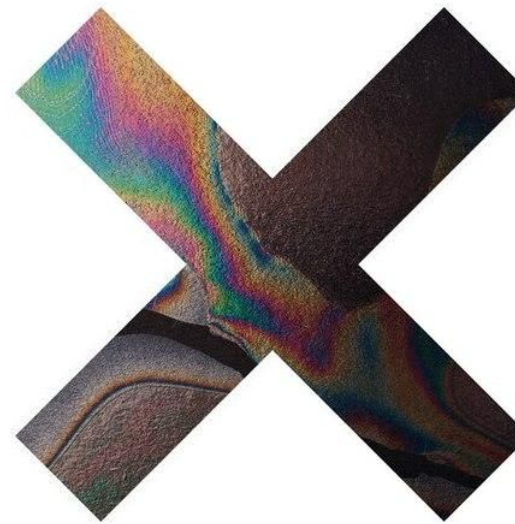
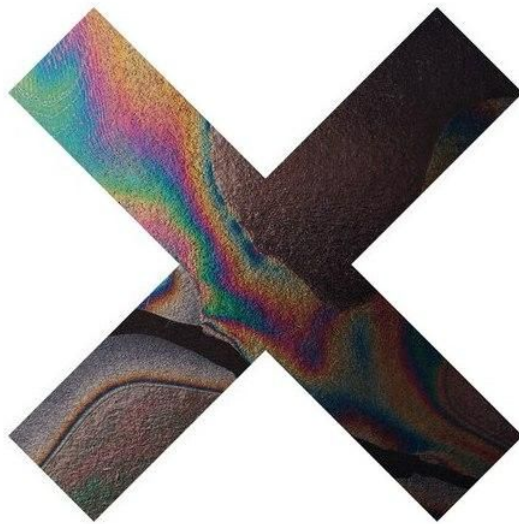


# The💡XX



Performed by Natalie Kurochkina

The xx are an English [indie pop](#) band formed in 2005 in [Wandsworth](#), London. The group released their debut album, [xx](#), in August 2009. The album ranked highly on many lists, placed at number one on the list compiled by [The Guardian](#) and second for [NME](#). In 2010, the band won the [Mercury Music Prize](#) for their debut album.



[Coexist](#), was released on 10 September 2012.



# 2005–2009: formation

The band met whilst studying at [Elliott School](#). The group have however downplayed the influence of the school on their career: "A teacher from Elliott who had never even taught us said how great we were. It's a bit annoying. We were left alone, more than anything – although I'm sure that helped us in its own way." Oliver Sim and Romy Madley-Croft started the band as a duo when they were 15. Jamie Smith joined in 2006.

## **2009–2011: xx**

The xx recorded their first album in a small garage that was part of the XL Recordings studio, often at night, which contributed to the low, whispery nature of the album.

In August 2009, the band headlined their own concert tour. In January 2010, Matt Groening chose the band to play at the All Tomorrow's Parties festival which he curated in Minehead, England. In addition, the band played at five of North America's most popular music festivals.

## **2009–2011: xx**

The music of their debut album was used extensively on television and in the media.

The band were nominated for 'Best British Album', 'Best British Breakthrough' and 'Best British Band' at the [2011 BRIT Awards](#) held on 15 February 2011 at the O2 Arena in London, although they were not successful in any of the categories.

# 2011–2012: *Coexist*

In December 2011, Smith revealed that he wanted to release the xx's second LP ahead of their festival appearances the following year, and that it was inspired by "club music". "The majority of stuff I'm working on now is the xx stuff. We're just about to start recording. Hopefully we'll get it done in time for most festivals next year, because that's the most fun." Discussing the sound of the album, he said: "We've all come back off tour and been partying a bit more. We left when we were 17 and we missed out on that chunk of our lives when everyone else was partying. Club music has definitely had an influence on the next record."

On 1 June 2012, it was announced that the second album *Coexist* would be released on 10 September. And on 3 September, in a collaboration with Internet Explorer, the xx released the entire *Coexist* album to stream on their website until 11 September, the worldwide release date of the album.

# 2013–present: Touring and third studio album

In 2013, the xx held a series of three festival-style concerts, called "Night+Day", in Berlin, Lisbon, and London. Each festival culminated in a nighttime concert by the band. The band was nominated for a Brit Award for Best British Group, eventually losing out to Mumford & Sons.

In April 2013, the xx contributed the song "Together" to the official soundtrack to Baz Luhrmann's adaptation of *The Great Gatsby*. In March 2014, the xx performed a series of shows at the Park Avenue Armory in New York City.

In May 2014, the band revealed that they were working on their third studio album.

# Night + Day

**The xx**

**Solange, Poliça**

**Kindness, Mount Kimbie**

**Jon Hopkins, London Grammar**

Bandstand: Deviation and Young Turks present...

**Jamie xx, Floating Points**

**Benji B, Koreless (live), Sampha**

Jamie, Floating Points and Benji B will be DJing  
back to back from 1pm - 3pm

**Saturday 22nd June**

**Hatfield House, Hatfield, Hertfordshire, AL9 5NQ**

# Members

- Romy Madley Croft is guitar and vocals
- Oliver Sim is bass and vocals
- Jamie Smith is beats, backing vocals







