

RjVj

RjVj is composed of Rob Girardi and Veronica Jay Clay based in Baltimore, Maryland. Their music is ethereal, atmospheric, symphonic gaze - sounds and visions spawned from their post-punk & classical music backgrounds, storytelling, film & soundtracks (specifically westerns, sci-fi, & horror films), nature & the cosmos, and the avant-garde. In 2014 shortly after they met, Rob and Veronica began composing & recording soundtracks using vintage synths, guitar, moog and percussion. Their music evolved into songs with Rob programming drums, playing guitar, bass, & synth and Veronica playing synth, bass, percussion, singing, and writing lyrics inspired by love & lust, pain, hope, injustice, mental care & transformation. Rob records and mixes their music and Veronica co-arranges it and creates their cover art and videos.

In 2019, RjVj began playing live and were support for Lydia Lunch "Verbal Burlesque", Orville Peck, Rasputina, Kælan Mikla, Dust Bowl Faeries, Arch of Love, L'avenir, Divining Rod, and Jef Brown. They have been fortunate to collaborate on stage and in the studio with friends and fellow artists: Shirlé Hale Koslowski (Gerty, Ex-Members), Miyuki Furtado (Divining Rod, The Rogers Sisters), David Bergander (Celebration, Arbouretum), Paul Hutzler (Duff McKagan's Loaded, Old Ghost), and Chemical Waves (Marco Cattani from Halo Effect). In April 2019, they released Causality / Unless as a limited edition 7" lathe cut & digitally. Each 7" was cut in real time using a 1930s Presto record Lathe onto polycarbonate discs that are made by hand. This lathe process created a unique recording - making each 7" an art piece. On Chemical Waves' 2020 album "Even When We Fall Apart", RjVj were featured on the song "Desire's Web". Veronica sang and wrote the melody and lyrics and Rob mixed and recorded her vocals. In February 2020 for the event "Night of 100 Elviras", RjVj played a cover set of horror inspired songs: "Rosemary's Baby", "Assault on Precinct 13", "Halloween", "Furnace Room Lullaby", & "Henry Lee".

Due to Covid-19, their shows with Golden Apes, Secret Shame, The Spearmint Sea and Painted Mirror were cancelled. During the pandemic in 2020, RjVj participated in an art auction & 3 livestreams raising money for nonprofits: Baltimore Safe Haven, Believe in Music, and Baltimore Action Legal Team. In August 2020, RjVj released their first ep "Live from Umbra's Embrace vol. 1" compiled of songs recorded during their 3 livestreams. On Halloween 2020, they released the single "Charms of the Witching Hour". In January 2021, RjVj played a livestream for Dark Spring Boston & Once Somerville with Winkie and Dj Dvoid. From this livestream, they released ep "Live from Umbra's Embrace vol. 2".

RjVj returned to playing live in November 2021 sharing the stage with Quattracenta. Since then, RjVj have played with ACTORS, Social Station, Blood Handsome, Black Rose Burning, Pink Turns Blue, Juliett Class, and Rosegarden Funeral Party. Currently, RjVj are recording their first full length studio album, releasing its single, Elixir soon. You can hear RjVj's music and follow their events at <https://linktr.ee/RjVj>

Rob Girardi

Rob is a musician, recording engineer, and music producer. As a Baltimore native, Rob has played in a variety of post-punk bands since 1989 (Amok Time, W.O.D., Estrojet, Scapegoat, Cicaeda, The Homosexuals, The Uniform, David Thomas of Pere Ubu) and he traveled as a live sound engineer with some of the city's biggest bands like Beach House and Celebration. Since 1998, Rob has been producing and engineering bands and has worked at Wright Way Studios since 2011. He has recorded with Future Islands, Beach House (Beach House, Devotion, Used to Be - B-sides And Rarities), Jenn Wasner, Celebration, Bond Street District, Arbouretum, Jacober, Double Dagger, Tarotplane, Blacksage, Vosh, Natural Velvet, Wing Dam, Microkingdom, The Scotch Bonnets, and The Flying Eyes. Currently in addition to RjVj, Rob plays guitar in psych rock band, Mopar Mountain Daredevils. He records and mixes both bands at Wright Way Studios and his home studio, World Famous Studios.

<https://www.discogs.com/artist/565553-Rob-Girardi>

Veronica Jay Clay

Veronica is a multimedia artist. Her mediums are drawing, painting, costume design, photography, sculpture, installation, soundscapes from field recordings, and music. She was raised making arts &

crafts, drawing, painting, sewing, and studying classical piano. Veronica grew up around musicians listening & singing along to traditional country & country gospel music at church and from her cousins' band, The Knight Brothers as well as pop, r&b, and rock. She was intrigued by storytelling in books, songs, films, radio, and plays. As a teen, she was drawn to goth music, new wave, punk, and psychedelic music and began playing guitar. As an adult, she learned about electronic music, jazz, and avant garde music and started playing synth. Veronica studied traditional art and costume design at Towson University, printmaking at MICA, contemporary art at Pont-Aven School of Art and School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston and sewing at the Fashion Institute of Technology.

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