

VIENNESE LADIES

Biographies



Betty Semper voice

Born in Antigua, Barbados, being raised in London and currently based in Vienna, Betty Semper is blessed with a warm, unique and soulful voice expressing all the colors of life. So it's not surprising Betty has been working/ touring with stars like *Gloria Gaynor*, *Chris de Burgh* or *Eric Clapton* besides her own solo vocal projects and numerous Austrian collaborations including *Supermax*, *Kurt Ostbahn*, *Wolfgang Ambros* or the *Dancing Stars Orchestra*, where she had been vocal soloist at Austria's national TV dancing show.



Kim Cooper voice

Born in Harlem, NY, and growing up amidst family members being renowned Jazz and Gospel musicians, it's no surprise Kim Cooper became a singer and also a Reverend. Her stunning voice and energetic charisma on stage led to internationally successful projects like iconic Dancefloor acts *Beat 4 Feet*, *Club 69* and *Danube Dance* with Grammy winner *Peter Rauhofer* as well as *The Rounder Girls* (representing Austria at Eurovision song contest). Currently, Kim's voice and music can be heard on *Beyonce's* latest album „*Renaissance*“ including the star's single „*Alien Superstar*“.



Meena Cryle voice

Born in Upper Austria, singer, songwriter, producer Meena Cryle has got the Blues in her voice: Being the only Austrian musician ever invited to the *American Blues Awards* in Memphis, US, she has been successfully touring clubs in Europe with her own band and Chris Fillmore. Meena also worked with Grammy Award winner *Jim Gaines* (*John Lee Hooker*, *Stevie Ray Vaughan*,), guitarist *Donna Grantis* (Prince) and also was hired as support act for *Cindy Lauper* at the Vienna State Opera.



Aminata Seydi voice

Born in Switzerland with her father being from Senegal, Africa, and her mother being Viennese, Aminata Seydi's energetic, earthy and soulful voice as well as her natural stage presence made her one of Vienna's top Soul/Funk singers, working with artists like *Big John Whitfield*, *Makossa*, *Megablast* or *Kris Jefferson*. Since 2009 she is leading her own successful Soul/Funk project „*Aminata and the Astronauts*“.



Anita "NIDDL" Stelzl voice

The highly energetic singer made a striking career from her hometown Vienna: Being among the winners of the Austrian TV talent show „*Starmania*“ Niddl got famous in Austria, hit the Austrian top ten charts and worked with songwriter *Dianne Warren* and Grammy winner *Georg Luksch*. Besides her successful solo projects *NIDDL* currently is hosting a Viennese TV show introducing young talents and promoting Viennese social charity- and climate saving projects.



Claudia K. Bandleader | bass | voice

Passionate singer, composer, bass player Claudia K., a major creative force in the Austrian music scene, worked with artists like *Jose Feliciano*, *Maria Bill*, *Drahdwaberl*, *Roland Düringer* to name a view as well as she was a commissioned composer for big Austrian multimedia projects like „*Ice Dream at Vienna City Hall Square*“ or „*Berg Isel ski jump opening Tyrol*“. In 2016 Claudia founded the female power orchestra *Viennese Ladies*, adding her earthy yet lyrical voice plus the low notes on bass and also is bandleader, promotor and manager.



Philippine Duchateau piano | keys

Half Belgian, half Austrian, jazz pianist, composer Philippine Duchateau, who studied Jazz piano and- pedagogy at Musik- und Kunstuniversität Wien as well as at Berklee College of Music and at Henry Mancini Institute, is performing with her projects „*ChateauHAAG*“ and „*Offstage Life*“ and worked with artists like *George Garzone*, the *Henry Mancini Orchestra feat. Alex Acuna* and *Terence Blanchard*, *Rodney Holmes* (US), *Yta Moreno* (Brazil), *Prince Zeka* (Africa), „*Caoba*“ (Latin Jazz). Philippine also is a recipient of the *Terri Lyne Carrington Award* (US), teaches jazz piano at JML Private University and held Jazz clinics for socially disadvantaged Roma children in Romania.



Maria Petrova drums

Raised in Plovdiv, Bulgaria, Maria Petrova is playing percussion with passion. She studied drumset at Musik- und Kunstuniversität Wien and currently is one of the most versatile Austrian Jazz, Pop, Rock, World Music drummers/percussionists, also playing darbuka, Cajón and the giant Balkanese framedrum „*Tupan*“. Maria is performing with „*Tschuschenkapelle*“ (world music), the successful Female Band *Madame Baheux* (Bulgaria, Serbia, Bosnia, Austria, recipients of the Austrian World Music Award) as well as the „*Wladigeroff Brothers*“ (Bulg.), *Celia Mara* (Brazil), Austrian Jazz legend *Hans Salomon*, *Harri Stojka*, *Susana La Gitana* and many more.



Beate Reiermann guitar

Austrian guitarist, composer, arranger Beate Reiermann studied at University of Music and Performing Arts Vienna and in Venezuela, New York and Spain where she lived one year to study Flamenco Guitar at Esmuc Barcelona, following her passion for Flamenco music. Beate plays at theater, TV and various multicultural music projects, and her own ensembles „*Reflejos*“ and “*Travel Diaries*” transcend typical genre boundaries and vary from jazz to Latin, Spanish and Kurdish music.



Martina „Harpina“ Defant Blues-Harp

The “Alpine” Viennese Lady was born in Tyrol, currently living in Vienna. Harpina is one of the few blues-harp-players in Austria, performing with Bands like *Etta’s Club*, *Sü-Vaal & her Men*, *Edi Fenzl Band*, *Abi Wallenstein* and *Hermann Posch*. As a member of the Viennese Ladies Harpina is adding her distinctive original sound full of passion and blue notes to the horn section - to quote an Etta James-song: „The Blues Is My Business, and the Business is Good!“



Silke Gert sax

Born in Styria, Austria, Silke adds her highly energetic saxophone sound to the Viennese ladies horn section. Having studied saxophone and pedagogy at „Musikuniversität Wien“ as well as at "ArtEZ-Hogeschool voor de Kunsten", Netherlands. Silke is a highly demanded music teacher, sax player and multi instrumentalist in Lounge, Pop ,Rock, Soul,Funk, Jazz und Fusion bands as well as classical ensembles: Her current projects include *SAXOPHISTICATED*, *4 Will Drive*, *Prohaska* as well as the *Sigma jazz & dance band*.



Daniela Lang trumpet

Born in Lower Austria where there’s a rich marching band scene, Daniela studied classical concert trumpet as well as instrumental pedagogy studies at Musikuniversität Wien. Besides teaching trumpet and performing classical trumpet concerts as a soloist/with various orchestras, Daniela’s musician’s heart also beats for Blues and Funky Music, and with passion she is adding her shining sound to various horn ensembles like the *Desperate Brasswives* or the Viennese Ladies.