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# Our Music

From the depths of the Spree and its canals come the River Rats. They drag two guitars, double-bass and violin through the gloomy tunnels of Berlin to their moon-lit sessions. Influenced by the diminished lines of Django Reinhardt, the heart of the variété française and the spirit of world music, the Rats wander between the ragged niches of Kreuzberg's street jams and the glamorous grand theater. With members from France and Germany, the River Rats combine north and the south, dark and light, contemplation and euphoria.

## Discography



### DÉFAÏS-TOI

Album, 2020



### CORONAVAL

Single, 2023



### TRAPÉZISTES

Album, 2017



### ON S'PREND LA TÊTE

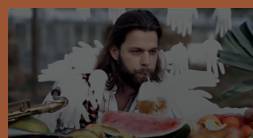
Single, 2023

## Videos



### CORONAVAL

live at Artistania Berlin (2022)



### EL MOHO

Music video w/ Papertown Collective (2021)



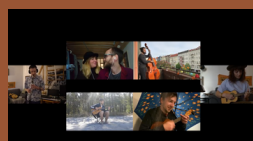
### LIFE

live at Artistania Berlin (2018)



### HAPPINESS

live at PantherRay Spree-Session (2021)



### BERLIN MONSOON

Covid times music video (2020)



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# Four Rats



It all started in 2016 when a French violin and an Italian manouche guitar first crossed paths at the shores of river Spree to create the groovy mélange that would soon fill the streets, bars and concert halls of Berlin.

**Camille Franc**, a classically trained violinist from Paris, moved to Berlin in 2015 and started the band shortly after. He also pursues his singer-songwriter projects "Cam El Niño" and "Chamomile Meadow".

**Steffen Vogel** has been playing guitar in bands since he was ten years old and brought his passion for all kinds of drums into the quartet.

**Matthias Böhme** joined the band in 2018 after studying bass and playing with balkan-klezmer band Matou Noir in Hamburg and Freiburg.

**Philipp Schönberger** was the last one to join the rat family - not only on guitar and sax but also on the flute, jaw harp, percussions and other things that enrich the rats' sound.



# Past shows

"The audience was enthused by the refreshing, uptempo playing of the four boys, who visibly enjoyed the show" (Main-Post, 2019)

3000Grad Festival - Aug 2023  
Mit Dir Festival - July 2023  
Rudolstadt Festival Street - July 2023  
KulturHaus Insel (Berlin) - June 2023  
Karneval Der Kulturen (Berlin) - May 2023  
Mensch Meier (Berlin) - April 2023  
Entropie Festival - August 2022  
Fania Live (AT-Vienna) - August 2022  
Alte Utting (Munich) - August 2022  
Dornheim (Würzburg) - August 2022  
Mit Dir Festival - Juli 2022  
Artistania (Berlin) - Mai 2022  
Potsdamer Schlössernacht - August 2021  
Kallasch& (Berlin) - June 2021, March 2020  
Sommer im Park (Berlin) - June 2021  
Beate Uwe (Berlin) - February 2020  
Entropie Festival - August 2019  
Freundetreffen Festival - July 2019  
N\*Ort (Nürnberg) - July 2019  
Kloster Wechterswinkel (Bad Neustadt) - July 2019

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