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PART ONE

Razteria

2026–2010

About Razteria

Razteria (Renée Asteria Peñaloza) is a San Francisco Bay Area-based singer-songwriter and band creating eclectic, multilingual world pop that blends Latin grooves, reggae, rock, alternative R&B, and global influences. Led by Asteria in collaboration with guitarist-producer Dave Shul, Razteria combines expressive vocals, rhythmic depth, and modern production with a distinctive throwback sensibility. With roots spanning Bolivia, the Netherlands, and the United States, Asteria brings a multicultural perspective to genre-fluid songwriting. Her latest releases include the alternative Latin album *Tocar las Estrellas* (2023) and retro-rock album *Prowess Blossoming* (2024). In 2026, Razteria released singles that will lead into two new albums, including the R&B-focused *Reflections*.

Awards & recognition

Official Selection — "Life is too short" music video
Another Hole in the Head Film Festival (SF IndieFest) · December 2024

Bay Beats local music collection — Tocar las Estrellas
San Francisco Public Library — Bay Beats · October 2023

Finalist, Music Video — "Inspire Me" (as Renay)
International Songwriting Competition (ISC) · 2020 competition

Semi-finalist — "Baila"
International Songwriting Competition (ISC) · 2019 competition

Grand Prize, World category (Session I) — "Once Again"
John Lennon Songwriting Contest · 2016

Press highlights

Coverage across the United States, Mexico, Argentina, Peru, Brazil, Spain, France, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands and Australia, including the San Francisco Chronicle, KQED Arts, Music Connection, IRIE Magazine, KPFA and Hoodline. Earlier releases appeared under the names Renay and Renee Asteria.

Features & Interviews

Articles, profiles, cover stories and interviews.

2026

CHARLYFM — RADIO ONLINE DE CANARIAS (SPAIN)

Razteria presenta «Blink of an eye», una propuesta de pop alternativo con influencias globales

October 21, 2026 · carlitos

> *"La música independiente no entiende de fronteras y Razteria es una de esas propuestas que apuestan por explorar diferentes caminos sonoros."*
>
> *Independent music knows no borders, and Razteria is one of those projects committed to exploring different sonic paths.*

charlyfm.com ↗

LA CAVERNA (MEXICO)

Razteria lanza "Surrender" y "Sing It All Out"

April 9, 2026 · Miguel Castillo

> *"Razteria presenta "Surrender" y "Sing It All Out" como dos caras complementarias de una misma exploración emocional, articulando su propuesta boliviano-estadounidense desde un pop ecléctico que prioriza la intención sobre la fórmula."*
>
> *Razteria presents "Surrender" and "Sing It All Out" as two complementary sides of the same emotional exploration, articulating her Bolivian-American vision through an eclectic pop that puts intention ahead of formula.*

lacaverna.net ↗

PILAR INFORMATIVO (MEXICO)

Razteria reivindica la vulnerabilidad y el poder interior en Surrender y Sing It All Out

March 30, 2026

> *"Estas piezas no solo expanden su vasto catálogo musical, sino que profundizan en su esencia como mujer y creadora integral que utiliza la música para describir el espectro de las experiencias más profundas de la vida."*
>
> *These pieces not only expand her vast musical catalog, they go deeper into her essence as a woman and all-round creator who uses music to describe the spectrum of life's deepest experiences.*

pilarinformativo.mx ↗

BLANCA LECHUZA (MEXICO)

El espejo del alma: Razteria inaugura 2026 con una odisea sonora entre lo «Oscuro y Claro»

February 13, 2026 · Donaldo “Lechuza” Enriquez

> *“En un mundo que se mueve a mil por hora, Razteria ha decidido bajar las revoluciones para mirar hacia adentro.”*
>
> *In a world moving at a thousand miles an hour, Razteria has decided to slow down and look inward.*

blancalechuza.com.mx ↗

LA CAVERNA (MEXICO)

Razteria explora luz y sombra en nuevos singles

February 11, 2026 · Miguel Castillo

> *“Razteria reafirma así su identidad como creadora integral, donde técnica, mensaje y estética visual se entrelazan en un universo sonoro coherente y expansivo.”*
>
> *Razteria thus reaffirms her identity as an all-round creator, where technique, message and visual aesthetics intertwine in a coherent, expansive sonic universe.*

lacaverna.net ↗

INFOZONA (MEXICO)

Razteria explora la dualidad humana con dos nuevos singles

February 10, 2026

> *“Es una meditación sonora sobre la identidad y la percepción en el marco de las experiencias profundas.”*
>
> *It is a sonic meditation on identity and perception within the frame of profound experiences.*

infozona.mx ↗

2023

CANVASREBEL

Meet Renee Asteria Penaloza

December 7, 2023

> *“Bringing a song to light is what I find most rewarding. From the very first idea which you nourish until reaching a point that you can let it go.”*

Interview (Razteria’s own words).

canvasrebel.com ↗

IRIE MAGAZINE — REWIND

Fiesta Latina

July 20, 2023

Event recap and photo coverage of Fiesta Latina at Brick & Mortar Music Hall, San Francisco, featuring Razteria.

iriemag.com ↗

HOODLINE (SAN FRANCISCO)

