

Josefin Runsteen (born 1990 in Gothenburg, Sweden) is a Swedish multi-musician, composer, arranger and producer.

Her main instruments are violin, drums, percussion and vocals but do often play more instruments on a playful level such as piano/synthesizers, base, marimba, vibraphone, mandoline and several string instruments. She started playing classical violin at the age of four and began playing piano and composing a few years later. She then took up drums and percussion and became the first woman in history playing the snare drum in "Gothenburg Drum Corps". After her musical studies, she started touring around the world with many big artists in a wide range of genres. Down below is a biography of her past works.

LIVE/ TOURS

1996

***KNÄPPLÅTEN** At the age of 6 Josefin composed her first song. It was published in a Learn-How-to-Play-violin book for Children, "Små låtar för små stråkar".

1999-2007

***SCANDINAVIAN STRINGS** A Stringensemble for Youths toured around Europe and China and had many collaborations with Swedish Pop Artists.

2011

***WILDHART** The dream-pop trio *Wildhart* was formed. **Ylva Holmdahl** - Vocals **Kiwi Berg**- synthesizers/base **Josefin Runsteen** - drums. They all wrote and produced the music together. The album "Shine" was released in 2016. Josefin left the band in 2017 but the other two other members are still playing.

We made up a dream- LIVE

Stuck in a second (OFFICIAL VIDEO)

Broken Flowers

***JOLE MARI** The improvised punk/free-form jazz duo JOLE MARI was formed. **Lea-Marie Sittler** (Germany)- Saxophones/vocals/compositon, **Josefin Runsteen**- Drums/vocals/composition

Tatzensalbe (LIVE)

2012-2014

***JENS LEKMAN** *I know what love isn't*- tour in Europe, USA, Canada and Japan. They played around 80 gigs.

Jens Lekman- composer/vocal, **Jonas Abrahamsson**, piano, **Josefin Runsteen**, violin, percussion, vocals, **Hampus Öhman Frölund**, Drums, **Julia Rydholm**, bass.

On a tour in China the band was accompanied by Shanghai Symphony Orchestra and Josefin wrote String arrangements performed by the Orchestra.

They also once played at "Late Night at Jimmy Fallon" live in NYC as well as "Billboard Live Tokyo" in Japan.

Live in Philadelphia 2012

2013

*** FRAUKE** Josefin composed music together with Rasmus Persson for a Butoh-dancer and performance artist called *FRAUKE* in the her artistic work *GODAI - How to be invisible*. The performance was a cyclic process during four evenings in November 2013 that embodied the five elements, fire, water, earth, wind and void.

2014 - 2019

*** LONEY DEAR** Josefin started touring with **Loney Dear**, playing drums, vocals, mandolines, accordeon, violins and several instruments. They played in many different constellations, from duo- to jazzband to Chamber Orchestra-constellations in Scandinavia and Europe.

2015 - 2021

*** ANE BRUN** *When I'm Free*- tour in Europe, around 60 gigs.

Livesetup: **Ane Brunvoll**- vocals, **Martin Hederos**, Keys, **Johan Lindström**, Pedalsteel/Guitar, **Dan Berglund**, Bass, **Andreas Werliin**, Drums, **Ola Hultgren**, Drums, **Josefin Runsteen**, Vibraphone, violin, vocals.

Stringarrangements for the album *Leave me Breathless* (2018). One arrangement was played live on a TED Talk Ane Brun had in 2019 in Los Angeles.

Livegigs with a dozen Symphonyorchestras around Scandinavia 2017-2020.

2020- Cowriter for the song Take Hold on me together with Ane Brun and Martin Hederos.

Stringarrangements for the song "Feeling like I wanna cry". Drums on "Feeling like I wanna cry" and "Take hold on me"

Josefin has over the years played almost 100 gigs with Ane Brun in different constellations.

2016 - 2021

***MARIAM THE BELIEVER** tours in Europe. Duo-gigs, band-gigs and stringquartet-gigs 2016 until now.

Band setup: **Mariam Wallentin** - leadvocals, composition, **Alex Zethson** - synthesizers, **Anna Lund**- drums, **Felisia Westberg** - base, vocals, **Josefin Runsteen** - percussion, violin, vocals.

2017 Stringarrangements and string-performer for the album Love Everything.

2019 Stringarrangements for the EP Stringvariations.

Stringquartet setup for *Stringvariations*: **Samuel Runsteen** - violin, **Josefin Runsteen** - violin, **Brusk Zanganeh** - viola, **Natalia Goldman** - cello

2017

*** FRANK OCEAN** Gig with **Frank Ocean** at Way Out West Festival in Gothenburg lead by the violinist/composer **Owen Pallet** (Canada).

*** FIRE! ORCHESTERA 2017-2020** One of Europe's most acclaimed freejazz-avantgarde-bands **Fire! Orchestera**. A collective of 15-20 solo-improvisers. The initiative and the core band is the Fire! Trio; **Mats Gustafsson**, saxophone, **Andreas Werliin** drums and **Johan Bertling**, bass.

