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Leila is one of the greatest exponents of Barcelona's more elegant and relaxed soul scene. She has published "Influences", an opera prima full of great songs that take us to a delicate and very sophisticated modern soul and r&b sound.

Blackcelona - Soul, Funk & Groove
Sounds from Barcelona
<http://goo.gl/CFJ9fU>



Leila Montes, Barcelona 1981, is a singer, writer and composer. Leila studied classical piano and singing since an early age. Throughout her career she has combined her artistic side with educational work, teaching at the Barcelona School of Acting (EAB), Barcelona Gospel Institute and Musical Theatre School Memory among many.

Leila has collaborated with numerous soul, blues, rock and gospel bands, highlights being, the collaboration on many occasions with the artist Kathy Auldrey, on international tours (Belgrade) or participating in the Mil-lenni Festival at the Palau de la Música (Barcelona) with the show "Then and Now".

Her first album "Influences" was released at the end of 2012 (Cases de la Música records and distributed by Discmedi Blau). Leila had started recording "Influences" two years earlier with re-known artists such as Julian Vaughn, Jules Bikoko and Alex Zayas, but it wasn't until the end of 2011, under co-production with local guitarist Joan Torcal, when "Influences" was finished and materialised (recording at Feelback studios, mastering by Mike Marsh at The Exchange Mastering Studio). On this album Leila collaborated with many great musicians.

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Leila Montes' first album is born from the need to express years of dedication to music through songs where the sung and the lived meet. This album reflects the genres and artists that have influenced and accompanied her, from whom she sources without prejudice to express her way of understanding and living music.

The result is a project that is honest and where her own experiences are protagonists; her personal voice threads the tapestry of harmony and words resulting from it, paying special attention to one of her distinctive traits, the vocal harmony. Leila creates an environment where her own hopes and life experiences materialise in a personal project ready to captivate the senses of the listener.

Mónica Samit
Singer

Leila promotes her album with the video of the single "Mr.O" made and produced by production company Oxígeno in Barcelona.

<http://youtu.be/tVC6Z79Zx1A>



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The songs that compose “Influences” leave no doubt about the artist’s music influences. For example “You Don’t Wanna Hear” is a token of her admiration for the funk saxophonist Maceo Parker, “Talk About” echoes Erykah Badu’s style. Leila doesn’t hide that her music potion is based in ingredients from them and many others like Jill Scott, etc...

UmoMag Recomendated LP’s & Reviews
<http://goo.gl/90tWEr>

With this work, Leila consolidated the band and in 2013/2014 presented “Influences” in a number of venues and clubs around Catalonia, performing on many occasions in Barcelona at venues such as Café Royale, Marula Café, Sala Monasterio, Barcelona Casino, Club Tarantos, Jamboree, Harlem JazzClub (during the 46th Voll-Damm International Jazz Festival in Barcelona), Círcol Maldà, etc.

Leila echoes her success in social networks with the numerous and positive reviews that both the album and the live performances receive, reaching several times the TOP 10 of SoulSpain and Blackcelona.

A few days ago “Influences” was released, Leila Montes' first album, Leila for the music planet. International Sound, love for soul, funk and r&b and carefully crafted vocal harmonies define perfectly the first work of the Catalan songstress, with a very interesting projection at international level. She declares herself an admirer of artists such as Jill Scott, Erykah Badu, Jose James, Maceo Parker, Prince, Ray Charles, Chet Baker, Raul Midon, Mahalia Jackson, Tower of Power or Ella Fitzgerald. Therefore, with roots like these, it's not surprising that her music blossoms so brilliantly.

Cloud-Jazz
<http://goo.gl/jfYD54>



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Its defining trait is that it contains songs that overcome any expectations one may have had, "Influences" is an on-going advance into the unknown that makes everything a mystery surrounded by the feeling of elegance... Leila's voice in "Influences" is the strength and sensuality mixed in on themselves, when one hears her voice in this album you know that you are in front of something big, for me the voice in this album is a prophecy of the salvation of soul. Music in general and soul needs voices that aim for freedom, Leila possesses that magical voice that tiptoes around perfection in the album "Influences".

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Since 2013, Leila is one of the artists selected by Blackcelona, a platform for promotion, communication and musical action of black music bands in Barcelona, born from the compilation album, Blackcelona "A Collection of Soul & Funk Music from the City of Barcelona". In March 2014 Leila was included in the second volume of the compilation with the song "Inner Paradise". It's important to highlight her participation in many iterations of the concert cycle "Blackcelona Explosion" and her participation in the 5th Anniversary of SoulSpain.



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Leila's voice departs from Barcelona, travels through modern transistors and lives in cars, kitchens, living-rooms and even bedrooms.

Because she can reach wherever she wants to and she lets you know her at a distance, through a soul that is both familiar and surprising due to a music fusion that composes a puzzle in the shape of a record: "Influences".

La Sala101
<http://goo.gl/nJVgzy>

Music that is tranquil and peaceful, full of beautifully crafted melodies, together with cared for vocal harmonies that show Leila's love for soul and r&b.

Colectivo de Raro Propósito
<http://goo.gl/i5S6iA>

Leila continues to promote "Influences" in the media, television, radio, press... highlighting her live performances at the Divendres program from TV3, El Punt Avui Television (where she surprises us with an unplugged performance and the special collaboration of Childo Tomas on the base), La Vanguardia, etc.



During all this time, from the beginnings of "Influences" until now, Leila has experimented in gigs with different bands, from smaller formats to quartets, unplugged variations to the biggest show with 9 musicians on stage, offering in this way a variety of paths to walk through and marvel at the world of Leila.



Leila consolidates her personal seal with the release of her second album "Black Roses" in June 2015.

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- 01 **Mr.O**
Composition and lyrics by Leila Montes
- 02 **Pure Poison**
Composition and lyrics by Leila Montes
- 03 **This Part Of Me**
Composition and lyrics by Leila Montes
- 04 **You Don't Wanna Hear**
Composition and lyrics by Leila Montes
- 05 **Talk About**
Composition and lyrics by Leila Montes
- 06 **Inner Paradise**
Lyrics by Leila Montes and music by Joan Torcal "JT"
- 07 **Much More Than Music**
Lyrics by Leila Montes and music by Joan Torcal "JT"
- 08 **Soul To Feel**
Composition and lyrics by Leila Montes
- 09 **A Little Bit Bitter**
Composition and lyrics by Leila Montes
- 10 **Sometimes**
Composition and lyrics by Leila Montes

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2 The Excitements
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3 III Mostra Blackcelona
Espai Jove Boca Nord
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