Fiesta Latina Brings Music and Dance to Brick & Mortar Tonight

July 14, 2023 · Cheryl L. Guerrero

> *"Peñaloza described the album as varying in style, with everything from acid rock to cumbia to reggaeton."*

Includes interview quotes from Renée Peñaloza on the Tocar las Estrellas release show.

hoodline.com ↗

IRIE MAGAZINE — ROCK

Razteria – Tocar las Estrellas

May 18, 2023

Feature announcing the official album release show for Tocar las Estrellas at the Tabard Theatre, San Jose.

iriemag.com ↗

DYNAMITE ROCK FM (MEXICO)

Razteria Toca Las Estrellas con su nuevo disco

March 24, 2023

Album announcement for Tocar las Estrellas.

dynamiterockfm.blogspot.com ↗

METAL OBSCURA

RAZTERIA, anuncia estreno próximo de su álbum: TOCAR LAS ESTRELLAS

March 14, 2023 · Ewell Borrero

> *"En la música del mundo no puede faltar el tema de la naturaleza y "Madre Tierra" cumple con ello mediante la descripción de la vida y nuestro mundo."*
>
> *World music can't do without the theme of nature, and "Madre Tierra" delivers it by describing life and our world.*

metalobscura.com ↗

EN TIJUANA HAY ROCK (MEXICO)

RAZTERIA ANUNCIA TOCAR LAS ESTRELLAS, SU NUEVO LP

March 2023

> *"Siempre mostrando buena vibra, la intérprete busca la exploración de nuevas formas de expresar sus canciones"*
>
> *Always showing good vibes, the performer seeks out new ways of expressing her songs.*

entijuanarevista.wixsite.com ↗

2022

ROKKERS (MEXICO)

Razteria estrena el videoclip para Madre Tierra

May 2022

> *"Madre Tierra está inspirada en la canción Latinoamérica de Calle 13, es cantada en español, con algunas palabras en quechua (lengua indígena sudamericana)."*
>
> *"Madre Tierra" is inspired by Calle 13's song "Latinoamérica"; it is sung in Spanish, with some words in Quechua (a South American Indigenous language).*

rokkers.com.mx ↗

MUGS NOTICIAS (MEXICO)

Razteria estrena el video para Madre Tierra

May 11, 2022

> *"El video muestra a Razteria en completa conexión con la naturaleza, paseando y cantando en el Tilden Botanical Garden de Berkeley, California; el clip fue dirigido y editado por Capitán Walas."*
>
> *The video shows Razteria in complete connection with nature, walking and singing in the Tilden Botanical Garden in Berkeley, California; the clip was directed and edited by Capitán Walas.*

mugsnoticias.com.mx ↗

DYNAMITE ROCK FM (MEXICO)

Madre Tierra, el clip más reciente de Razteria

May 11, 2022

Video premiere coverage for "Madre Tierra".

dynamiterockfm.blogspot.com ↗

LO MIXTO

Razteria estrena el videoclip para Madre Tierra

May 10, 2022

Video premiere coverage for “Madre Tierra”, filmed at the Tilden Botanical Garden.

lomixto.com ↗

SKELEROCK (MEXICO)

Razteria rinde homenaje a la madre tierra

April 24, 2022 · Itzel Cisneros

> *“La cantante latinoamericana Razteria lanza el tema Madre Tierra a manera de homenaje al mundo que habitamos a ritmo de pop y world music”*
>
> *Latin American singer Razteria releases “Madre Tierra” as a tribute to the world we inhabit, to the rhythm of pop and world music.*

skelerock.com ↗

ROKKERS (MEXICO)

Razteria rinde homenaje a la madre tierra

April 2022

Single release coverage for “Madre Tierra”.

rokkers.com.mx ↗

IRIE MAGAZINE — RESPECT

Razteria – Wu Wei

April 20, 2022

> *“Razteria creates eclectic multilingual pop music with vocals reminiscent of Sade, electronic elements of Massive Attack, grooves of Steel Pulse, and the Latin vibe of Shakira.”*

iriemag.com ↗

2021

REVISTA MIP — MÚSICA INDEPENDIENTE PERÚ

El peruano/argentino Zezé Fassmor comparte su mundo a ciegas con la artista internacional Razteria en “NO VEO NADA”

June 2021

> *“La canción hace un guiño al estilo tropical relajado de Sade con el ritmo de Shakira y el pavoneo reggae de Rita Marley”*
>
> *The song nods to Sade’s relaxed tropical style, with Shakira’s rhythm and Rita Marley’s reggae swagger.*

revistamip.blogspot.com ↗

IRIE MAGAZINE — MAY 2021 COVER

IRIE | Reggae Magazine May 2021 featuring Razteria

May 20, 2021

> *"featuring Razteria on the cover with her latest release, 'No Veo Nada', along with an exclusive IRIE interview."*

Magazine cover story.

iriemag.com ↗

IRIE MAGAZINE — REGGAE

Razteria – Space to Play (interview)

May 20, 2021

> *"Razteria (Renée) means to be reborn in French, a name that accurately describes an artist in the perpetual renaissance of sound."*

Cover interview.

