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LOVELY RITA 'STROLLIN' ALONG ABBEY ROAD'

LOVELY RITA came to life in 1991, founded by Martin Stepanik, one of the most interesting composers and keyboard players working in the wide field of electronic and jazz music in Vienna today. Described as an ever evolving 'working band' constantly exploring the diverse possibilities of musical expression and with their 'Strollin' Along Abbey Road' project avant garde interpretations of the Beatles' entire back catalogue.

Leaving his roots of acoustic jazz and improvised music in 1985, Stepanik pioneered the new Viennese electronic music scene being a founding member of 'Die Vogel Europas'. From 1986-1992 the band toured frequently throughout Europe and recorded with such artists as, F.M. Einheit of 'Einstürzende Neubauten' and Elliott Sharp.

Taking the opportunity in 2012 to celebrate two anniversaries; 20 years of Lovely Rita and 50 years of The Beatles, they toured the UK with two new shows; 'My Life Between the Exit Signs' (a film and a music project) and 'Strollin' Along Abbey Road' (a homage to The Beatles). The project is a continuation of their previous work and long-standing focus; to distil the essence of 'The Beatles' late 1960s experimental studio work and present it with a contemporary sound using today's technology.



What the press have said:

"There should be a special reference to Lovely Rita, this unpredictable band, this is distinguished by it's permanent mutation of styles... with certainty the most important band of the year"
Der Standard, Vienna

"Lovely Rita are a Vienna based avant-garde pop band. It's leader Martin Stepanik claims he strives to put a human center into electronic music. As you may have guessed, the band plays love songs and Beatles covers, though it also treads in experimental waters"
Time Out, New York

The group are also currently working on a new programme for 2013 titled 'Songs for the Unpredictable Beauty of Life'. Below are three video links that will form part of this programme:

CHINA – <http://vimeo.com/21161139>

INSIDE – <http://vimeo.com/21161794>

WHEN I FIRST SAW YOU – <http://vimeo.com/21162047>

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