



BIOGRAPHY

Lena Kaufman has been well-known to the Russian public since she first appeared in 2005 as a participant of the television talent show Star Factory 5. Lena's intelligent and romantic music was strikingly different from what was expected from most contestants. After finishing the show with praise from the famous Russian artist and producer Alla Pugacheva, Lena released the album "I'm Torn", under the guidance of producer Igor Matvienko.

However, in 2007, Kaufman opted to take a break from the Russian pop music business and devote herself to music closer to her heart, and as a result she created the indie-pop project Truffele – a "creative music laboratory" with a constantly changing collection of artists, bright visuals and simple but affectionate songs. In 2008, Truffele received the prestigious "Golden Gargoyle" award in the category Electronic Project of the Year.

Parallel to her solo career, Lena began to develop various collaborative musical projects, the most notable of which was with the super-successful indie-rock group B-2. The result was the well-received album Odd Warrior, in which Lena featured as a vocalist on several tracks, including the hit Shambala, in which she also appeared in the video.

In collaboration with the group Triangle Sun, Lena recorded the song When You Go Forward, which in 2011 became the first Russian track to appear as part of the famous Buddha Bar series.

In the summer of 2011, Lena was invited to perform live as part of the opening ceremony of the Kinotavr festival, the Russian equivalent of the "Cannes Film Festival".

These days, Lena is based between Moscow and Paris and her focus is on her French music projects – writing, recording and performing. The French are gradually becoming aware of Lena's music, in part due to her live performances in both Russian and French at several events for the cult label Ninja Tune. She also opened recently in Paris at the famous Moulin Rouge cabaret for Andrey Triana. Her latest Franco-Russian project is Lena end Ada, a romantic acoustic pop duet with French musician and actress Ada. The daughter of a dear friend of Lena's. Personifying the soaring romantic inspiration of the project, Lena sings in Russian and French while accompanying on guitar. Ada helps ground the duo's sound with supporting vocals and accordion.

Ada is the translator into French of songs composed by Lena in Russian. As one translation led to another, suddenly the idea to sing songs together was borne. Lena and Ada can often be found performing on Parisian rooftops, dressed in fanciful costumes. Lena end Ada performs not only new songs composed specially for this project, but also new interpretations of songs from Lena's other projects.