iriemag.com ↗

AGENCIA DE NOTICIAS ÓRBITA

Razteria Lanza «No Veo Nada» un Nuevo Adelanto de Su Próximo Álbum

May 13, 2021 · Claudio Urbano

> *"Simbólicamente a través de esta canción, Razteria es «la dulce voz," que lo ayuda a «ver el horizonte,»"*
>
> *Symbolically, through this song Razteria is "the sweet voice" that helps him "see the horizon."*

agenciaorbita.org ↗

OUT FRONT MAGAZINE

Singer-Songwriter Razteria Releases New Music Video

April 26, 2021 · Alice Roberts

> *"For me, this is a song about living and loving life in the present moment"*

"What I Love" video; quote is Razteria's own words.

outfrontmagazine.com ↗

SECOND SOCIETY REPORT

Razteria/Renay Release New Music Video For "Why"

February 19, 2021 · Kendal Chandler

> *"the video uses choreographed dance and yoga to embody how they function as an entity, the idea representing that there is beauty in pain."*

secondsocietyreport.com ↗

2020

THE HYPE MAGAZINE

Multicultural Pop Artist Renay Releases Stunning Choreographed Video

January 21, 2020

> *“a powerful electropop instrumental that supports Renay’s dynamic singing.”*

“Inspire Me” video (released as Renay).

thehypemagazine.com ↗

2019

MUSICOTFUTURE

Introducing singer-songwriter Renay and her brand new single “Inspire Me”

December 13, 2019

> *“I am a dreamer and idealist at my core.”*

Q&A interview (Razteria’s own words; released as Renay).

musicotfuture.com ↗

MUSIC CONNECTION MAGAZINE

DIY Spotlight: Renay

October 24, 2019 · Bernard Baur

> *“Renay presents a powerfully clear vocal lead, relaying the importance of “being at peace with yourself, focusing on becoming your best, not compromising.””*

musicconnection.com ↗

2018

IRIE MAGAZINE — RELEASES

Razteria – D C N (Despierta Cada Noche)

July 19, 2018

> *“multicultural roots (Bolivia/Netherlands) are reflected in her music, as she crosses musical genres with powerful messages in multiple languages.”*

iriemag.com ↗

2016

GIRL.COM.AU (AUSTRALIA)

Razteria Aventurera

2016

> *“She is known for her fat bass-lines, her simple yet intricate songs, and her signature ethereal harmonies.”*

girl.com.au ↗

2015

IRIE MAGAZINE — RESPECT

Respect | Razteria

November 5, 2015

> *“her music has been described as ‘musically adventurous’ and ‘a one of a kind breaking of all rules’”*

iriemag.com ↗

2010

BLACK PEARL ENTERTAINMENT

Renee Asteria CD Release Party 9.23.10

September 20, 2010

> *“the Asteria brand of music fuses elements of pop, rock, Latin folk, and reggaeton into pleasant blends of message and music.”*

Preview of the RazteRia release show at Ashkenaz, Berkeley.

black-pearl-entertainment.net ↗

BLACK PEARL ENTERTAINMENT

Razteria ~ CD Release Party September 23, 2010

September 19, 2010

> *“Over the years I have come to understand that I want to put out music that has a message. Powerful messages.”*

Interview (Razteria’s own words); also reports her KPOO radio interview with K-Maxx on Ghetto Gumbo.

black-pearl-entertainment.net ↗

Reviews

Album and single reviews.

2025

CHEERS TO THE VIKINGS

Razteria – Prowess blossoming

January 4, 2025

> *"Razteria's pure and charming voice is the heart of the album. She has one of the best voices I've ever heard"*

cheerstothevikings.com ↗

2024

MÚSICA EN PALABRAS (ARGENTINA)

Mainstreet, Raised On Candy, Razteria y Pizza Academy

December 25, 2024 · Damián Riquelme

> *"El estilo vocal versátil de Razteria, combinado con el trabajo de guitarra experimentado de Shul, ofrece una perspectiva refrescante de los sonidos retro con un toque moderno."*
>
> *Razteria's versatile vocal style, combined with Shul's seasoned guitar work, offers a refreshing take on retro sounds with a modern touch.*

musicaenpalabrasar.com ↗

THOUGHTS WORDS ACTION

Razteria – Prowess Blossoming

December 18, 2024 · Djordje Miladinović

> *"Her soulful, sincere, confident, emotive, powerful vocal performance decorates everything she intended to achieve with this album."*

thoughtswordsaction.com ↗

OS GAROTOS DE LIVERPOOL (BRAZIL)

Razteria revela o álbum "Prowess blossoming"

December 11, 2024 · Linna Santiago

> *"uma sonoridade belíssima, com vocais angelicais, melódicos"*
>
> *...a gorgeous sound, with angelic, melodic vocals.*

osgarotosdeliverpool.com.br ↗

INFO MUSIC (FRANCE)

Prowess Blossoming, l'éclosion musicale de Razteria et Dave Shul

December 10, 2024

> *"Une écoute incontournable pour les amateurs de musique riche et sincère."*
>
> *An essential listen for lovers of rich, sincere music.*

infomusic.fr ↗

LA CAVERNA (MEXICO)

Razteria y Dave Shul sorprenden con "Prowess Blossoming"

