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Das **Traumschiff**-Team der „frühen Jahre“ bei Dreharbeiten in Dubai/Abu Dhabi mit dem Galasänger Folkert Klaassen (r) und dem großen Filmproduzenten Wolfgang Rademann+ (m) neben der Designerin Elke Klaassen+ (l)

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German singer films video clip in Jumeirah

Klaassen's song mentions Dubai alongside world's top resorts

By Yvette Aubusson-Foley

Dubai Dubai's newly opened Jumeirah Beach Hotel has been a luxurious backdrop over the last couple of weeks for a music video clip being filmed by German singer, Folkert Klaassen.

Klaassen's English language song, *Come On - Let's Fly*, mentions Dubai alongside other well-known holiday resorts in the sun like California and Hawaii as the perfect getaway from rainy weather.

"This is my third visit to Dubai. The beaches and this magnificent

hotel are the perfect location for this video," said Klaassen, who assumes the stage name, Bruce Veiger.

"People at home have called me 'The Voice' for many years because of my strong bass-baritone and 'Bruce' is difficult to explain. It's a German thing. It is also in memory of other well-known German singers," he said.

Klaassen hopes the video will eventually reach Dubai television sets but says it has been specifically made for a German audience and will be broadcast across that country after editing is completed.



Klaassen ... perfect location

The video will feature images of performances by Klaassen at other special events in Cologne and Düsseldorf.

Born in an opera singing family, he said she is the source of his talent which he turned to just three years ago after a near-death experience changed his perspective on life and forced him to start marketing himself as a singer.

"My father did not want me to sing or be a journalist which is what I am. I secretly joined the theatre but he found out a year later," said Klaassen, who sings only at gala for high profile audiences.

"I became very ill three years ago and was hours from death. It changed my perspective on life and I decided then that I had to sing."

His songs, with themes such as world unity and peace, have been praised by world leaders and his charity work for children in need has been recognized by Unesco.

Klaassen has spent most of his working life as a journalist and film producer, being appointed Professor of Communications by two Californian universities.

Among his many titles is editor and correspondent to the West German Broadcasting Corporation and vice-president of American Television Network in Los Angeles.

He is editor-in-chief of a German language magazine called *VIP* in which he has featured stories about Dubai and its destinations which drew German tourists more than any other culture.