

= Porcelain Black =

Alaina Marie Beaton (born October 1 , 1985) , better known by her stage name Porcelain Black , is an American industrial pop singer @-@ songwriter , rapper , and model . At age eighteen , she embarked on her music career as a solo act under the name Porcelain and the Tramps with Virgin Records . However , Black and Virgin could not agree on the music she would record . The music she recorded was posted to her Myspace account , " rockcitynosebleed " , where she gained millions of hits . After three years of trying to get out of the contract , she signed with RedOne 's Universal Republic imprint , 2101 Records , late in 2009 and began working on her debut album . After many internal problems between the artist and record producer , RedOne , Porcelain Black announced the partnership had come to an end , with anticipation of releasing her debut album in the vein of her Porcelain and the Tramps project in 2015 .

She has appeared in multiple music videos , including Jack White 's " Freedom at 21 " and Travie McCoy 's " We 'll Be Alright " . As a songwriter , she is credited on songs performed by One Direction , Orianthi , The Used and Mexican pop singer Belinda , among others . As a solo act , she has released three singles , " This Is What Rock n ' Roll Looks Like " , " Naughty Naughty " , and " One Woman Army " , the first featuring guest vocals from Lil Wayne . The first two songs charted on the Billboard Hot Dance Club Songs chart . " One Woman Army " was a top @-@ forty hit in France , Spain , and Wallonia , outselling all of her previous singles in France and becoming her first number @-@ one hit on that country 's iTunes chart .

After the release of her first single , Lil Wayne invited her on the second half of his I Am Music Tour as an opening act . She made her first televised appearance on the Late Show with David Letterman , performing " This Is What Rock n ' Roll Looks Like " . Musically , she fuses industrial themes with pop music conventions such as electronic synths and a heavy reliance upon hooks . She is best known for her guttural vocals and two @-@ toned hair . She considers her music the " love child " of Marilyn Manson and Britney Spears . Vocally compared to Courtney Love , Porcelain Black was approached to record backing vocals for Love 's 2008 album .

= = Life and career = =

= = = Early life and career beginnings = = =

Having lived on the 8 Mile , in Royal Oak , in Rochester , and in the suburb Sterling Heights , Black grew up in and spent most of her life in various parts of Detroit , Michigan . Her mother is an accountant ; her father was a hairstylist . He owned a hair salon and brought her along to fashion shows and photoshoots . Her parents separated when she was six years old . After her mother remarried , they moved from Royal Oak and settled in Rochester where she attended high school at Bishop Foley Catholic High School . At age fifteen , she was expelled for fighting and attended Rochester High School where she was also expelled , shortly after , for the same reason . Until the age of sixteen , when she was legally able to dropout , she feigned homeschooling . Having lived in less affluent areas prior to the move , Black found that she did not fit in with her privileged classmates , becoming an outcast . Her father died when she was sixteen . Black had taken part in national competitive dancing , taking jazz , hip @-@ hop , tap , and ballet lessons , since she was young , and , at one point , was training to perform on Broadway . She also considered becoming a backup dancer . After being expelled from her last school , Black ran away from home . She started begging , doing drugs , and drinking while crashing at friends ' houses at night . After going on tour with Armor for Sleep , she returned to Detroit and stopped taking drugs .

= = = Porcelain and the Tramps : 2006 ? 09 = = =

While on a road trip in New York , Black was approached by her first manager who told her to look for him in Los Angeles when she turned 18 . Eighteen months later , Black moved to Los Angeles ,

found her manager and was signed to Virgin Records two weeks later . Recording under the pseudonym Porcelain and the Tramps , Black worked with Tommy Henriksen and John Lowery in London while at Virgin . However , she and the label could not agree on the music she made . Virgin wanted Black to record pop music in the vein of Avril Lavigne , despite already knowing what kind of music she made when signing her . She also faced skepticism from her collaborators who questioned her desire to mix industrial rock sounds with dance pop . Black began posting the songs she recorded on Myspace , gaining upwards of 10 million views in a matter of months . Black co @-@ wrote and sang backup vocals for the song " Lunacy Fringe " by The Used . She was approached by Courtney Love on MySpace to provide backing vocals for a solo album she was working on . She also was featured on a song by the Street Drum Corps 's " Action ! " . " How Do You Love Someone ? " , co @-@ penned by Black , Billy Steinberg , and Josh Alexander around the time Black left Virgin , was recorded by Ashley Tisdale for her second album , Guilty Pleasure . Black was initially reluctant to give the song away , but relented and later got to record the song for her own album with production from RedOne .

