# **WOOG RIOTS**





#### **Band Bio**

**Woog Riots...** smart indie electro-pop with attitude, charm, and danceable beats! The Darmstadt-based duo has been delighting audiences with their sound, clever lyrics, and international flair since 2002, and now with seven albums under their belt.

**Silvana Battisti and Marc Herbert** love pop and art. They produce videos for their happening-like live shows, collaborate with artist friends, and run their own label, From Lo-Fi to Disco! For their persistent work and networking, Woog Riots received their hometown's 2025 music award, endowed with 5,000 euros.

**Collectors of Pop...** their current work offers Pop about art (*Yayoi Kusama*), songs about Pop (*Bob Dylan*), Pop from others about the state of the world (Sun Ra's *The Truth about Planet Earth*), Pop about one's own life (*Post Covid Honeymoon*) and other topics from the Woog Riots Universe.

**Singles & Videos...** between 2020 and 2022, the duo released a series of singles and videos, including a cover version of the song *Beatnik* - by the New Zealand indie masters The Clean. Not only did Woog Riots cover the song, they also re-shot the original 1982 video.

**Alan Rusbridger...** the name of the then editor of the British newspaper The Guardian was written in large letters on the cover of the Woog Riots album released in 2016. In his position, Rusbridger was partly responsible for the publication of Edward Snowden's NSA secret documents. The record *Alan Rusbridger* was reviewed by Alan Rusbridger himself in the Guardian in April 2016 and described as "An act of genius". Two years later, Rusbridger attended a Woog Riots concert in London, which spawned a photo shoot together.

**Art, Pop, Pop about Art...** in February 2013 Woog Riots wrote a song as an invitation to the Art exhibition "Powerpoint" by Michael Riedel, which took place in the rooms of New York Top Gallerist David Zwirner. The New York press described the song as "up-beat, euro-pop dance tune which sounds like a kid's band version of Kraftwerk".

**The Fall...** Even before the first release of their own songs, Woog Riots put together an international tribute sampler for the Manchester indie icon "The Fall" in 2004. The double CD was released on the Hamburg based "What's So Funny About" label, run by Alfred 'the record Pope' Hilsberg. Woog Riots' debut single and first three albums were subsequently released on "What's So Funny About".

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### **Press Quotes**

"This is excellent. Celebration of an artist and her polka dots." Giddeon Coe about 'Yayoi Kusama', BBC6 Music

"This is great, from the title, to the cutout artwork, to the music. Brilliant song 'Yayoi Kusama' on the MB Record Show now." **Michael Bradley, BBC Radio Ulster,** on X

"It's a classic list-song. Minimalist and child-like. Utterly charming ... a fascinating band and art-project." **Ged Babey** about 'White', **louderthanwar.com** 

"Yaay they're back and celebrating Japan's most famous visual artist. Mark my words in the early 2040's all young bands will reference the Woogs in the same way that the TV Personalties are now adored." **Bottom of The Pops** about 'Yayoi Kusama'

"Fun, German/Italian, guy-gal electro-pop duo who betray a fondness for Kraftwerk in the odd robotic vocal. Add Squeeze-esque pop hooks – as in track 'Backstage Lemonade' – to that mix and you'll find yourself bopping along." *Time Out, London* 

"...an up-beat, euro-pop dance tune that sounds like a kid's band version of Kraftwerk with a girl singer. Very fun!" **www.worleygig.com** 

## Discography

### **Albums**

"Collectors of Pop" (From Lo-Fi to Disco! / Broken Silence), Release August 23rd, 2024
"Cut-up and Paste" (From Lo-Fi to Disco! / Broken Silence), 2019
"Alan Rusbridger" (From Lo-Fi to Disco! / Broken Silence), March 2016
"From Lo-Fi to Disco!" (From Lo-Fi to Disco! / Broken Silence), 2013
"Post Bomb Chronicles" (What's So Funny About / Ritchie Records / Broken Silence), 2012
"PASP" (What's So Funny About / Indigo), 2008
"Strangelove TV" (What's So Funny About / Indigo), 2006

the complete discography please find here: https://www.woogriots.de/releases.htm

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