## Girl in Red.

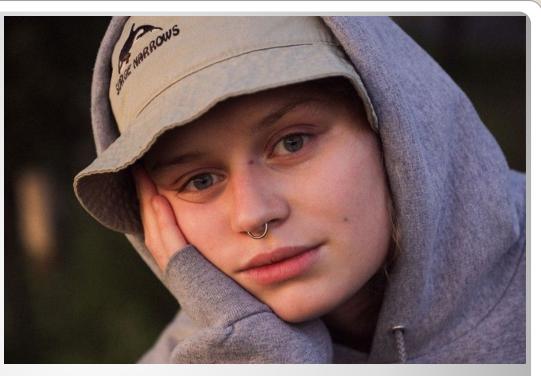
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**Marie Ulven Ringheim** (born 16 February 1999), also known as **Marie Ulven** or professionally as **Girl in Red** (stylized in <u>all lowercase</u>), is a <u>Norwegian indie</u> pop singer-songwriter. She is known for appealing to people with her "<u>bedroom</u> pop anthems about romance and mental health."<sup>[3]</sup> Her single "I Wanna Be Your Girlfriend" has gained over 150 million <u>streams</u> online, and was listed at No. 9 on <u>The New York Times</u> list of "The 68 Best Songs of 2018". Since 2018, Ulven has released two extended plays from her bedroom studio and has amassed over 7 million <u>monthly streamers</u> on Spotify.

## Early life.

Marie Ulven Ringheim was born in the town of Horten, Norway on 16 February 1999.<sup>1161</sup> She grew up in the town with her sisters and her divorced parents,<sup>117]</sup> and described it as "quiet and kinda boring" in an interview with Triple J in October 2019.[18] Her mother worked with technology and her father worked as a policemán.<sup>[9]</sup> Her grandfather could play the guitar and piano, however she grew up without instruments in the home.<sup>[3]</sup> Ulven received her first guitar as a Christmas gift from her grandfather in 2012, but didn't start playing it until 2013 after losing interest in fingerboarding.<sup>[18]</sup> She credits her grandfather for sparking her interest in music.<sup>[18]</sup> Whilst in high school, Ulven was curious about becoming a teacher before she was introduced to the guitar and songwriting at the age of 14.<sup>[8]</sup> She had taught herself piano, guitar and music production from the comfort of her bedroom.<sup>[19]</sup> Ulven began by writing and releasing Norwegian music and planned to study music, but never concluded that she was going to become a musician.<sup>[8]</sup>





Career

After getting a <u>Blue Yeti</u> microphone from her father in 2015,<sup>[18]</sup> Ulven began writing and releasing <u>Norwegian</u> <u>music</u> to <u>SoundCloud</u> under the moniker of "Lydia X" <sup>[8][20]</sup> She stopped attending guitar lessons after six months once her teacher refused to acknowledge her interest in songwriting and producing.<sup>[18]</sup> Ulven coined the stagename "Girl in Red" after attempting to identify herself in a crowd to a friend via text. [21] Using the new moniker, she published her debut single "I Wanna Be Your Girlfriend" on SoundCloud in November 2016,<sup>[22]</sup> where it got about 5 thousand streams within five months.<sup>[10]</sup> Following the single's feature on the Norwegian music website NRK Urørt, "I Wanna Be Your Girlfriend" amassed thousands of streams and gained Ulven a large online following.<sup>[23]</sup>



Ulven has been named a "<u>queer</u> icon" by <u>Paper</u>,<sup>[8]</sup> and a "phenomenon" that is "one of the most astute and exciting singer-songwriters working in the world of guitar music" by <u>The New York Times</u>.<sup>[9]</sup> Her music, which is made from the comfort of her bedroom, has amassed over 150 million streams as of October 2019.<sup>[10]</sup> Since 2019, Ulven has been on two North American tours and two European tours,<sup>[11]</sup> and has performed at festivals such as Lowlands,<sup>[12]</sup> Rock en <u>Seine</u><sup>[13]</sup> and <u>Øyafestivalen</u>.<sup>[14]</sup> She was named by <u>NME</u> as "one of the most hyped acts at <u>The Great Escape</u>" in 2019.<sup>[15]</sup>