December 9, 2024 · Miguel Castillo

> *"un álbum que rinde homenaje a las sonoridades retro del rock y pop mientras las reinterpreta con un enfoque contemporáneo."*
>
> *...an album that pays tribute to the retro sounds of rock and pop while reinterpreting them with a contemporary approach.*

lacaverna.net ↗

YORK CALLING (UK)

Discovery: Razteria brings a warm, timeless sound in new album

December 5, 2024 · Graeme Smith

> *"Her voice is utterly compelling and is paired beautifully with the unforgettable instrumental arrangements."*

yorkcalling.co.uk ↗

HIT HARMONY HAVEN

Razteria's 'Prowess Blossoming': A Soulful Journey Through Time, Love, and Self-Discovery

December 2024

> *"Razteria's 'Prowess Blossoming' is a bold musical statement from an artist whose ability to blend multiple genres and languages shines through on every track."*

hitharmonyhaven.com ↗

SISTRA

Rewrite time by RAZTERIA

November 1, 2024 · Moataz Gwaily

> *"Breezy, charismatic, warm, and confident."*

sistra.me ↗

EDGAR ALLAN POETS

Rewrite Time is Razteria's Single Out Now

October 28, 2024 · Poe

> *"Razteria's vocals are smooth and expressive, filled with a warmth that's engaging and heartfelt."*

edgarallanpoets.com ↗

END SESSIONS (MEXICO)

Razteria – Ah

October 17, 2024

> *"¡cada sonido y cada variación en sus cantos es hipnótico!"*
>
> *Every sound and every variation in her singing is hypnotic!*

endsessions.com.mx ↗

CHUNEDESK

Razteria Captures the Magic of the Moment with Her New Single "I Love"

September 26, 2024 · Barbie Edonia

> *"Razteria has the sweet simmer to her vocal that blend very well with the instrumentation"*

chunedesk.com ↗

MUSIKEPOOL

Love's Bullet: Razteria's Shot to the Heart

September 18, 2024

> *"Razteria's vocals, which range from soft and tender to powerful and commanding, add depth to the song's emotional landscape."*

musikepool.com ↗

INFO MUSIC (FRANCE)

Razteria explore le temps et l'amour dans son single « Time »

September 16, 2024

> *"Les mélodies aériennes de Razteria, portées par sa voix émotive, sont parfaitement soutenues par la production impeccable de Dave Shul."*
>
> *Razteria's airy melodies, carried by her emotive voice, are perfectly supported by Dave Shul's impeccable production.*

infomusic.fr ↗

END SESSIONS (MEXICO)

Razteria – Tocar las estrellas

September 15, 2024

> *“su estilo nos ha parecido fresco y con su portentosa voz nos sedujo”*
>
> *We found her style fresh, and her remarkable voice won us over.*

endsessions.com.mx ↗

MESMERIZED

Razteria Returns with Evocative Ballad ‘i love’

September 7, 2024

> *“Simplicity always pays off. Razteria knows it well, letting her nuanced and inspired songwriting shine bright over an elegant carpet of mellow classic rock-pop.”*

mesmerized.io ↗

MÚSICA EN PALABRAS (ARGENTINA)

Razteria – “Tocar las estrellas”

September 6, 2024 · Damián Riquelme

> *“es un álbum que no solo resalta el talento de Razteria como compositora y vocalista, sino también su habilidad para combinar lo viejo con lo nuevo.”*
>
> *...an album that highlights not only Razteria’s talent as a songwriter and vocalist, but also her ability to combine the old with the new.*

musicaenpalabrasar.com ↗

DULAXI

“Time” By Razteria: A Soulful Journey Through Love And The Fluidity Of Time

September 3, 2024

> *“presents itself as an engaging examination of love and the march of time, packaged in a pop rock structure that blends delicacy with powerful changes.”*

dulaxi.com ↗

INDIEOCLOCK (BRAZIL)

Razteria lança pop rock viciante e com groove delicioso; OUÇA!

September 3, 2024 · Victor Matheus

> *“uma canção nostálgica que facilmente nos conquista como amor a primeira vista.”*
>
> *...a nostalgic song that wins us over easily, like love at first sight.*

indieoclock.com.br ↗

TUNESAROUND

Razteria's latest single 'Shot to the Heart'

September 2, 2024

> *"is a testament to Razteria's artistic vision and creative storytelling"*

tunesaround.com ↗

OS GAROTOS DE LIVERPOOL (BRAZIL)

Razteria une pop contemporâneo e soul na faixa 'Life Is Too Short'

August 21, 2024 · Linna Santiago

> *"uma linha vocal melódica, instrumentos de sopro riquíssimos e uma atmosfera que une a essência do soul e o pop contemporâneo."*
>
> *...a melodic vocal line, gorgeous horns and an atmosphere that unites the essence of soul with contemporary pop.*

osgarotosdeliverpool.com.br ↗

THE OTHER SIDE REVIEWS

Track of the Day: Razteria – Life is too short (2024)

