

Katsen It Hertz!

Katsen are the electronic pop duo from Brighton, England consisting of Donna Grimaldi and Chris Blackburn. Donna and Chris met back in 2001 at a craft fair, when Donna's brilliant mixtapes, with their bold collage covers, caught Chris' attention and fired his imagination. For the first time, after playing two-fingered synth in various bands, he'd met someone with the tastes and talents to compliment his own. Together with a collection of toy Casios and old monophonic synths (some held together by gaffer tape), they began crafting what would become their 12 track debut album "It Hertz!"

"We'd get together to listen to records and after exhausting Donna's extensive and very cool collection, we'd get out my synths and toy keyboards and create our own sound long into the happy night."

Interrupted only by Donna running away one summer to join the circus (true story), and Chris teaching acting to ballet dancers, Katsen songs continued to form, taking cues from 50s chic, 70s krautrock and the sharper edges of 80s synthpop.

Following on from cameo appearances in compilations such as "Bot POP" (Happy Robots) and "Electronically Yours Vol.1" (Undo/ EMI), "It Hertz!" is the full-length offspring of Katsen's eight-year partnership; the love of the square wave and all things Casio. Stand out tracks include the pop hit "Where Nobody Can Find Us," "Chequered Flag," "Let's Build A City," and "Constellation". The album also includes covers of The Passions and Black Box Recorder.

For fans of: Section 25, Ladytron, Mint Royal, My Favorite, Annie, Compute

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Praise for Katsen

"Dizzily effervescent, a tad panic stricken and as catchy as swine flu, its hooks and dinky demeanour are alone more than enough to send various kitchen appliances into untold rapture while simultaneously arresting your senses with its precocious pop shocked zeal."

— Losing Today

"A pure, delectable stomper of a pop tune- not a note wasted- and far too good to remain hidden for much longer. An uplifting tune that works instantly and it's all rather brilliant and fun...Katsen's lead singer Donna Grimaldi looks like a pop star in waiting with a sharp Swing Out Sister haircut and some very posh English vocals."

— Electronically Yours

"I think it's brilliant... amazing, even! Christopher and Donna exude a fun (and even adorable if I do say so) energy that helps make Katsen one of my favorite electro newcomers..."

— Computer Love blog

"This is what we've been missing for such a long time, beautiful pop music. This is as good as it gets. More beautiful than love, Katsen is love... Katsen is the solution to everything... long live Katsen!!!!!!"

— Mr. Blue

"Katsen found the plethora of voices provided by such microcosms brought a joy to their hearts, singing twee psychedelic odes to the stars from where ledged had told the elders had once visited. When times were hard the people found such uplifting music important."

— 20 Jazz Funk Greats



Compact Disc

1. Let's Build A City
2. Chequered Flag
3. Start As You Mean To Go On
4. Island In An Island
5. What You Want
6. Drax
7. German Film Star
8. It Hertz!
9. Constellation
10. Where Nobody Can Find Us
11. I'm A Doctor
12. Florian

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