= = = Mannequin Factory : 2009 ? 2014 = = =

Through a mutual A & R friend , producer RedOne heard about Black and was interested in meeting her . RedOne asked to meet Black in his studio in November 2009 , which led to them writing her debut single " This Is What Rock n ' Roll Looks Like " the next day . RedOne helped Black get out of her contract with Virgin Records and signed her to his Universal Republic imprint , 2101 Records . RedOne also introduced her to a new manager , Derrick " El " Lawrence , who also manages Lil Wayne . Wayne invited her to join him on his I Am Music Tour after meeting her . She changed her name to Porcelain Black because it caused confusion to people who thought Porcelain and the Tramps was a band . Her stage name came from her childhood nickname , Porcelain , which was due to an extensive collection of porcelain dolls given to her by her aunt . Her aunt thought that the dolls resembled her in appearance , with strawberry blond hair and pale skin . She adopted Black in her name because she felt that it represented the opposite of " fragile " Porcelain . She made plans to revisit the Porcelain and the Tramps project in the future . The songs " King of the World " and " I 'm Your Favorite Drug " were remastered for her debut album . Black co @-@ wrote " Lolita " for Mexican pop singer Belinda . She also made appearances in the music videos for Travie McCoy 's " We 'll Be Alright " , Swizz Beatz 's " Rock ' N ' Roll " and Jeffree Star 's " Get Away With Murder " in 2010 . Black had a cameo role in Rock of Ages with RedOne 's help , playing the lead singer of a 1980s glam metal band . Black sang one of the sole original songs for the film , " Rock Angels " . " Rock Angels " was written by Adam Anders and Desmond Child . Along with RedOne , Black composed " Save You Tonight " , the closing song for One Direction 's debut album , Up All Night .

Black appeared on Oxygen 's Best Ink , where the working title of her debut album was said to be Mannequin Factory . Challengers on the show were tasked with creating cover art for the album in a style that Porcelain Black termed " stripper couture " . The album has experienced numerous setbacks and rescheduled releases , and has not yet been released . Initially , RedOne was said to have produced and co @-@ wrote all but one of the tracks with her . However , Black later recorded songs with other producers after the album 's release date was pushed back . She made her television debut on the Late Show with David Letterman on July 21 , 2011 . After " This is What Rock and Roll Looks Like " , " Naughty Naughty " , the second single from her album , was released at the end of 2011 . " This Is What Rock n ' Roll Looks Like " was a modest hit on Billboard 's Dance Club chart while the second single peaked at number 6 on the chart . Black featured in the song " DNA " for rapper Rye Rye 's debut album , Go ! Pop ! Bang ! . At some point succeeding the release of her singles , 2102 Records became an imprint of Capitol Records when Universal Republic went under , further delaying the release of any new material by the industrial songstress .

During the summer of 2013 , Porcelain Black performed a private gig in West Hollywood , featuring all new material . Of the songs performed , " Rich Boi " and " Mama Forgive Me " received critical commentary . Several months later , 2101 Records released five songs in five weeks , following 8

August 2013 . " Mama Forgive Me " was the first released . Her long anticipated debut album is expected to be released after the five week promotional period , with two brand new singles preceding it . After " Mama Forgive Me " , Porcelain performed three new songs , whose titles were : " Pretty Little Psycho " , " Rich Boi " , and " One Woman Army " respectively . Popjustice hosted the songs " Rich Boi " and " One Woman Army " as their weekly Big Songs . Peaking at number 14 on the French Singles Chart , " One Woman Army " crowned the iTunes chart after she performed the song on the radio station NRJ and at the Fête de la Musique on the French channel France 2 on 21 June 2014 , becoming her first number @-@ one hit .

Later that year , Black announced through French radio station , Skyrock , that the album had no confirmed title , revealing she had considered the names Black Rainbow and Mannequin Factory , but that those titles might not make it to the album as she had recorded more songs .

Feuds erupted on social media when Porcelain Black 's record label released an updated version of Deadmau5 's " Arcadia " instrumental , featuring Porcelain Black 's vocals . The lyrical version was renamed " Sweeter " . Idolator , a music @-@ reporting website , called the track a " [...] sizzling electronic kiss @-@ off with shady lyrics like " I bet the bitch you 're with in the club is dancing to this right now ! " Sounds like a surefire winner ? " Deadmau5 rejected the collaboration as copyright infringement , referencing a similar event involving one of his songs and pop singer , Neon Hitch , that occurred in 2011 .

= = = Departure from 2101 Records and new album = = =

After many internal conflicts between Porcelain Black and her long @-@ time collaborator , RedOne , the artist announced via social media that plans to release her long @-@ anticipated album were cancelled . Plans to release a new album , in the vein of her previous project , Porcelain and the Tramps , are expected for late 2015 . Music from her new project will feature the same attitude of the singer 's previous works with slower , mid @-@ tempo songs and rapping .