August 6, 2024 · Nicole Mendes

> *"you have a masterful symphony set to stir the butterflies in your tummy while simultaneously calming the storm in your breast."*

theothersidereviews.com ↗

RISING ARTISTS MUSIC BLOG

"Life is too short" by Razteria

August 6, 2024 · Melissa Cusano

> *"A captivating voice is sometimes all one needs, and Razteria proves this time and time again"*

risingartistsblog.com ↗

ROCKOLA INDIE

Razteria – Life is too short

July 27, 2024 · Eduargocruz

> *"la melodiosa voz de "Razteria" es vigor para el alma"*
>
> *Razteria's melodious voice is a tonic for the soul.*

rockolaindie.com ↗

TESTING MELODIES

Embrace Every Moment: Razteria's New Ballad 'Life is Too Short'

July 22, 2024

> *"Renée on the vocals showcases a huge range, breathing life into every note she sings"*

testingmelodies.com ↗

SISTRA

Life is too short by RAZTERIA

July 21, 2024 · Mena Ezzat

> *"It's one of those tracks that you wish would never stop, prompting me to hit the repeat button."*

sistra.me ↗

COSMONAUTA RADIO (MEXICO)

Razteria – Life is too short

July 17, 2024

> *"hace un mágico despliegue de nostalgia con enorme calidad"*
>
> *...delivers a magical display of nostalgia, with enormous quality.*

cosmonautaradio.com.mx ↗

END SESSIONS (MEXICO)

RAZTERIA – Life is too short

July 16, 2024

> *"su estilo contemporáneo es todo un deleite"*
>
> *Her contemporary style is a real delight.*

endsessions.com.mx ↗

INDIEOCLOCK (BRAZIL)

Razteria traz pop que foge da mesmice e nos conquista

July 11, 2024 · Tati Teixeira

> *"Uma música feita para o sucesso, cheia de alma, vida e cores"*
>
> *A song made for success, full of soul, life and color.*

indieoclock.com.br ↗

IGGY MAGAZINE (FRANCE)

Razteria vous convie à prendre un moment de pur bonheur musical en écoutant son nouveau single original intitulé Life Is Too Short

July 10, 2024 · Marie Testa

> *"La voix de Renée Asteria Peñaloza, à la fois douce et expressive, interprète les paroles avec une sincérité désarmante."*
>
> *Renée Asteria Peñaloza's voice, both gentle and expressive, delivers the lyrics with disarming sincerity.*

iggymagazine.com ↗

KARL IS MY UNKLE (KIMU)

Razteria shares her soul and high emotional quotient on sublime and refined new opus, Life is Too Short

July 8, 2024

> *"Razteria's range is simply sublime and we deeply connect with the charisma that she sings with."*

karlismyunkle.com ↗

2023

COSAS QUE NO VIENEN AL CASO (MEXICO)

Razteria – Tocar Las Estrellas

April 12, 2023 · Iván Cigarroa

> *"Razteria es un ser místico de la nueva era, una ninfa del siglo XXI, que retrata con peculiaridad y certeza cómo es vivir con el regalo más grande que nos ha dado el universo: la vida misma."*
>
> *Razteria is a mystical being of the new era, a 21st-century nymph who portrays, with singularity and certainty, what it is to live with the greatest gift the universe has given us: life itself.*

cosasquenovienenalcaso.blogspot.com ↗

IRIE MAGAZINE — REGGAE GUIDE

Razteria – Tocar las Estrellas

March 21, 2023

> *"Razteria dips into multiple genres offering a complex look at world music across the decades."*

iriemag.com ↗

2021

SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE — DATEBOOK

Listen: Elton John and Stevie Wonder team up, plus a rare live recording of John Coltrane's 'A Love Supreme'

October 20, 2021 · Adrian Spinelli

> *"The San Francisco songwriter makes breezy Latin pop with a tropical feel flowing through multilingual songs that give a nod to her Bolivian/Dutch roots."*

Space to Play pick in the Chronicle's weekly new-music roundup.

datebook.sfchronicle.com ↗

PIZZA BOX MUSIC

No Veo Nada – Razteria review

May 19, 2021 · Ana

> *"I think Zezé's powerful poetry paired amazingly with Razteria's wonderful voice and singing style and the song flowed really well!"*

Rated 8/10.

pizzaboxmusic.blogspot.com ↗

2020

NEUFUTUR MAGAZINE

Renay – "Pure Love"

February 22, 2020 · Sargeant

> *"Fans will have their psyche and heart imprinted by Renay's voice here"*

Released as Renay.

neufutur.com ↗

2019

LEFUTUREWAVE (NETHERLANDS)

Introducing: Renay – Wanna Share

October 9, 2019

> *"Moreover, Renay's vocal performance is sublime, she has such a powerful voice."*

Released as Renay.

lefuturewave.com ↗

2018

SOUNDSPHERE MAGAZINE (UK)

Listen: Razteria – '2 Immortal Eyez'

January 22, 2018

> *"This is a touching, emotive alternative pop song that works on all the senses"*

soundspheremag.com ↗

2016

DMME.NET

RAZTERIA – Aventurera

June 7, 2016 · Dmitry M. Epstein

> *"Exotica exploits of a sensual kind from San Francisco's intrepid chanteuse who knows no boundaries."*

dmme.net ↗

MUSIC STREET JOURNAL

Razteria – Aventurera

2016 · Gary Hill

> *"This is a very strong disc from the beginning to the end, really."*

musicstreetjournal.com ↗

2010

KPFK 90.7 FM LOS ANGELES — "REGGAE CENTRAL"

Renee Asteria — RazteRia (Asteria Records)

2010 · Chuck Foster

> *"The result is soulful, rock-solid and recommended."*

cdbaby.com ↗

Radio & Podcasts

On-air interviews, album-of-the-week picks and airplay.

