



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 [all lowercase](#)), is a [Norwegian indie pop](#) singer-songwriter. She is known for appealing to people with her "[bedroom pop](#) anthems about romance and mental health."^[3] Her single "I Wanna Be Your Girlfriend" has gained over 150 million [streams](#) online, and was listed at No. 9 on [The New York Times](#) 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 [monthly streamers](#) on Spotify.

Early life.

Marie Ulven Ringheim was born in the town of [Horten, Norway](#) on 16 February 1999.^[16] She grew up in the town with her sisters and her divorced parents,^[17] 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 policeman.^[9] Her grandfather could play the guitar and piano, however she grew up without instruments in the home.^[3] 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](#).^[18] She credits her grandfather for sparking her interest in music.^[18] 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.^[8] She had taught herself piano, guitar and [music production](#) from the comfort of her bedroom.^[9] Ulven began by writing and releasing [Norwegian music](#) and planned to study music, but never concluded that she was going to become a musician.^[8]





- **Career**

After getting a [Blue Yeti](#) microphone from her father in 2015,^[18] Ulven began writing and releasing [Norwegian music](#) to [SoundCloud](#) under the moniker of "Lydia X".^{[8][20]} She stopped attending guitar lessons after six months once her teacher refused to acknowledge her interest in songwriting and producing.^[18] Ulven coined the stage name "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,^[22] where it got about 5 thousand streams within five months.^[10] 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.^[23]



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