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Star-spangled singer in Obama debut

New York-born Adina Feldman's excited to sing the American anthem in front of the US president Thursday night

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The Queens-born chanteuse who will be singing "The Star-Spangled Banner" in front of President Obama Thursday night (Courtesy Adina Feldman)

For Adina Feldman, it's pretty much the opportunity of a lifetime. The Queens, New York-born singer who lives outside Jerusalem will be singing "The Star-Spangled Banner" in front of President Obama on Thursday night at Jerusalem's International Convention Center.

"I'm humbled and honored and very excited," the chanteuse said during a phone interview on Wednesday night, just a quick conversation so she could "rest her voice."

"It's the merging of my two worlds," said Feldman, who has lived in Israel since 1990. "I'm singing the American anthem in front of the US president in Jerusalem; that's really incredible for me."

Feldman, a singer/songwriter who performs solo and with other singers and bands at various venues in Israel and the US, received a call from the US Embassy last Friday asking if she'd be interested in performing in front of the president. She received the confirmation on Sunday and since then has been giving interviews, working with a stylist (she'll be wearing a gown and was lent earrings by jeweler H. Stern for the event) and receiving security instructions.

"It's been a lot of fun," said Feldman.

But more than that, it's an honor to be chosen, repeated Feldman.

“I’m just so excited,” she said. “I love this president and his wife and his beautiful family.”

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