2026

KRUI 89.7 FM, IOWA CITY

“9/11” with Bodie — Spinitron playlist

September 8, 2026

Airplay: “Corazón cegado”.

spinitron.com ↗

KSPC 88.7 FM, CLAREMONT

Eclectic Underground with DJ Luna — Spinitron playlist

July 27, 2026

Airplay: “Mientras” (Tocar las Estrellas).

spinitron.com ↗

KSPC 88.7 FM, CLAREMONT

Groovy Lunch Hour with Lisle — Spinitron playlist

July 14, 2026

Airplay: “Space To Play” and “Love Is Infinity”.

spinitron.com ↗

KPFA 94.1 FM (BERKELEY)

Setting the Standard — May 25, 2026

May 25, 2026

Airplay: “Aventurera” and “Change”.

kpfa.org ↗

KSPC 88.7 FM, CLAREMONT

Groovy Lunch Hour with Lisle — Spinitron playlist

April 28, 2026

Airplay: “Space To Play” and “Love Is Infinity”.

spinitron.com ↗

2025

KPFA 94.1 FM (Berkeley)

Setting the Standard — March 17, 2025

March 17, 2025

Airplay: “Infinity” (as Renay) and “Illegal” (as Renee Asteria, from the album Razteria).

kpfa.org ↗

WLOY Loyola Radio

AOTW: Razteria – Prowess Blossoming

February 6, 2025 · Genevieve Torkornoo

> *“Throughout the album, Razteria’s soft vocals create an easygoing atmosphere, immersing listeners in the stories told through their music.”*

Album of the Week, rated 8/10.

wloy.org ↗

KBVR 88.7 FM (Oregon State University)

Inspiration Desemination with DJ Delirium — Spinitron playlist

January 5, 2025

Airplay: “Ser feliz” (Tocar las Estrellas).

spinitron.com ↗

2023

KSPC 88.7 FM, Claremont

100% certified headbangerz with DJ J chillin’ — Spinitron playlist

November 29, 2023

Airplay: “Ser Feliz” (Tocar las Estrellas).

spinitron.com ↗

KUPR LPFM

Sounds from the Super Highway with Sal Treppiedi — Spinitron playlist

March 29, 2023

Airplay: “Amante imaginario” (Tocar las Estrellas).

spinitron.com ↗

2022

RADIO VORTERIX ROSARIO 104.1 (ARGENTINA)

Rosario Vivo — Miércoles 20 de abril 2022

April 20, 2022

Live on-air interview with Razteria (video of the broadcast, posted April 22, 2022).

youtube.com ↗

2019

POP ROXX RADIO (BLOGTALKRADIO)

Renay (Pop – Electronic)

October 1, 2019

Radio interview with host Jamie Roxx (released as Renay).

blogtalkradio.com ↗

2010

KPOO 89.5 FM (SAN FRANCISCO) — GHETTO GUMBO

Interview with K-Maxx

September 2010

> *"Friday we had the pleasure of accompanying Renee Asteria to KPOO where she interviewed with K-Maxx, resident DJ for Ghetto Gumbo."*

As reported by Black Pearl Entertainment.

black-pearl-entertainment.net ↗

Playlists & Online Mentions

Playlist features, weekly picks and roundups.

2025

IRIE MAGAZINE — RELEASES

IRIE Twofers Playlist #7

February 27, 2025

"Soul Rebels of San Francisco Music Scene" playlist featuring Razteria (tied to IRIE's February 2025 Soul Rebels issue).

iriemag.com ↗

2024

LOST IN THE MANOR (UK)

LITM Rock Picks

December 28, 2024 · Bhargavi Trajan

> *"The lead singer arrests your attention with her velvety, sultry vocals, the melodies dripping with emotion"*

"Fade away" featured in LITM Rock Picks.

lostinthemanor.co.uk ↗

SONGPLODE

TANKATAKA, Mina, Razteria, Mad Nad Bo & Rose White new this week!

December 13, 2024

> *"The collaboration of Razteria and Dave Shul stands as a testament to their enduring artistry, offering both nostalgia and a modern twist."*

songplode.art ↗

KMASTERS DIGGER

October Top Picks (Week 2) — Tracks of the Week

October 18, 2024

> *"Razteria crafts a soulful alternative rock track that speaks to the bittersweet longing for a love that can only exist in an alternate universe."*

"Rewrite Time".

kmastersdigger.com ↗

ANALYZE MY LYRICS

RAZTERIA

September 8, 2024

Lyric-analysis pages for the songs of Tocar las Estrellas.

analyzemylyrics.com ↗

SPACE SOUR

HYPERSPACE: Best Discoveries of the Week – Episode Ninety-One

July 19, 2024 · Emanuele Rosi

> *"Razteria delivers an emotionally charged performance"*

"Life is too short".

