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Shy Johnny backs out of his stage debut

Female chanteuse Vanessa Paradis, aka Mrs Johnny Depp, treated fans last night to a rare concert at London's Koko club last night, but her long term boyfriend was sadly nowhere to be seen. Breathy Vanessa, who had a top five hit in 1988 at just 14 with memorable track Joe Le Taxi, ran through 25 years of singles but confessed to me afterwards that she was also petrified about taking to the stage as part of French TV channel Cinemoi's first concert to promote French culture in London.



'I was nervous but then it just felt natural,' she told me adding that she plans to record another album. 'I'm going to do a new album but always takes so much time for me. My commitments with Chanel don't get in the way, or my children, it is just the long process to be creative.'

I was treated to the full VIP treatment and enjoyed £250-a-bottle French Cycles Gladiator white wine while songstress Vanessa put on a mesmerizing acoustic performance, complete with backing cellist, a trio of violins and at one point a fold-out plastic piano!

Guests included tv presenter Jonathan Ross who tells me that Russell Brand and Ricky Gervais won't be his first guests when he reprises his chat show on ITV in October. "But I am in talks with George (Michael) to appear" he told me. "Though its so far ahead, I don't need to be worrying about it now - I'm not even really thinking about work til the summer," said the ex-BBC chatshow host.