



Jazz soloist swings into musical finals

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A JAZZ singer is delighted to have made it to the regional finals of an open mic competition.

Nikki Felle, 26, of Warren Avenue, Shortlands, has been selected from 10,000 hopefuls to perform at the next stage of the Open Mic UK competition in Bedford in November.

The competition is looking for the UK’s best singers, songwriters, rappers and vocalists of all genres who perform either covers or original material.

Originally from Germany, Ms Felle is no stranger to the stage. She is a regular face in the London acoustic live circuit and also performed at recent live music events organised by Starbucks in Bromley’s The Glades shopping centre.

The business analyst said: “I just love singing and expressing myself through music. Some of my songs, especially the ballads, are quite emotional. It’s an amazing feeling when I can reach the audience with my music and engage them with my songs.

“I am really excited about this. It’s a great opportunity for me to get my music heard by a wider audience but I’m also a little bit nervous.

“I will give my very best in this show and I hope I will make it to the national finals. I heard some really good acts during the last round so I think it will be a tight competition. I hope lots of people will come along to support me with the audience vote.”

Ms Felle writes all her songs, and is currently working on her debut album *Bright Outlook*, which will be completed before end of the year. Some of her songs are already getting airplay on Retail radio stations and on the online station Amazing Radio.

The prize for the winning act will be a recording and management contract with the potential of investment for a single release. The winners will also be invited on



BREAK: Singer Nikki Felle.

the Open Mic UK Tour of 100 gigs across the country. The regional finals include a head-to-head battle in front of hundreds of audience members and a professional judging panel.

The show takes place on the November 1 at 8pm at Bedford Corn Exchange.

Anyone who wants to go can e-mail Ms Felle for a ticket at Nikki.Felle@hotmail.com. She will be organizing free bus transport to the show including drinks for everybody coming from Bromley.