

Jackson. "Growing up, I was able to expand my musical field by turning to soul, while listening to Etta James and Aretha Franklin. I like trying different styles which is why I have been able to perform for more than 10 years in orchestras, in a cabaret, and now in a duet with Aurélie, said Virginia.

The two met six years ago in an orchestra. They say that they instantly bonded, following which they decided to get together to create music. "I

feel like we complement each other's voices and styles very well, while at the same time, we share moments singing together, which is our common passion," said Aurélie.

"Our diverse experiences allow us to complete ourselves on the artistic aspect," Virginia added.

The duo plays songs of many artists but hope to someday be able to create their own music. "The future will tell what is in store for us. But, it is definitely

a possibility," they said.

Speaking about their visit to Qatar, they said they loved the country and its landscape. They said that Qatar has given them a lot in a little time.

"We love Qatar. This country is for a dreamer who wishes for their dreams to come true," said Aurélie.

When asked what qualities were needed to be a performer, they said, "Generosity is the prime quality an artist should have. While one has to

have the ability and desire to surpass oneself. Despite the criticism and the hardships that come in an artistic environment, remaining humble is also important," said Virginia.

"Every show is a challenge, and pushes us to evaluate and give our best. Also, to set up this duo was a big challenge. It is now done and we do hope to travel and perform worldwide. It would certainly be the ultimate challenge," Aurelie said.

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