

= Lena Meyer @-@ Landrut =

Lena Johanna Therese Meyer @-@ Landrut ( born 23 May 1991 ) , known professionally as Lena ( pronounced [ ˈleːna ] ) , is a German singer @-@ songwriter . She represented Germany in the Eurovision Song Contest 2010 in Oslo and won the contest with the song " Satellite " . With her three entries from the German national final Unser Star für Oslo ( Our Star for Oslo ) , Meyer @-@ Landrut set an all @-@ time chart record in her home country by debuting with three songs in the top five of the German singles chart . Both " Satellite " and her first album My Cassette Player debuted at number one in Germany , while the former has been certified double Platinum since , the album has been certified five times Gold for sales of over 500 @,@ 000 units . Meyer @-@ Landrut represented Germany for the second consecutive time in the Eurovision Song Contest at Düsseldorf in 2011 with the song " Taken by a Stranger " .

= = Early life = =

Lena Meyer @-@ Landrut was born in Hanover , Germany . She is the granddaughter of Andreas Meyer @-@ Landrut , the Estonian @-@ born West German ambassador to the Soviet Union in Moscow from 1980 to 1983 and 1987 to 1989 and Hanna Karatsony von Hodos who was of Hungarian nobility . She grew up as an only child , and started taking dancing lessons at the age of five ; initially doing ballet and later practising various modern styles , including hip @-@ hop and jazz dance . Meyer @-@ Landrut grew fond of singing and appeared as an extra in a number of German television series ; however she never received any formal acting or vocal training . In June 2010 she graduated from IGS Roderbruch Hannover , a comprehensive school , receiving her Abitur diploma .

= = Career = =

= = = 2009 ? 2012 : Unser Star für Oslo and Eurovision Song Contest = = =

Meyer @-@ Landrut decided to take part in the talent show Unser Star für Oslo ( Our Star for Oslo ) , a newly created national television programme to select the German entry for the Eurovision Song Contest 2010 in Oslo . The show was organised by public broadcaster ARD and private television station ProSieben , as well as entertainer , music producer and former Eurovision entrant Stefan Raab . Among 4 @,@ 500 entrants , Meyer @-@ Landrut was picked as one of the 20 contestants for the show . Asked about her motivation to apply , she stated , " I like to test myself . I wanted to see how I am perceived , and I wanted to hear what people with knowledge have to say about it . I personally can 't judge myself at all . "

After her first appearance , performing " My Same " by British singer Adele , Meyer @-@ Landrut received much praise from the show 's jury panel and was instantly considered the favourite . The following week , Adele 's " My Same " entered the German singles chart at position number 61 . Meyer @-@ Landrut reached the final of Unser Star für Oslo , mainly performing lesser known songs of international artists such as The Bird and the Bee , Kate Nash , Paolo Nutini and Lisa Mitchell . Out of her eight cover performances , five of the original songs subsequently charted in Germany , with all but " Foundations " reaching their peak chart position . In the final on 12 March 2010 , Meyer @-@ Landrut sang three songs specifically written for the contest , " Bee " , " Satellite " and " Love Me " . Through televoting , the audience chose " Satellite " , written by American Julie Frost and Dane John Gordon , to be her designated song in case she won the show . In a second round of voting , Meyer @-@ Landrut was chosen as Germany 's entry for the 55th Eurovision Song Contest , beating the last remaining contestant , Jennifer Braun . The music video for " Satellite " was shot during the night of the final and premiered on German television stations four days later .

Throughout the show , Meyer @-@ Landrut was seen as the clear favourite . One day after winning Unser Star für Oslo , all three of her songs from the finals topped the German iTunes Store sales

chart , making her the first singer to achieve that . " Satellite " sold over 100 @,@ 000 downloads in its first week , becoming Germany 's fastest selling digital release ever . Her three songs all entered the top five of the German singles chart , reaching positions number one , three and four , which no artist had ever achieved since charts were first established in Germany in 1959 . " Satellite " was certified gold after the first week and platinum after the fourth week of its release . The song has remained at number one for five consecutive weeks in Germany .

While competing at Unser Star für Oslo , Meyer @-@ Landrut continued to attend school . The last show was held one month before the start of her final exams . Following her exams , she released her debut album , My Cassette Player , on 7 May 2010 . Produced by Stefan Raab , it includes the singles " Satellite " , " Love Me " and " Bee " , as well as two cover songs and eight unreleased titles . Meyer @-@ Landrut is credited as a co @-@ writer for the lyrics of five songs . The album debuted at number one in the German albums chart . It peaked at number one in the Austrian albums chart , number three in the Swiss albums chart .

Following her success in Germany , Meyer @-@ Landrut has said she would enjoy pursuing a singing or acting career , but explained , " I 'm not fixated on doing music my whole life . " She stated she originally planned to study acting after graduating school , but now is unsure " if time allows " . She has said her musical influences include Adele , Kate Nash , Vanessa Carlton , as well as the singer Clueso and German pop rock band Wir sind Helden .