spacesour.com ↗

TAPE RANGER

Single Feature: Razteria

July 13, 2024

> *"Pulling you in with a powerful vocal performance over melodic and well-produced instrumentals, we added the single to our Indie POP! playlist on Spotify."*

taperanger.com ↗

IRIE MAGAZINE — RELEASES

IRIE Playlist – January 2024 featuring Razteria – Fade Away

January 18, 2024

Featured artist of IRIE's January 2024 playlist (with an IRIE Respect profile of "Fade Away" the same day).

iriemag.com ↗

2023

KQED ARTS

Bay Beats Invites You to Rock Out at the Library

October 24, 2023 · Emma Silvers

> *"eclectic multilingual tunes by Razteria"*

Razteria performed at the San Francisco Public Library's Bay Beats launch party, Oct 28, 2023.

kqed.org ↗

2021

LA LA LISTA (ARGENTINA)

Resumen musical mensual | Mayo 2021

June 7, 2021

> *“es el resultado de una colaboración internacional entre Zezé, peruano-argentino, y la artista y productora Razteria, radicada en San Francisco.”*
>
> *…is the result of an international collaboration between Peruvian-Argentine Zezé and San Francisco-based artist and producer Razteria.*

“No veo nada” in the monthly music roundup.

lalalista.com ↗

SHE MAKES MUSIC (UK)

Artist submissions segment: Razteria — “No Veo Nada”

2021

> *“a Reggae/EDM/Pop song sung in Spanish that combines a sultry and sensuous beach vibe with pop hooks and the ethereal qualities of ambient EDM.”*

shemakesmusic.co.uk ↗

Awards & Recognition

Competitions, festival selections and recognition.

2024

ANOTHER HOLE IN THE HEAD FILM FESTIVAL (SF INDIEFEST)

Official Selection — “Life is too short” music video

December 2024

Screened in “Strictly Local II” at the Balboa Theater, San Francisco, Dec 8, 2024, and streamed. Directed by Renee A. Peñaloza and Hitoshi Inoue.

holehead2024.eventive.org ↗

2023

SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY — BAY BEATS

Bay Beats local music collection — Tocar las Estrellas

October 2023

Selected for SFPL’s Bay Beats streaming collection of local music; performed at the launch party, Oct 28, 2023.

sfpl.org ↗

2021

INTERNATIONAL SONGWRITING COMPETITION (ISC)

Finalist, Music Video — “Inspire Me” (as Renay)

2020 competition

Listed among ISC 2020 finalists (announced March 2021).

samusicnews.co.za ↗

2019

INTERNATIONAL SONGWRITING COMPETITION (ISC)

Semi-finalist — “Baila”

2019 competition

play.reelcrafter.com ↗

2016

JOHN LENNON SONGWRITING CONTEST

Grand Prize, World category (Session I) — “Once Again”

2016

Songwriters: Razteria & Rahman Jamaal, San Francisco, CA.

jlsc.com ↗

Listings & Ephemera

Show listings and calendar entries.

2010

TRUE SKOOL NETWORK

Lloyd Brown Live in Concert — 19th & Broadway Niteclub, Fairfax

April 8, 2010

> *"Opening act: Renee Asteria"*

trueskool.com ↗

CONCERT ARCHIVES

Renee Asteria / Sistah Beauty — The New Parish, Oakland

March 7, 2010

concertarchives.org ↗

PART TWO

Before Razteria

Renée Asteria · 2005–2009

Before Razteria

From 2005 to 2010, before the Razteria name, Renée Asteria Peñaloza recorded and performed as Renée Asteria, and, for her second album, as Agent Double E / Agente Doble E. Part Two collects the press, reviews, radio and show listings from that period, in date order.

Razteria released her debut album *Renée Asteria* in 2005, produced on 2-inch tape at Closer Studios in San Francisco. In 2007, while working as a research assistant for the University of Buenos Aires, Razteria met Argentinian producer Matias Martyn (Univerzoo). They produced her first Reggae-infused, bilingual (Spanish/English) album, *Faces of Agent Double E / Caras de Agente Doble E.*

From razteria.com.

Releases of the era

> ***Renée Asteria* (2005)**
> Debut album · Asteria Records · San Francisco

> ***Faces of Agent Double E / Caras de Agente Doble E* (2007)**
> Asteria Records · recorded in Buenos Aires with producer Matias Martyn · includes "Vinchuca" (later also on *Maz Raz*, 2013)

> ***RazteRia* (2010)**
> Released live at Ashkenaz, Berkeley, September 23, 2010 · the album that gave Razteria her name (see Part One)

Features & News

Profiles, news items and interviews.

2005

WORLD MUSIC CENTRAL

Renée Asteria Launches Debut CD and Proactive Record label Asteria Records

June 19, 2005 · Angel Romero

> *"Renee Asteria's nine-song, self-released debut album, Renee Asteria, features a mix of pop/rock, light jazz, and quirky reggae."*

worldmusiccentral.org ↗

Reviews

Album reviews of *Renée Asteria* (2005) and *Faces of Agent Double E / Caras de Agente Doble E* (2007).

