

# **soulshine** Story

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The Facebook friendship between singer Sylvie Engeler and pianist Urs C. Eigenmann began on 25 August 2015. The first FB news went back and forth until 1 September. Among other things, she was looking for a guitarist, whereupon Eigenmann said that pianists could also accompany her.

Then there was years of silence until Eigenmann sent another message to Sylvie on his birthday, December 16, 2018. He came across her on the Internet and looked around on YouTube. "I just listened to YouTube. Funky funky. My passion," he wrote. Maybe there would be a future cooperation...

On 3 September 2019, Urs C. Eigenmann left St. Gallen at the exit and went to the "Chlöschi" (Restaurant Klosterhof) in St. Gallen, an excellent Spanish restaurant. While he was standing at the bar on one side, a lady from the other side of the bar spoke to him after some time that they would know each other. Eigenmann went with his glass of wine to the lady, who was accompanied by one of her fellow musicians. They were friends together on Facebook and her name was Sylvie Engeler. So they started talking and it turned out that she was looking for a band. Eigenmann spontaneously came up with the idea that the still open concert on 28 February 2020 at the Panem Romanshorn could be held with Sylvie and said that she had actually found a band now. The saxophonist Markus Bittmann is joined by the guitarist Alex Steiner - the latter already played in Eigenmann's project "off&out, feat. Melanie Russo" (Portugal) in 2018 -, the bassist Marc Ray Oxendine (USA) and the drummer Andy Leumann. The two have been involved in various Eigenmann projects for years. And on the same evening the band name "soulshine" was created. For the aforementioned musicians everything was also perfect.

Sylvie Engeler is an excellent blues, soul and funk singer with a great temperament and brings the groovy mood to the boil from the very first moment. Hot music for chicken skin is on.