= = Personal life = =

In April 2012 , she married model Bradley Soileau , who has appeared with singer Lana Del Rey in the music videos for " Blue Jeans " , " Born to Die " , and " West Coast " .

= = Artistry = =

= = = Musical style = = =

Black 's voice has been described as raspy , death growls often appearing in her music . In an interview with The Advocate , Black revealed that she has always had this talent and that it is something she has never practiced . RedOne , the producer who signed her to his label , says that Black 's voice and attitude reminded him of Joan Jett . He concluded that " [s] he can scream and do things with her voice that nobody can do . She is uncompromising in pursuing her own creative vision . She 's taking everything that 's old and making it futuristic and bringing rock and roll back in her own way . " Black styled her musical genre " horror @-@ pop " . It has been described as the love child between Marilyn Manson and Britney Spears , a fusion of dance @-@ pop and darker industrial themes . Black cites that Spears inspires her deep love for choreography , while Manson inspires the sound and attitude of her lyrics and performance style .

Recalling the songwriting style she used when she had collaborated with RedOne , Porcelain Black said she would enter the studio with an idea she had come up with on her own at the piano and play it for RedOne . At other times , RedOne would play a beat he had constructed for her , and she would listen to it and see what vibes emerged from hearing it . Usually , Porcelain Black creates a song title , then forges the song around that . She finds the most difficult songwriting process to be starting with melody , because making the syllables of her lyrics match the melody produces an

effect that sounds forced and contrived . When working with RedOne , Porcelain Black said they would construct the melodies together , but all of the song lyrics were written exclusively by her ; RedOne did not contribute to her music lyrically while they were working together on her first attempt at a debut album . Lyrically , Porcelain Black writes all of her own songs . On the topic , she has said : " I write all my own stuff . I don 't understand artists that don 't write their own songs . I 'm thankful for artists like Britney , but I don 't understand how you can 't write your own music . It 's such a personal way of expressing yourself . "

== Public image ==

Critics have noted that her sound is more pop than rock , but Black is militant at her rock and roll image , saying " ... I know I 'm rock n roll . " When asked about what it means to be rock and roll , she stated :

Genre @-@ wise , her sound has been called " industrial pop " , a fusion of pop and industrial metal . Her flashy and irreverent image has been compared to the work of many other artists . Often , comparisons are drawn between her and Lady Gaga , but she has also been compared to Joan Jett , Courtney Love , and Nicki Minaj . Black 's two @-@ tone hairstyle and fashion is inspired by both Manson and Spears as well , along with her desire to develop a persona in which a stable duality between " good " and " bad " exists . The former has gained her comparisons to the cartoon character Cruella de Vil . Black disavows the association as completely unfounded , specifically saying , " She 's a [expletive] cartoon . Are you serious ? " Black calls her fans " trainwrecks " , alluding to the tattoo on the inside of her middle finger . Malcolm Harris , writing for The Huffington Post , discovered Porcelain Black on the cover of UnSound and reacted to her image :

Following trends in music where women experiment with bisexuality , Black said she was an " equal opportunist " . Thematically , her music has been said to resonate with LGBT and adolescence , gaining her notoriety as a gay icon . On this subject , Black has said :

Popjustice writer Peter Robinson said Porcelain Black was one of pop music 's most confusingly styled artists , attributing the shift from her edgier , rock @-@ inspired look to one resembling Jennifer Lopez as an attempt by her team to make her image more marketable . Despite the appraisal , he critiqued her song " Rich Boi " as being influenced by rock icons , Def Leppard and Steve Miller Band . In another review , Robinson commented on another record called " One Woman Army " from Porcelain Black 's private Hollywood show . Stylistically in vein with Porcelain Black 's pop rock genre hybrid , " One Woman Army " contains rapping , which Robinson said was " completely ridiculous and we love it . " Blogging " What a chorus ! " , he called attention to the chorus , saying " ... haven 't we all at some point in our lives been on a battlefield like ' oh my God ' ? "

== Influences ==

Her biological father 's love for rock music by Led Zeppelin , David Bowie , and Jimi Hendrix also influences her . She has also listed Nine Inch Nails and its frontman , Trent Reznor , Björk , Fiona Apple , Aaliyah , Skinny Puppy , AC / DC , Hole and Oasis as musical influences , citing the albums (What 's the Story) Morning Glory ? and Live Through This as the most influential to her current sound . She has also mentioned Janet Jackson as a primary influence , saying " I love everything she does . " The first concert she attended was an AC / DC concert with her father . Recalling the experience , she told Revolver , " ... I was like , when I grow up , this is what I want to do ! "

== Discography ==

== Singles ==

== As lead artist ==

== As featured artist ==

== Guest appearances ==

== Videography ==

== Filmography ==

== Tours ==

Opening act

2008 : I Am Music Tour (Lil Wayne)