Biography of Black Bear Whisper.

*Nordic noir meets the ancient sounds of Iran in unusual dark-pop project.*

Black Bear Whisper consists of Danish chanteuse Kat Boelskov and London-based producer/multi-instrumentalist Unfamed, who work together to create unusual, alternative pop.

The two artists have never met in person, but collaborate long-distance in written words and music only.

Kat has previously released music in her own name, as a singer/songwriter/producer, largely ignored in her home country, but for some reason very popular in the gay community in Mexico.

Unfamed has collaborated in various projects, the latest of which received specifically high praise in Allmusic, Uncut and The Quietus, amongst others. Unfamed also studied the Iranian santur, (a 72-stringed dulcimer, played with small wooden hammers), for 18 years, and is recognized as one of the best santur-players outside Iran.

A chance meeting on the internet caused Kat and Unfamed to engage in a Copenhagen/London cross-working procedure, resulting in material where a dark theme quickly emerged. The lyrics revolve around anger, euphoria, jealousy, deception and desire and other ’forbidden’ emotions, which through the songs are brought out into the light, thus recognised as valid parts of our existence.

The music itself is difficult to define genre-wise, with its powerful and driven sound where unexpected sparkling elements brighten up the underlying intensity, and vocals which at times are open and vulnerable, and at times menacing and controlled. The santur is featured throughout the songs, adding ancient to contemporary, eastern to western sounds, making categorisation even more difficult.