Rock Lobster, Spin, Birdie's, which is a little further out. We've performed at Oxygen, which is in Castleton, and Jilo, it used to be there, but it's closed down. Just, pretty much wherever they have live music, at clubs and bars and stuff like that, I perform, have probably performed there. Live shows and touring definitely give me the opportunity to try out, to see how a crowd will react to a new song. That is always the best way to do it, because you get an honest reaction that way. And sometimes songs, when you listen to them, as opposed to a CD or in a car versus being live. Sometimes you get a different reaction because they sound different, especially if you bring in a live band.

For me to define success for my singing career, I definitely--I would love to get a Grammy--that would be like wow, that would be great.

[Radio announcer introduces her song and song plays]

You know, people are really just, they're paying attention to what you're working on, and that's what you want a lot of times, you want your efforts to be seen, you want your vision to be seen by other people, and that's a lot of times why you do it and why you love it so much. You want people to experience and to learn from what you're doing and be inspired by what you're doing and a lot of times if you're getting a Grammy or nominated, people are being inspired or are paying attention enough that you know you're doing well, so that would be a really cool thing for me.

I'm sure that if I was really successful at music, I would probably go back to school at some point, just to go for fun, just to have the degree and for a learning experience, but as of right now, my dedication is completely and strictly it's music.