Representing a " big four " country , Meyer @-@ Landrut automatically qualified for the final of the Eurovision Song Contest 2010 . Germany received a wild card during the running order draw , allowing the German representatives to pick the country 's position for the final . They chose position 22 out of the 25 spots . Meyer @-@ Landrut arrived one week before the show in Oslo , where she completed five rehearsals of her song " Satellite " . Prior to the final , she was considered one of the favourites . Bookmakers regarded her second favourite behind Azerbaijan 's Safura , while Google projected she would win based on search volume in the participating countries . According to Norway 's Aftenposten she received the most media attention of all participants .

The final was held on 29 May 2010 at Oslo 's Telenor Arena . Appearing fourth from last , Meyer @-@ Landrut wore a simple black dress and performed on a bare stage with four backing singers . Her pared @-@ back presentation was a break from recent Eurovision trends , as it did not feature any form of choreography , dancers or elaborate stage show . " Satellite " received a total of 246 points , giving Germany its first win since 1982 , and the first victory as a unified country . The song won over Turkey 's entry " We Could Be the Same " with a margin of 76 points , at that time the second @-@ biggest in Eurovision history , second only to Alexander Rybak 's margin of 169 points in the 2009 contest ( it would later be beaten by Loreen 's victory in 2012 , sporting a margin of 113 points ) . " Satellite " was awarded the maximum of 12 points nine times and received points from all but five countries .

The BBC called " Satellite " the first " contemporary pop hit Eurovision has produced in decades " , ushering in " a new era for the annual music jamboree " . Meyer @-@ Landrut 's victory received much attention in Germany and the show was seen by 15 million viewers on German television ( a 49 @.@ 1 percent market share ) . She returned to Hanover the following day , where she was greeted by 40 @,@ 000 people . In June , " Satellite " regained the top spot in the German singles chart for one week and also peaked at number one in Denmark , Finland , Norway , Sweden and Switzerland . It also topped European Hot 100 singles chart , being the first Eurovision song to achieve this .

In June 2010 in the German dubbed version of the computer @-@ animated film Sammy 's Adventures : The Secret Passage , Meyer @-@ Landrut provided the voice for the character originally spoken by Isabelle Fuhrman .

In January 2011 , the TV @-@ Show " Unser Song für Deutschland " was held and Meyer @-@ Landrut 's 2011 Eurovision song was determined via televoting . All twelve songs Meyer @-@ Landrut performed during that show were recorded on her second studio album Good News which was released on 8 February 2011 . The album reached Gold status in Germany within one week after its release .

On 18 February 2011 , the " Unser Song für Deutschland " final was held and it was decided

through televoting that Meyer @-@ Landrut would perform the entry " Taken by a Stranger " in the final of the Eurovision Song Contest 2011 .

In April 2011 , she went on her first German tour in the largest concert halls in Berlin , Hanover , Frankfurt , Dortmund , Leipzig , Hamburg , Munich , Stuttgart and Cologne. though the concerts were not sold out .

In May 2011 , Meyer @-@ Landrut attempted to defend her title in the 2011 Eurovision Song Contest . She was the third winner to do so , and the first in over 50 years . She also appeared in the opening performance of the show , less than an hour before she came on stage to represent Germany .

= = = 2012 ? 2014 : Stardust and The Voice = = =

On 24 May 2012 , Meyer @-@ Landrut performed as part of the interval act during the second semi @-@ finals of the Eurovision Song Contest 2012 in Baku , Azerbaijan . She was joined by the last five Eurovision winners from 2007 to 2011 which included Marija ?erifovi? , Dima Bilan , Alexander Rybak , and Ell & Nikki . Meyer @-@ Landrut , Marija , Dima and Alexander performed their winning song entry accompanied by traditional Azeri instruments , being joined by Ell & Nikki for a rendition of " Waterloo " .

On 1 August , Meyer @-@ Landrut announced via her Twitter account that " Stardust " will be the first single from her new album with the eponymous title . The single was released on 21 September and was certified Gold for selling 150 @,@ 000 copies The album was released on 12 October and it debuted at No. 2 on German Albums chart . In late July and early August she went on a promotion tour called " Lenas Wohnzimmer " ( Lena ? s Lounge ) , which led her to Munich , Cologne , Hamburg and Berlin and presented several of her new songs . Since October 2012 she performed the theme song in the opening credits of Sesamstraße , the German version of Sesame Street . In November 2012 she covered the Pippi Longstocking song Sjørövar Fabbe ( Seeräuber @-@ Opa Fabian ) for the compilation album Giraffenaffen .

On 18 January 2013 , it was announced that the second single from Lena 's album will be Neon . The music video for the single was shot in early February , by director Bode Brodmüller , who also directed Lena 's video for her first single from the third album , " Stardust " . It was shot in Rathenau @-@ Hallen . On 1 March , Lena 's video for Neon ( Lonely People ) premiered on Universal Music page . Lena 's sixth single was released on 15 March . The same day , video was also uploaded on Lena 's VEVO channel on YouTube . The single version is different from the original song version on her Stardust album . The single version is more of a dance record , remixed and a bit faster .