2019 Recording of the album *Arrival*, String arrangements on the song Silvertrees

*** NILS BERG CINEMASCOPE** Tours around Sweden 2017-2021

***POLAR MUSIC PRIZE CEREMONY** Violin soloist with the **Royal Stockholm Philharmonic Orchestera**, playing at the Polar music Prize ceremony in Stockholm Concert Hall, together with **Ane Brun**, **Linnea Olsson** and **Jennie Abrahamsson**. They performed a song tributed to **Sting**, whilst in attendance at the ceremony. [Watch live here](#)

2018

***HÅKAN HELLSTRÖM** String-section player at "Rullande Åska" -tour. Ullevi, Gothenburg and Stadion, Stockholm.

***DAMIEN RICE** Supportband with **Mariam the Believer** to **Damien Rice** tour Wood, Water, Wind, sailing up the coast of Italy and playing at old amphitheaters.

***PER TEXAS JOHANSSON** Violinplayer at **Per Texas Johansson** album "Stråk på Himlen och stora hus", released by Moserobie label. The album was listed "Top ten best albums of the year" by DN.

***THOMAS BACKMAN** - Drums and violin in Thomas Backman's pop/jazz-band.
Live tours and recording of the album "[Did you have a good day, David?](#)"

2019

***JOSEPHINE FOSTER** Tour in Spain and Portugal with the album
[Faithful Fairy Harmony](#)

Josephine Foster (US) - vocals, compositions, **Victor Herrero** (ES) - guitars, **Rosa Mercedes** (GER) - base, **Josefin Runsteen** (SE) - drums, violin

***HANA- THREE BODIES** Composed new music for the Butoh-dancer
FRAUKES piece *Hana- Three Bodies* which toured in Europe, Japan and Taiwan
with the soundtrack.

***FEIST/ ADRIANNE LEKNER/ DAMIEN RICE / ALEX SOMERS / GYDA
VALTYRSDOTTIR / WILDBIRDS AND PEACEDRUMS** Residency at Castel
Campo in Northern Italy. Artists specially invited by Damien Rice for a creative
week to play together, record, share ideas and write in a creative environment.
During this week the improvised record *Thank God the Plague is Over* was formed
and recorded together with **Charles Spearin**.

***POLAR MUSIC PRIZE CEREMONY** Stringquartet on the Gala Ceremony at
the Grand Hotel concert hall. Laureates 2019: **Ann- Sofie Mutter** and **Grand
Master Flash**

***MATTIAS RISBERG MINING** Jazzpianist **Mattias Risberg** invited the
Swedish jazz-elite to be a part of his band;

Jon Fält, drums, **David Stackenäs**, guitar, **Dan Berglund**, bass, **Fredrik
Ljungkvist**, saxophone, **Josefin Runsteen**, violin and marimba, **Jennie
Abrahamsson**, vocals.

The music is a mix between Frank Zappa, Charles Mingus and Kate Bush.
They released [Live in Stripa](#) 2019 and [Zauberberg](#) 2020. Watch live video [here](#).

2020

***ANNA JÄRVINEN**. Part of the production of the album [Vestigia Terrent](#). String
arrangements. Performed all strings on the record. Drums on the tracks "Blundar"
and "Han är också död nu".

Reine Fiske- guitar, **Johan Holmegaard**, drums, **Johan Graden**, piano

***JONATHAN JOHANSSON** Live-streaming gigs with the latest album of
Jonathan Johansson [Scirocco](#). Watch live [here](#).

Samuel Starck - Synthesizers, **Ola Winkler** - drums, **Andreas Hedén** - piano/base,
Josefin Runsteen - percussion/violin/vocals

***NÄRHETEN/ RIKSTEATERN** Composer and solo musician for the dancepiece **Närheten** (Closeness) by choreographer **Tove Sahlin**. The piece should have toured April-May 2020, but due to the pandemic the tour was cancelled.

*** CROWN PRINCESS OF SWEDEN'S BIRTHDAY- CELEBRATION** Playing with artists like **Ann - Sofie von Otter, Linnéa Henriksson, Petra Marklund** mfl. Stringarrangements or **Ann - Sofie von Otter and Linnéa Henriksson**.

***SKATOR** Part of the production of the album **ÄR** by Skator. Stringarrangements (together with **Lina Högström**). Performed all strings on the record.

***THANK GOD THE PLAGUE IS OVER** - an improvised duo album recorded at Castel Campo- residency 2019. **Josefin Runsteen**, violin, **Charles Spearin**, Nyckelharpa.

[Listen here](#). For presstext click [here](#).

***GORAN KAJFES TROPIQUES** Guest at a Livegig at Stockholm jazzfestival.

Goran Kajfes- trumpet, **Alex Zethson**, synthesizers, **Johan Bertling** - base, **Johan Holmegaard** - drums, **Leo Svensson Sander** - cello, **Josefin Runsteen** - violin.

