

Vamoise



“...This is one of those bands that comes along that you want to scream out, “HEY WORLD! Listen to this!”

— [Chris Hearn, Interview with Vamoise, Louder Than War.](#)

Biography

Vamoise is a bohemian electro-pop act from Montreal led by singer-songwriter & composer Najah Zaoudé. Najah started performing her own material in 2004 by producing shows and booking musicians in the local Montreal scene. During solo acts, she triggered samples that she arranged herself. In 2008-2009, she also performed in the Jazz choir *L'ensemble Vocal Les Nanas*. In 2011, she founded *Vamoise*, while continuing her involvements with local bands as a keyboardist. Najah also works in sound design and music composition for film. Amongst other projects, she composed in 2010-2011 soundtracks for the films *Sang Froid* by Martin Thibaudeau (winner, *Worldwide Short Film Festival*; winner Best film, *La Boca del Lobo Short Film Festival*) and *F*ck That* by Lawrence Côté-Collins (winner, *Meilleur court métrage québécois DIY* at Fantasia Film Festival).

In 2013, Najah released 'Another Critical Moment' that was produced, co-arranged, recorded and mixed by Jean-Sébastien Brault-Labbé ([The Bleu Seeds](#), *Zodyo Studio*). The album captures Najah's & Jean-Sébastien's versatility in composition and arrangements, from the choice of texturized arrangements and mix of world- inspired instruments – such as Ecuadorian charango & Middle Eastern darbouka in 'Come with Me' – to the haunting electro-acoustic 'Undecided' & the trip-hopish 'Killer of Love'.

The entire EP is wrapped in Najah's free-form melodic singing inspired by her middle-eastern origins. Najah worked very closely with JS for the production and arrangement of all the songs.

Bart Frydrychowicz, known as the lead composer & founder of the internationally acclaimed melodic death metal band [Quo Vadis](#), joins Najah & Jean-Sébastien in 2012. Bart has been composing and performing music since 1992. With 6 albums and multiple international tours under his belt, Bart has extensive experience as a performer and in the music business; he has worked with acclaimed artists such as Steve DiGiorgio (*Death*, *Sebastian Bach*, *Testament*) and famous Quebec cellist Claude Lamothe.