

Bio Mermaid Radio (EN):

"Together they create a fresh and unique sound, in which jazz, indie pop and electronic music are combined in an inventive way" Rik van Boekel, [CULTUURPODIUM.NL](https://cultuurpodium.nl) (translated)

Raya Hadzhieva (trumpet, electronics) and Charllotte Karlsted (vocals, electronics) are two independent musicians based in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. "We should really make a track together sometime", they would often say to each other. And in 2019 it happened: they created their first track "Waterfall Of Time" within a week. Soon they were making more tracks and performing live. Mermaid Radio was born.

"The plan was to take a quick musical dive together, but we got hooked."

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.

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Bio Charlotte:

'Karlsted enchants and persuades the listener with her vocal agility, like a mysterious sparkling muse' (rakenDra, Muziekwereld, translated)

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 at the same 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, Charlotte moved to Cologne where she jumped right into the vivid jazz scene. Here she also performed in musical 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, Moloko and Massive Attack. One might also notice the Scandinavian influences; these are gently woven into a jazz-flavoured tapestry that she developed during her studies at Amsterdam's famous Conservatory.

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Bio Raya:

Raya is a trumpet player and music 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. She has played in various world 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 inspired her to look for her own musical identity. In the world of music production she found the necessary playground and arsenal of sounds to express herself. Experimentation with genres and textures, resulted in compositions with influences from Balkan folklore to pop, jazz and electronic music.

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