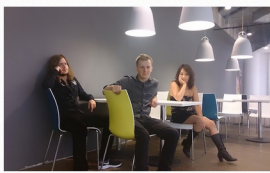


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The growing popularity of vocal competitions on television over the last decade has given way to new artists, a few who quickly rise to fame and just as swiftly, they fade from relevance. Perhaps this is because many music hopefuls and aspiring artists are not bringing anything new to the soundstage. Once in a while, an artist like Adele or Joss

Stone comes along and catches our ear, causing us to give a second glance and entertain the possibility that there are actually artists out there in the grand world who are delivering a deeper message and a cutting-edge sounds. If you are like us and happen to fall upon the artistry of nu-jazz trio **Sienná**, your faith in modern music will unequivocally be restored. The eclectic Norway-based band is set to release their newest single **"I Know Why"** on October 20th and our sneak peek into the track indicates that this is a band destined for greatness.

Indie music lovers and neo-soul connoisseurs will enjoy the sound and ambiance of "I Know Why". The track is coalesced into a flavorful presentation of electronic music elements, jazz flavor, and traditional Gagaku music from lead singer Sienná's hometown Kyoto, Japan. Introducing listeners to a diverse assortment of sound layers, one can expect to feel various hints of jazz, funk, and chill out influences. Sienná offers a unique sound that is a light balance between progressive and nostalgic, while performing in an avant garde style. With forces combined bassist and male vocalist Halvard Gaardios, guitarist Fredrik Karwowski and songstress Sienná are creating a work of artistry that exudes the diverse backgrounds of the performers; Sienná's latest release ties pertinent content directly to the listener, opening up a new and undiscovered world of music.

From smooth and soulful lyrics to progressive electronic instrumentals and even a classic electric guitar riff, "I Know Why" diverges from mainstream styles to create a rare experience for a wide audience. Listeners will revel in the phenomenal expression of poetic lyrics and carefully crafted musical score as it works to express a relatable dialogue between two individuals. If you favor the sounds of electronic music and relish in the feel of contemporary jazz fusions, you will adore the sounds of Sienná.

Check out the video release for Sienná "I Know Why" on [YouTube](#)



"I Know Why", produced by band frontlady Sienná is a blend between electronic pop, jazz, and Gagaku, a traditional court music scored to accompany dance and rooted in Kyoto, Japan. Lead vocalist, Sienná teamed up with bassist and vocalist Halvard Gaardios, guitarist Fredrik Karwowski, and keyboardist Vegard Lien Bjerkan to create the multicultural sensation known also as Sienná. Together the band has covered ground with origins in Japan to Europe, creating a cultural renaissance of sorts.

With all members lending a rich experience to the project, Gaardios joined Sienná in 2009 at the age of 16. An accomplished student at the Trondheim Jazz Conservatory, he also attends the Rhythmic Music Conservatory in Copenhagen. Gaardios has performed with 3 other rising Norwegian bands covering indie rock, blues, and shoegaze styles; he is a lead vocalist and guitarist in his own band Odd Loves to Dance.

Fredrik Karwowski collaborated with Sienná between September 2013 and July 2014 and has been compared to avant garde guitarist Elvind Aarset. Karwowski brought a unique mix of experimental rock-jazz styling to Sienná on the project. He currently studies at the Norwegian Academy of Music in Oslo. Both Gaardios and Karwowski majored in music for 1 year at "Folk High School" in Norway before attending the music conservatories.

Having performed in the UK, at Sommeroya Elektronika Festival in Scandinavia, and at Berlin's Jazz Boulevard Sleglitz Festival, Sienná is hard at work touring and promoting their latest single. The band has garnered coveted spots with artists such as Arthur Brown in the UK. "I Know Why" is scheduled for release on Monday October 20th, 2014. Keep up with the latest tour info for Sienná by visiting their official website at [www.sienna-web.com](#)

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