*** SCALAREVYN** One of Sweden's top actor and comedian **Henrik Dorsin**'s new play at Scalateatern, Stockholm.

Setup actors: **Henrik Dorsin** - script/ leadrole, **Johan Ulvesson**, **Vanna Rosenberg**, **Klas Hedlund**, **Louise Nordahl**.

Setup musicians: **Per Ekdahl** - drums/arranger/composer, **Per "Texas" Johansson** winds, **Annika Granlund** - trumpet, **Josefin Runsteen** - violin, **Vladan Virant** - piano, **Ulric Johansson** - base, **Andreas Grube** - guitar

*** MUSIKFÖRLÄGGARNAS PRIS/ THE MUSIC PUBLISHERS AWARD**

Due to the pandemic the annual Ceremony of *THE MUSIC PUBLISHER'S AWARD* was cancelled. Therefore- they asked Josefin to interpret all 28 nominated acts on a violin only, recorded from empty arenas around Sweden, the Operahouse in Gothenburg, Dalhalla, Gröna Lund (tivoli) and more. She interpreted songs in the pop music genre from Sam Smith, the Weekend, Selena Gomez and Veronica Maggio to all nominated acts in the modern classical genre - composers like Anders Hillborg, Andrea Tarrodi, Emmy Lindström and Djuro Zivcovic. All interpretations was collected into 28 short videos that was published at the music publisher's awards website as well as in DN (The biggest Newspaper in Sweden) for pressrelease.

2021

***ALEX ZETHSON ENSEMBLE** "Some of them were never unprepared" - Liveperformance and recording with a big ensemble of improvising soloists in Stockholm. Watch live [here](#).

***REPLAY PERSIA** One of the biggest TV-Shows for all Persia-speaking people in the world, about 80 million viewers all over the world (the Persian version of "Så mycket bättre")

*** MELODY'S ECHO CHAMBER** Recording strings + improvising arrangements in the studio for Melody's upcoming album.

*** MUSIC MUSIC MUSIC** Tour in Sweden with the album "Oversized"-

*** HEADBANG** Composer and solo musician for the dance piece "Headbang". A project where two dancers are placed in a square- box of glass, headbanging more or less constantly for 50 minutes. The performance will have premiere in September 2021 and tour 2022. All sound/compositions and live-performed instruments will be performed by Josefin Runsteen alone. This music is in the making. More info TBA.

Except all tours, Josefin is engaged in the local Jazz and impro- scene in Stockholm, playing with both big and smaller acts. Some of the more known names she plays with regularly is Per "Texas" Johansson, Jon Fält, Fredrik Ljungkvist, Ellen Arkbro. Mattias Risberg, Oskar Schönning, Nils Berg Cinemascope, Thomas Backman, Johan Graden, Kasper Agnas, Konrad Agnas, Mauritz Agnas etc etc

DISCOGRAPHY



10. Josefín Runsteen / Charles Spearin - Thank God the Plague is Over 2020
11. Wildhart - Shine 2016
12. Anna Järvinen - Vestigia Terrent 2020
13. LEA - Diamonds 2018

1. Ane Brun - Leave me breathless (live) 2018
2. Ane Brun - After the Great Storm 2020
3. Mariam the Believer - String Variations 2019
4. Mariam the Believer - Love Everything 2017
5. Fire! Orchestra - Arrival 2019
6. Mattias Risbergs Mining - Zaubenberg 2020
7. Skator - År 2020
8. Johan Graden - Olägenheter 2017
9. Thomas Backman - Did you have a good day, David? 2018
14. Mattias Risbergs Mining - Live in Stripa 2019
15. Josefín Runsteen - Hana - Three Bodies (Soundtrack)
16. Daniel Ögren - Fästingen - 92 2019
17. Stefan Andersson - Made in China 2015
18. Per "Texas" Johansson - Stråk på himlen och stora hus

GRANTS

2005

*WALLINSKA STIFTELSEN for classical violin studies

*Kungliga Musikaliska Akademiens Ungdomsstipendium

2006

*WALLINSKA STIFTELSEN for classical violin studies

*Kungliga Musikaliska Akademiens Ungdomsstipendium

2007

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2019

*JAZZKATTEN Josefin won the Swedish Radio's prestigious award **Jazzkatten** - "*Newcomer of the Year 2019*". <https://sverigesradio.se/sida/artikel.aspx?>

*ARBETSSTIPENDIUM Konstnärsnämnden, Sweden

2020

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EDUCATION

2006-2009

*DONNERGYMNASIET, Göteborg. Music

2009-2010

*LJUNGSKILE FOLKHÖGSKOLA - Jazzdrums

2010-2012

*FRIDHEMS FOLKHÖGSKOLA - Jazzdrums

2016

* Classical Violin at the Conservatory of Music in Gothenburg, Sweden.