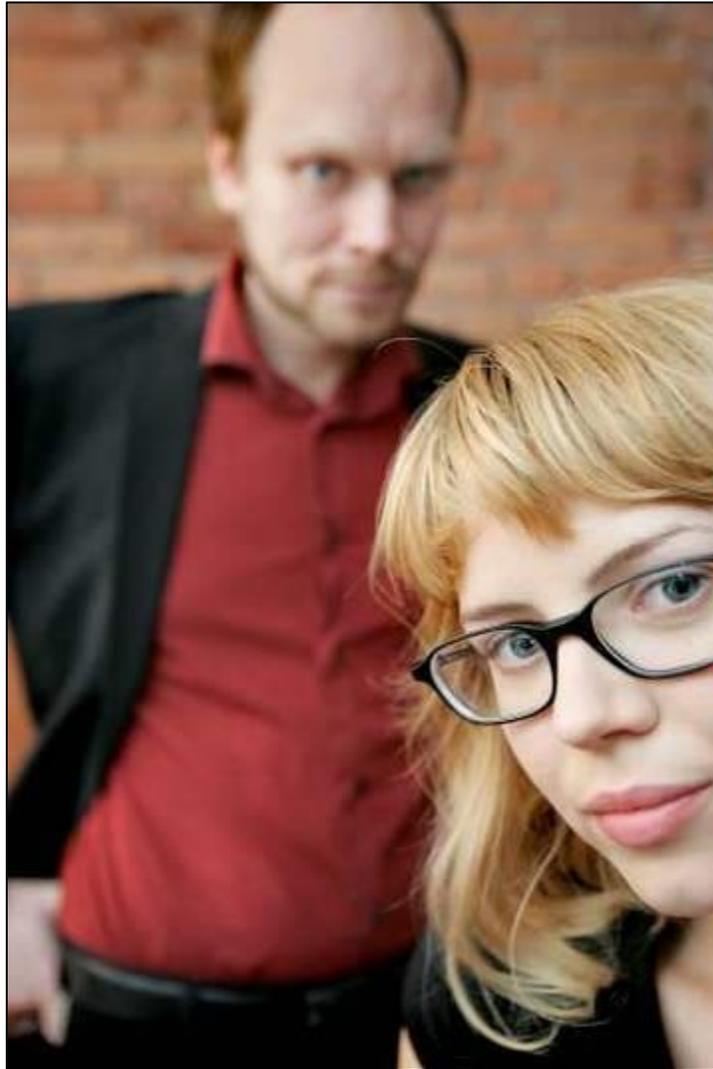


Alexandra is Luuk's New Sidekick



New Role

Alexandra Dahlström takes over the DJ booth with Luuk on Friday. Mauro Scocco is going to record a new album.

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Alexandra Dahlström has become Kristian Luuk's new sidekick.

On Friday, she takes over the DJ booth in place of Mauro Scocco on *Late Night with Luuk*.

"I tried to say no but it was impossible," says Alexandra.

All the famous talk show hosts have a sidekick.

David Letterman has Paul Shaffer. Jay Leno has Kevin Eubanks and Conan O'Brien has his Max Weinberg.

700 CDs Home

During the last season of *Late Night with Luuk*, Mauro Scocco cranked out the music and served as Kristian Luuk's sidekick.

But now in the fifteenth season of the program Scocco has been replaced with Alexandra Dahlström.

"Mauro said at the beginning of the summer that he would be leaving because he will be working on a new album this fall. We knew we wanted a girl and we thought Alexandra was cool. When we asked her, she revealed that she has a great interest in music. She has over a thousand CDs at home," says Kristian Luuk.

"No more than 700," says Alexandra Dahlström.

But she was not easy to persuade.

"Television is so scary, you become so overexposed. I tried to say no but the more we talked about it, the harder it became. It's a really fun job," says Alexandra.

The Right Music for Stipe

On Friday, she makes her debut in the DJ booth.

Guests on the first episode include REM and British actor Paul Bettany.

"I talked with **Michael Stipe** on tour. He's against **George Bush**. And it is very possible that he recognizes Alexandra. *Show Me Love* was a great film in some circles in the US," says Luuk.

And Alexandra Dahlström has found the right music for the visit.

"I know exactly what I'm going to play. I have worked with several record shops to find the right song," she says.

She is not at all nervous for her new role as a sidekick.

"It doesn't seem to be that difficult. The only thing that's annoying is that I have to be myself."

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