# Shirin Nabati × Bebe Rexha

*Inside the glamour, artistry, and preparation behind Bebe Rexha's Dubai gala appearance at Atlantis The Royal.*

For the Naked Heart Foundation's 20th Anniversary Gala at Atlantis The Royal in Dubai, makeup artist Shirin Nabati created a polished performance look for Bebe Rexha—one that balanced a classic sense of glamour with modern definition.

A luminous complexion, softly sculpted cheeks, graphic eye definition and nude lips framed the singer's face. The finishing touch was a strong eye look that held its presence from close-up photographs to the vivid red light of the stage.

Paired with a dramatic black gown and gold jewellery, the makeup became part of the evening's visual story: a transformation from the focused intimacy of the dressing room to the freedom of a live performance.



*Shirin Nabati preparing Bebe Rexha's makeup ahead of the gala.*



*The finished gala look at Atlantis The Royal, Dubai.*

02 / THE PREPARATION

# The Beauty of Getting Ready

*Before the stage lights, the most revealing beauty moments happened quietly backstage.*



BACKSTAGE, DUBAI

In a dressing room away from the audience, the final details of a performance look come together through exacting, hands-on work. The preparation photographs capture that concentration: the arrangement of the hair, the refinement of the face and the coordinated rhythm of a team working around a live performance.

For Nabati, the makeup had two jobs. It needed to look beautiful in the intimate proximity of the dressing room, and remain legible from a stage under powerful coloured lighting. The eyes therefore carried definition without sacrificing delicacy; the complexion offered warmth and shape, not distraction.

## THE PROCESS

The result did not depend on a single dramatic gesture. The makeup worked through the relationship between its parts: balanced skin, extended liner, a framed lash line and a restrained nude lip. Together with the sculptural blonde updo, these elements created a considered frame for Rexha's expressions. In performance beauty, precision is not simply a question of finish. It is what allows the finished face to feel effortless when the artist steps into the spotlight.

03 / BEAUTY IN DETAIL

# A Study in Modern Glamour

*A confident eye, a light-reflective complexion and a wardrobe that turned every detail into an event.*



*The completed look photographed before the performance.*

### THE EYES

A clean, elongated black line gave the gaze its definition, while full lashes and softly blended depth added dimension. The result was striking at a distance but still precise in the close-up: a modern interpretation of familiar evening glamour.

### THE SKIN & LIPS

The complexion reads luminous and softly sculpted in the photographs. Warmth across the cheeks brought life to the face, balanced by nude lips with a subtle sheen. Those quieter elements created space for the eyes to take centre stage.

### THE TOTAL LOOK

The sleek black gown was cut with strong shoulders and fluid draping. Gold embellishment at the waist and elongated earrings added light and movement, connecting the beauty treatment to the fashion without letting either compete.

04 / THE EVENING

# The Night Takes the Stage

*Inside Atlantis The Royal, the glow of gala-night glamour gave way to an electric live performance.*



*Bebe Rexha on stage during the Naked Heart Foundation gala.*



*The performance under red stage lighting.*

On 25 February 2025, the Naked Heart Foundation celebrated its twentieth anniversary at Atlantis The Royal in Dubai, in partnership with Dubai Cares. Hosted by the foundation's founder, Natalia Vodianova, the evening brought together guests from fashion, the arts and business around a charitable mission supporting children and young adults with developmental disabilities and their families.

The programme combined a couture presentation by Ulyana Sergeenko, fundraising and a live performance by Bebe Rexha. Under the dramatic reds and magentas of the stage, her sculpted black-and-gold look became particularly vivid. The eye makeup remained a defining feature even as the light shifted: a quiet testament to the careful beauty preparation behind the public moment.

*For Shirin Nabati, the collaboration was an example of artistry serving a larger performance: beauty created not simply to be photographed, but to move naturally with the singer and the atmosphere of the room.*