

BIO MERMAID RADIO (EN):

Raya Hadzhieva (trumpet, electronics) and Charlotte Karlsted (vocals, live-looping) are two independent musicians based in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, who met while writing music for a project in 2017. "We should really make a track together sometime", they would often say to each other. And in February 2019 it happened: they created their first track "Waterfall Of Time" within a week. In May 2019 they were two performances and two and a half tracks along the way, and they gave their project a name: Mermaid Radio.

Mermaid Radio embodies adventurous beats, creative flow and freedom, both musically as well as poetically.

Their music can be described as a playful crossover between electronic music, indie pop and (world) jazz.

"The plan was just to take a quick musical dive together. But we got hooked."

Bio Charlotte:

'With souplesse, Karlsted enchants and persuades the listener as a mysterious sparkling muze' (Muziekwereld)

Songwriter and vocalist Charlotte was born in the German town of Jever and was raised in both Germany and the UK. Thanks to her Swedish mother she also spent quite some time in Sweden. Aged nineteen she started singing in bands and also at this time dove into the German music-theater tradition of Brecht, Weil and Eisler. Later she discovered the world of jazz and, after winning a prize in the City of Trier as a promising talent, she moved to Cologne where she jumped right into the vivid jazz-scene. Here she also performed in many music-theater productions and enjoyed working as a street musician. This was the time when Charlotte decided to make her dreams come true and build a professional career as a musician.

As sources of inspiration, Charlotte names great artists such as Joni Mitchell, Kate Bush, Wayne Shorter, Dianne Reeves, Silje Nergaard, Monika Zetterlund, Moloko, Massive Attack, Joe Jackson and Bobby mcFerrin. One might also notice the Scandinavian influences, gently woven into a jazz-flavoured background that she developed during her studies at Amsterdam's famous Conservatory.

"Karlsted has a capturing voice with a wide range that she handles in a skilful way... she is able to truly engage the listener...An outstanding band that deserves the attention of a widespread audience.' (Jazzflits)

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Bio Raya:

Raya is a trumpet player and composer/producer based in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. She moved from her native Bulgaria to Amsterdam in 2003 where she completed her studies in jazz trumpet receiving a master's degree from the Conservatorium van Amsterdam in 2009.

The vibrant cosmopolitan music scene of the Netherlands has given her the opportunity to work with musicians from all over the world and play in various world music, traditional music, jazz, fusion and pop ensembles and projects where she has contributed as a section player as well as a soloist.

Exploring an array of different musical directions prompted her to look for her own musical identity. She started off by playing different instruments and continued by getting her hands on a much broader arsenal of sounds as she got into music production. Continuous experimentation with genres and textures resulted in her current work where Bulgarian and Balkan folkloric influences and a modern electronic sound play a central role.

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