Networking with a Feminist Approach

by Chra aka Christina Nemec

As a woman, I would never call my music feminine. There are many genders to celebrate; yet our repressive society forces us into being either a 'woman' or a 'man'. Women and no-fits are far from equal rights and still we fight stereotyping! This makes networking with a feminist approach my favourite goal.

Music is an ideal medium for these aims. It is not only entertainment, though it certainly is. Living in a small village in the countryside, where would I be without Blondie, Joan Jett, Laurie Anderson, Lydia Lunch, Kim Gordon, Siouxsie Sioux and many more? They helped me to leave home, try things out, and understand that I did not have to look like a model. I started playing bass guitar, and I still do, but in the meantime, digital and analogue produced sounds are my language. From abstract noise to electro pop, from ballads to heavy metal: low frequencies touching the body. You cannot resist!

Track: hectic night at the club (lyrics and music by chra)

we stayed open till dawn she says or she didn't have cash for a taxi or she had to go for a drink worst are the nights when she does not come home at all is she really working late? **dig me out** Discourses of Popular Music, Gender and Ethnicity edited by Maria José Belbel / Rosa Reitsamer. Art Centre Arteleku, Spain/Austria 2009

It was a hectic night at the club are you really working late? oh, i didn't have cash for a taxi i am impressed by her by her energy and enterprise she has already found her feet she said suddenly: it was a hectic night at the club, darling!

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