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# Killing Eve music: how Villanelle's series 2 playlist for Eve gets inside assassin's head

Obscure 60s girl groups, French noir chanson and experimental psychedelia provide the eclectic soundtrack to Killing Eve



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Want to know what's really going on inside Villanelle's head?

Then listen closely to **Killing Eve**'s wildly eclectic musical soundtrack, which has become a cult hit in its own right.

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From obscure 60s girl groups to French *noir chanson* and experimental psychedelia, the assassin drama is played out to an offbeat soundscape which tracks the cat-and-mouse game between Jodie Comer's Villanelle and Sandra Oh's Eve.

## What's that song?

Music recognition app Shazam is poised for surge in traffic when **Killing Eve makes its long-awaited return** to BBC1 on Saturday, as fans try to identify the latest soundtrack selections.

The curators of Killing Eve's musical world are David Holmes, the Belfast producer and soundtrack composer for blockbuster films such as Ocean's Eleven and music supervisor Catherine Grieves.



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"It can take a lot of digging to find the right track for each scene. It's great when people on Twitter say 'OMG, I've never heard that track before,' said Grieves.

## Screw You

Each song is designed to add an extra layer to the psychological battle between Comer's ruthless killer and Oh's driven MI5 agent.

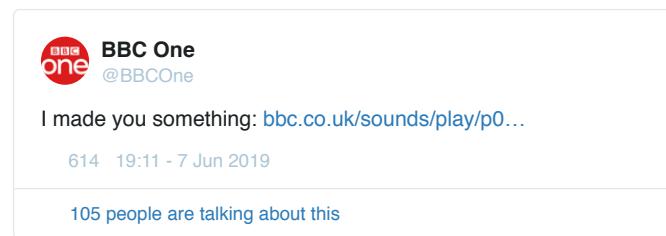
### Playlist - Villanelle to Eve

- Cat's Eyes – Be Careful Where You Park Your Car
- Thee Headcoatees – I'm Gonna Make You Mine
- Blossom Dearie – I Like London In The Rain
- The Chesterfield Kings – Time To Kill
- Andre Williams & The Sadies – Pardon Me, I've Got Someone To Kill
- Plath – I Am Strange Now
- Sister Irene O'Connor – Fire
- Elisa Waut – Russia
- Jeanne-Marie Sens – Tape Tape Tape
- Siouxsie and the Banshees – Spellbound
- Gin Gillette – Train To Satanville
- Neo Maya – I Won't Hurt You

Screw You, a dark, psychedelic track by Ramases, a cult 70s musician, "feels like Villanelle's voice inside Eve's head as she cuts her lip. She's getting closer..."

Holmes and Grieves have compiled [four special musical mixes for Obsessed With... Killing Eve](#), a new [BBC Sounds](#) app podcast accompanying season two.

They include a special playlist of songs Villanelle might send to Eve to mess with her psyche and vice-versa.



## Submissions must match Killing Eve aesthetic

With the soundtrack giving a surprise career boost to previously obscure artists on streaming services, it's no surprise that musicians and record companies are now lobbying the curators to use their tracks.

"Sometimes people send me tracks and I think 'have you actually watched the series?'," said Holmes, who gave Noel Gallagher an electro makeover when he produced his latest album.



The eclectic soundtrack is a vital element in creating the *Killing Eve* world (BBC America)

"It's very rare that someone sends us something that matches the aesthetic of *Killing Eve*."

"We focus on rare, less commercial tracks that create something new when placed next to the images on screen. That's where the magic happens."

### **Post-punk singing nun**

Few other shows would juxtapose Fire by "post-punk singing nun" Sister Irene O'Connor with the ghostly Train To Satanville, a 1961 rarity by Gin Gillette, who left a minimal Google trail.

#### **Playlist - Eve to Villanelle**

Jane Weaver – Stealing Gold

Song Sung – I'm Not In Love

The Oxford Circle – Foolish Woman

Fabienne Delsol – I'm Gonna Catch Me A Rat

Holly Golightly – Satan Is His Name

The Fashionettes – Losin' Control

The Mistys – Bite Marks

Karen Elson – The Ghost Who Walks

Unloved – Bill

The Poppy Family – Where Evil Grows

Pamela – Une Autre Autoroute

Juniore – La Cannibale

Phoebe Waller-Bridge, who adapted the first series based on Luke Jennings' Codename Villanelle novellas and remains executive producer, takes a close interest in the soundtrack.

"She's always questioning us and pushing us to make the end result better. It's really inspiring. She gives us a lot of feedback," said Holmes.

### **Unloved project**

The template for the Killing Eve soundworld was provided by Holmes' [Los Angeles project Unloved](#), featuring singer-songwriter Jade Vincent and her partner, composer-keyboardist Keefus Ciancia.



Bandage boy may regret lending Villanelle his pyjamas (BBC America)

The woozy sounds of their 2016 album *Guilty Of Love*, evoking The Shangri La's, the BBC Radiophonic Workshop and Phil Spector's wall of sound, provided several of the tracks used in season one.

"Killing Eve was the perfect home for Unloved's music," Holmes said.

### **Dutch eureka find**

The season 2 music echoes the protagonists' travels through Italy and The Netherlands.



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Naomi and Zing run through the top moments of Season 1 of Killing Eve.  
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A “eureka” moment was finding Vlinder Van Een Zomer, a Dutch version of Angel Of The Morning sung by 60s performer Willeke Alberti, Grieves said.

That song accompanies Villanelle at a moment of uncharacteristic vulnerability.

### Season 3 plans

Has work begun on season three? “I’ve not thought about it yet but every now and again I hear something and a light starts flashing and it goes into the Killing Eve folder,” Holmes said.

Do Comer and Oh listen to their character’s playlists between takes? “I’m sure they’re far too busy to think about the music. They’re happy to leave it to us,” said Holmes.

**: Killing Eve returns on BBC1 Saturday at 9.15pm. The entire series will be available to stream on BBC iPlayer.**

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