2005

ALL MUSIC GUIDE

Renee Asteria — Renee Asteria (2005)

2005 · Jonathan Widran

> *"the multi-talented, ethereal-voiced Renee Asteria, whose nine song debut CD is more like a compelling whirlwind that twists wildly in all sorts of emotional directions."*

cdbaby.com ↗

REVIEW

Renee Asteria — Renee Asteria (2005)

2005 · Adam Harrington

> *"What a voice. This is a record that melts in your heart; when Asteria turns up the heat, we are all blissfully scorched."*

cdbaby.com ↗

REVIEW

Renee Asteria — Renee Asteria (2005)

2005 · J-Sin

> *"Folk-rock meets Latin pop in a coalescing that is refreshingly brilliant, breathing new life into a stagnant singer/songwriter genre."*

cdbaby.com ↗

REVIEW

Renee Asteria — Renee Asteria (2005)

2005 · Laura Turner Lynch

> *"Renee Asteria is music that is both magical and meaningful!"*

cdbaby.com ↗

INK 19

Renee Asteria (Asteria Records)

October 21, 2005 · Kyrby Raine

> *“If Renee Asteria was on a major label, the hype machine would’ve been cranked to the hilt – and deservedly so.”*

ink19.com ↗

2007

THE BEAT — “REGGAE UPDATE” (VOL. 26, NO. 4)

Agent Double E — Faces of Agent Double E (Asteria)

2007 · Chuck Foster

> *“Musically adventurous, lyrically innovative and politically activist, Agent Double E (AKA Renee Asteria Penaloza) brings her unique approach to reggae to the world on "Faces of Agent Double E" (Asteria).”*

cdbaby.com ↗

RADIOINDY

Faces of Agent Double E

2007 · Xavier P.

> *“Agent Double E’s “Faces of Agent Double E” is most accurately described as a latin reggae paradise!”*

ftp.broadjam.com ↗

Listings & Ephemera

Show listings and calendar entries from the period, in date order.

2007

UPCOMING

Woman Fronted Roots — Ashkenaz, Berkeley

July 11, 2007

> *“Agent Double E - Renee Asteria (virb.com/agentdoublee) "Faces of Agent DOuble E" CD Release & Naomi & the Courteous RudeBoys”*

archive.upcoming.org ↗

UPCOMING

Woman Fronted Roots — 169 Bar, New York City

August 4, 2007

> *“Agent Double E - Renee Asteria - Eclectic Latin Reggae & Rock”*

archive.upcoming.org ↗

UPCOMING

Agent Double E — The Lion’s Den, New York City

August 21, 2007

> *“Agent DOuble E aka Renee Asteria Presents Eclectic Latin Reggae and Rock made in Argentina”*

archive.upcoming.org ↗

UPCOMING

Agent Double E — Ace in the Hole Cider Pub, Sebastopol

September 6, 2007

> *“Agent DOuble E presents Folk-Rock from 6 till 730 and a Latin Reggae & Rock - full set from 730 till 9”*

archive.upcoming.org ↗

UPCOMING

A Night of Musical Diversity — Beale Street Bar and Grill, San Francisco

September 13, 2007

Reggae set by Agent Double E, with Taj Weekes & Adowa; later set with Quinoa Groove.

archive.upcoming.org ↗

UPCOMING

A Night of World Fusion — La Peña Cultural Center, Berkeley

September 30, 2007

Agent Double E with Quinoa Groove, Meli and Brother Ayouba.

archive.upcoming.org ↗

UPCOMING

Woman Fronted Roots — Alphabet Lounge, New York City

October 12, 2007

> *"Agent DOuble E - Renee Asteria - Eclectic Latin Reggae & Rock"*

archive.upcoming.org ↗

CONCERT ARCHIVES

Caribbean Allstars / Renee Asteria — Ashkenaz, Berkeley

November 3, 2007

concertarchives.org ↗

BERKELEY DAILY PLANET — ARTS CALENDAR

Renee Asteria and Ruben Quinones — Nomad Cafe, Berkeley

November 16, 2007

> *"Renee Asteria and Ruben Quinones at 7:30 p.m. at Nomad Cafe, 6500 Shattuck Ave."*

berkeleydailyplanet.com ↗

2008

CONCERT ARCHIVES

Roots Natty / Renee Asteria / 7th Street Sound — Ashkenaz, Berkeley

October 2, 2008

concertarchives.org ↗

UPCOMING

Renee Asteria — Ashkenaz, Berkeley

November 1, 2008

archive.upcoming.org ↗

2009

BERKELEY DAILY PLANET — ARTS CALENDAR

Renee Asteria with 7th Street Sound — Ashkenaz, Berkeley

January 15, 2009

> *"Renee Asteria, with 7th Street Sound at 9 p.m. at Ashkenaz."*

berkeleydailyplanet.com ↗

CONCERT ARCHIVES

Lloyd Brown / 7th St. Band / Renee Asteria — Last Day Saloon, Santa Rosa

February 26, 2009

concertarchives.org ↗

TRUE SKOOL NETWORK

Community Roots — Ashkenaz, Berkeley

July 12, 2009

> *"RENEE ASTERIA & DREAD DAZE ~ latin roots reggae costal collaboration!"*

trueskool.com ↗