On 21 March , Lena Meyer @-@ Landrut attended to ECHO awards . She was nominated for two categories this year , " Best National Video " for " Stardust " and as " Best National Female Artist " . During the show , Lena received an only one award for " Best National Video " for her first single from same titled album , " Stardust " . Later during the show , Lena lost the " Best Female National Artist " award to singer Ivy Quainoo .

In April 2013 , Lena went on a club tour through thirteen German cities started in Stuttgart on 2 April and finished in Offenbach on 21 April . The last concert was streamed live in the Internet . The title " No One Can Catch Us Tour " was taken from a line from her first single from the album , " Stardust " .

In April and May 2013 she was one of the three judges on the show The Voice Kids alongside Tim Bendzko and Henning Wehland .

On 17 May 2013 " Mr. Arrow Key " , was released as third single from the Album " Stardust " and as seventh single overall . The song was written by Lena Meyer @-@ Landrut , Linda Carlsson and Sonny Boy Gustafsson , and the original track for album was produced by Sonny Boy Gustafsson .

Lena was president of the German jury ( including Carolin Niemczyk , Alina Süssgeler , Tim Bendzko and Florian Silbereisen ) and the spokesperson for Germany , revealing the countries voting results at the Eurovision Song Contest 2013 final on 18 May .

In July 2013 , it was announced that she will be the German voice of Jane in the motion capture animated film Tarzan 3D which was released in German cinemas in February 2014 . In the same

month she dubbed the voice of three characters in the two audiobooks Giraffenaffen ? Wir sind da ! ( Giraffe @-@ monkeys ? We are here ! ) and Giraffenaffen ? Die Schatzssuche ( Giraffe @-@ monkeys ? Treasure hunt ) , which were both published in October 2013 .

In October 2013 Lena re @-@ united with her Eurovision mentor Stefan Raab when she featured in " Revolution " , a single from Raab 's band Dicks on Fire . In June 2013 , this song was already used for a video about the shower head Doosh invented by Stefan Raab where Lena is posing as Lara Croft under the shower . In 2013 Lena became a L 'Oréal testimonial for hair coloring and skin care product series .

From March to May 2014 she returned as coach in the second season of The Voice Kids along with Henning Wehland ( from the band Söhne Mannheims ) and Johannes Strate ( from the band Revolverheld ) .

= = = 2014 ? present : Crystal Sky = = =

In early 2014 , Meyer @-@ Landrut began principal work on her fourth studio album Crystal Sky . Taking her sound further into the electro and dance pop genre , she worked English production and songwriting team Biffco and Berlin @-@ based collective Beatgees on most of the album . In November 2014 , one of their collaborations , the children 's song " Schlaf alle " , appeared on the compilation album Giraffenaffen 3 . The same month , Meyer @-@ Landrut 's rendition of the Aladdin song " A Whole New World " was included on the compilation album I Love Disney . From February to April 2015 Meyer @-@ Landrut reprised her role as a coach in the third season of The Voice Kids along with singers Johannes Strate and Mark Forster . After four press concerts in Hamburg , Berlin , Munich , and Cologne from late February to early March 2015 she released Crystal Sky 's first single " Traffic Lights " to radios in March 2015 . It reached the top twenty of the German Singles Chart .

Crystal Sky was released in May 2015 . It marked her fourth consecutive album to reach the top two of the German Albums Chart , but was less successful in Austria and Switzerland , where it failed to reach the top twenty on both music markets . In September 2015 , Meyer @-@ Landrut released " Wild & Free " , the theme song for the motion picture Fack ju Göhte 2 as a single . The song peaked at number eight on the German Singles Chart , becoming her highest @-@ charting single in three years .

= = Media image = =

Meyer @-@ Landrut has been noted for her unconventional way of handling the press , which has been labelled " aloof " as well as " quick @-@ witted " and " intuitive " . She usually refuses to answer questions about her private life , including her family , friends and personal beliefs , sometimes calling questions " stupid " or responding with counterquestions instead . This has drawn praise as well as criticism , including allegations of being arrogant and disrespectful .

Meyer @-@ Landrut 's demeanour has been described as " carefree " , " laid @-@ back and self @-@ effacing " . She has been said to possess an " adequate youthful megalomania " , to " cultivate her forwardness " and to stand for " unadorned genuineness " and " sincerity " . She has also been said to give " infatuation a rhythm " and blur the " fine line between puppy love and psychotic obsession " . Her vocals have been both lauded and criticised . In an attempt to explain Meyer @-@ Landrut 's success , her appearance has been called a " mix of loveliness , professionalism and a little craziness " . She has also been lauded for her stage presence and charisma .

= = Appearances on Unser Star für Oslo = =

Jennifer Braun and Meyer @-@ Landrut both sang different versions of " Bee " and " Satellite " in the final

= = Awards and nominations = =

= = = Results = = =

= = Film and television = =

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Studio albums

2010 : My Cassette Player

2011 : Good News

2012 : Stardust

2015 : Crystal Sky