## **Profile**

## CHARAN-PO-RANTAN

A two-sisters unit is consisting of Momo (younger sister/vocals) and Koharu (elder sister/accordion). The band was formed in 2009 by the elder sister, a street performer, and the younger sister, an ordinary high school student.

They have made their major debut in 2014 under production company Avex Trax.

When Koharu was 7 years old, she admired Alegría's accordion playing in Cirque du Soleil and Koharu has asked Santa Claus for an accordion for Christmas.

The day she received it from Santa Claus, her life as an accordion player began.

The band's sound is based on Balkan music and chanson, and incorporates all genres of music, with a unique circus-like worldview.

In addition to the frequent live performances, the band also produces music for movies, dramas, and stages, and his activities range from acting, commercials, voice acting, illustration, writing, and video editing.

The band expanding their activities not only in Japan but also overseas.

[major highlights]

The limited distribution single "Susume tamani nigetemo" was released in 2016.

This popular song was used as the opening theme for the TBS TV drama "The Full-Time Wife Escapist", which caused a great sensation.

A major best album was released on July 17, 2019.

Next album "Sora ga Haretara (When Skies Clear)" was released on May 27, 2020.

Followed by album "Komori Uta (Iullaby)", which was released on October 28, 2020.

In September 2021, CHARAN-PO-RANTAN left the Avex production office and became independent. The band has established their own production company.

Also in September 2021, Koharu has produced button accordion "Bébé Medusa" and has began selling as pre-orders.

Because of popularity, 530 button accordions were sold in just one night.

While running their own company, they plan to continue to grow their own world.

[major appearance history]

- \* British Chelsea Art Festival (England)
- \* SXSW (USA)
- \* SUMMER SONIC (Japan)
- \* FUJI ROCK FESTIVAL (Japan)
- \* ASAGIRI JAM (Japan)
- \* JOIN ALIVE (Japan)
- \* Rising Sun Rock Festival (Japan)
- \* JAPAN TAG(Germany)
- \* CAMP de AMIGO (Taiwan)

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