

Ask The White BIO_{en}



Ask The White is a project by Isobel Blank, artist and songwriter, and Simone Lanari, producer and composer. Their first album **Sum and subtraction** will be released on LP in Autumn 2018 for *Ammiratore Omonimo Records*, the roman DIY label by **vonneumann**, and later also on CD in Japan for Athor Harmonics, Kenichi Mori's label and music production studio, based in Tokyo.

Isobel Blank, born in Lucca, lives and works in Tuscany. Graduated with honors in aesthetic philosophy in Padua, her training includes various artistic disciplines: music, dance, theater, drawing, sculpture, photography, which together to their independent development, merge into a dimension of performance and video art. She exhibited her works in several galleries, contemporary art museums and festivals in Italy and abroad, from the United States to India, from Mexico to Cambodia. She debuts musically as leader of *Vestfalia*, an indie art rock band of the early 2000s. After living in different European cities and collaborating with the English musician and producer Leo Abrahams (Brian Eno, Marianne Faithfull, Goldfrapp etc.) in 2009, her solo project *isobi* was born: classical guitar and vocals, minimal compulsive style, then condensed in *Not a child neither a dog, maybe a flower* (EP - 2010), a work that also includes a collaboration with danish composer Jacob Kirkegaard (www.fonik.dk).

Simone Lanari graduated with honors in Music and New Technologies at the L. Cherubini Conservatory in Florence in 2013. In 2015 he produced his first album, *Eleven Sons*, with the band *Walden Waltz*, released and distributed by Santeria/Audioglobe. After a long period of collaboration, in 2016 he officially joined as an active member of *Sycamore Age*, significant band of the Tuscan music scene. In 2018 he published *Nosferatu*, original soundtrack for the homonymous cinematic masterpiece signed by F. Murnau.

Simone and Isobel together with Stefano Santoni and Alberto Tirabosco in 2015 gave birth to the band *Ant Lion*. Their first album *A common day was born* (2017) was released in Italy for Ibexhouse and in Japan for OOOsound.

Ask The White was born in 2016, a year in which the duo organized a tour to present some unreleased songs. Many of these compositions will then become the foundation of the first album **Sum and subtraction**. The name of the project refers to the theory of color and light: an object that reflects all light waves appears white, which is the sum of all colors; an object that absorbs none but one wave, appears to have the color of that single wave absorbed. The purpose of Ask The White is to move freely from one "color" to another, without any limitation.