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CAPTIVATING SWISS MUSIC: IDA JANE



WHO IS IDA JANE?

Get ready for a unique musical journey and immerse yourself in the fascinating world of IDA JANE, a Swiss band based in the Zurich area. Founded in 2020, the band quickly made a name for itself and consists of the talented members Melanie Jane Hakios, Gianni Palumbo, Moritz Mayer, Rachid Freudemann, Carlos Dill, and Romario Antonilli.

IDA JANE is known for their combination of indie pop and blues, deliberately creating an intriguing contrast. The singer with Australian roots writes and sings about authentic life situations, expressing them through captivating lyrics and melodies. From her experiences during a two-year bicycle journey along the Pamir Highway in Central Asia to stories about broken relationships, love, and friendships, IDA JANE offers a diverse range of emotions and moments captured musically.

„MEL, HOW DID YOU COME TOGETHER AS A BAND?“

Mel: We are a band of six people who have been professionally making music together since 2020 or even longer. IDA JANE was initially formed just before the „Corona“ pandemic by Moritz, our drummer, guitarist Gianni, and myself after another group I was singing in disbanded. We were invited to perform at the FIS World Cup in St. Moritz, where we also set our band goals. I had previously played with Gianni, saxophonist Carlos, and our former bassist Jonas Plüss. Trumpeter Rachid joined us shortly after.

FOUNDER:

Mel Hakios - vox
Gianni Palumbo - vox and guitar
Moritz Mayer - drums

BANDMEMBERS:





Mel Hakios - vox, synth
Gianni Palumbo - vox, guitar
Moritz Mayer - drums
Carlos Dill - saxophone
Rachid Freudemann - trumpet, synth
Romario Antonilli - bass

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THE INSPIRATION FOR THE SONGS CAME FROM MEL, THE BAND'S VOCALIST, WHO COLLECTED THEM DURING A 1-YEAR BICYCLE JOURNEY THROUGH ASIA. HOW DID THIS EXPERIENCE SHAPE YOU?

Mel: I embarked on a 2-year journey around the world, with 10 months of cycling from Bangkok back to Switzerland, covering approximately 10,000 km. I carried nearly 35 kg of luggage along with an acoustic guitar that I bought in Bangkok. This trip is now around 10 years ago, and I can still draw upon the texts and inspirations from my black book, where I wrote down my experiences for myself. Songs like „You Will Be Mine“ and „Magic Cards“ were born from that black book. Upon returning to Switzerland, there was a process of reorientation, becoming aware of what one really wants in life. Songs like „See Me Fall“ were born during that time. With IDA JANE, we aim to capture feelings and emotions musically. Perhaps this is also why we blend so many different styles. Sometimes a day is just vibrant pop, and sometimes it's blues. Additionally, we must not forget that we are a six-member band, and through this approach to music, we give each other space to realize our artistic visions.

HOW DO YOU COME UP WITH THE IDEA TO PEDAL FOR A YEAR?

Mel: The idea was driven by my desire for adventure and freedom. I was curious about experiencing new cultures and landscapes, and the concept of exploring the world in this unique way fascinated me. Cycling allowed me to not only maintain my physical fitness but also establish a deep connection with the surroundings and the people I encountered. During my journey, I stayed in yurts, houses, or private gardens, and at times, I found accommodation in ruins or in my tent. These experiences helped me to better understand my personal limits and to continue growing and evolving.

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