



river rats

French SWING / Balkan GROOVES / World CHANSON

www.riverrats.berlin



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 dimished 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



DÉFAIS-TOI
Album, 2020



LA RECHERCHE DE L'IMAGINAIRE Album, 2024



CORONAVAL
Single, 2023



ON S'PREND LA TÊTE
Single, 2023

Videos



CORONAVAL

live at Artistania Berlin (2022)



EL MOHO

Music video w/ Papertown Collective (2021)



LES JOURS SANS

live at MediterraneO Festival Toulouse (FR) (2024)



HAPPINESS

live at PantherRay Spree-Session (2021)



VOYAGEURS

Official Studio Video (2024)





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.



Shows & References

"The audience was enthusiastic about the refreshing, uptempo playing of the four boys, who visibly enjoyed the show" ([Main-Post, 2019](#))

"With 'À Berlin' the young quartet from Kreuzberg already had their first hit."
([Berliner Zeitung, 2024](#))

"In this spirit: Ecoutez & Alors on danse!" ([Radio Eins, 2025](#))

Weinfest (Radebeul) - Sep 2025
Radio Eins Barfly (Berlin) - Sep 2025
Luftschloss (Berlin) - Aug 2025
Rudolstadt Sommer - Aug 2025
FrancoFolie (Magdeburg) - July 2025
Luftschloss (Berlin) - Aug 2024
Lamboystfest (Hanau) - July 2024
Babylon Europa (Berlin) - May 2024
Gretchen (Berlin) - Apr 2024
MediterraneO' Festival (FR-Toulouse) - Sep 2023
La Boîte à Gant (FR-Lyon) - Sep 2023
3000Grad Festival - Aug 2023
Mit Dir Festival - July 2023
KulturHaus Insel (Berlin) - June 2023
Karneval Der Kulturen (Berlin) - May 2023
Mensch Meier (Berlin) - Apr 2023
Entropie Festival - Aug 2022
Fania Live (AT-Vienna) - Aug 2022
Alte Utting (Munich) - Aug 2022
Mit Dir Festival - July 2022
Potsdamer Schlössernacht - Aug 2021

...and many more



Contact

theriverratsberlin@gmail.com