League of Legends' latest champion is a colorful pop star

The newest character to join the fantasy strategy game *League of Legends* is a pop star who started out as a social media influencer. *League* developer Riot has officially unveiled Seraphine, a mage described as "the starry-eyed songstress." You can get a full run-down of her in-game abilities right here.

While she looks like a unique addition to the game, one of the most interesting things about the character is how she was revealed. For months, a virtual influencer named Seraphine was posting photos and music on Twitter and Instagram, and fans slowly started to realize she was part of the *League* universe, though it wasn't until last month that Riot confirmed it was behind the character. (If you're wondering how this ties into the ever-expanding *League* lore, her backstory is particularly interesting.)

Seraphine's reveal is also connected to *League*'s virtual K-pop group, K/DA, which is in the midst of a major comeback. The group is slated to release its debut EP in November, and Riot recently announced a K/DA-themed event that will span across several games, including *League*, *Legends of Runeterra*, and *Teamfight Tactics*. That's right, soon, you can bring K-pop style to a collectible card game. Seraphine even has an "ultimate" skin that tells her story from bedroom singer to K/DA member.

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Though it’s not confirmed, this is all expected to culminate with a real-world K/DA performance at the *League of Legends* World Championship finals, which kick off on October 31st at the Pudong Football Stadium in Shanghai. Riot recently revealed that a limited number of fans – a little more than 6,000 – will be allowed to attend, and the developer is known for putting on elaborate, high-tech musical performances. With all of this going on, K/DA seems like the perfect fit.

Seraphine, meanwhile, is expected to join the game as part of patch 10.22 later in October.

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