

# ARTISTS CLOSE TO LUV'S UNIVERSE

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Luv's inspiration: Silver Convention



When [Luv's](#) producers, [Hans van Hemert](#) and [Piet Souer](#), decided to form a girl trio, their main influence was [Silver Convention](#), a German act, whose disco oriented singles topped the charts all around the world between 1975 and 1978.

[Luv's](#) conceptors were attracted by the group's visual aspect. This Disco group was indeed composed by three handsome and very different women.

However, [Luv's](#) creators chose another repertoire. [Van Hemert](#) and [Souer](#) considered [Silver Convention's](#) tracks too instrumental and not focused enough on the vocal parts. Songs like "[Fly, Robin Fly](#)" (a US #1 hit single) or "[Get Up And Boogie](#)" (a US #2 hit single) were issued for clubs as 12" singles (also called "Disco Maxi Singles" with extended versions prepared specially for the DJs ; on these records the singers had only a few words to sing).

[Luv's](#) aim was to conquer the pop market rather than to please the

disco scene. That's why, its song writers produced radio friendly songs (around 3 minutes) in which the girls had more to sing.

**THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2005**

### Girl Groups mania



In the 1970's and 1980's, some Dutch producers were inspired by [Luv's](#) success and formed girls bands, creating a real trend. Acts like the [Dolly Dots](#), [Babe](#) and [Mai Tai](#) scored a string of hits in the charts.

In the late 1970's and early 1980's, some Dutch producers decided to follow [Luv's](#) example and formed girls bands.

[Richard Dubois](#) and [Peter van Asten](#) created the [Dolly Dots](#). The girls were not only popular in Belgium and the Netherlands but also in Japan. They even played in a TV series. Last year, a musical, based on the [Dolly Dots](#) songs, was presented to the public.

[Peter Koelewijn](#) launched [Babe](#). This trio was often compared to [Luv'](#). They scored hits (even none of them reached the Top 10). Their success was limited to the Dutch and Belgian markets.

[Mai Tai](#), whose members come from the Dutch West Indies, achieved something the other girls groups never reached: some of their singles topped the UK and the US charts.

Other successful female acts were [Doris D. & The Pins](#) (formed by one of [Luv'](#)'s fathers, [Piet Souer](#) and [Martin Duiser](#)), [Risqué](#), [Frizzle Sizzle](#), [Snoopy](#), [The Star Sisters](#), [Centerfold](#) and [Maywood](#).

SUNDAY, MAY 06, 2007

Luv' + Sheila & B. Devotion



Actually my blog only deals with the members of [Luv'](#) ([Patty Brard](#), [José Hoebee](#) and [Marga Scheide](#)). But today there's one exception to the rule. I've recently discovered a French site about [Sheila & B. Devotion](#) and I've congratulated its webmaster who has been very nice as he has added my blog to his links. Of course, I've added his site to my links.

[Sheila & B. Devotion](#) is a group formed in 1977 by the famous French singer [Sheila](#) and three black dancers. Until their dissolution in 1980, they had big disco world hits like "[Love Me Baby](#)", "[Singin' In The Rain](#)" and "[Spacer](#)" (this track was composed and produced by [Nile Rodgers](#) and [Bernard Edwards](#) aka [CHIC](#)). In June, a new compilation titled "[Sheila & B. Devotion: The Disco Singles](#)" will be released.

**Sheila & B. Devotion** and **Luv'** have some things in common. From 1979 to 1981, **Luv'**'s records were distributed by the French label "Carrere".....like those of **Sheila**. The two acts performed in the same TV shows in Europe (like "Musikladen" in Germany), were interviewed by the same magazines (like **Hitkrant** in Holland or **Bravo** in Germany) and scored hits in the same charts....Moreover, they can be considered as gay icons.

**FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2007**

**Patrick Mon Chéri & Mary's Mama (Le Mari de Mama)**

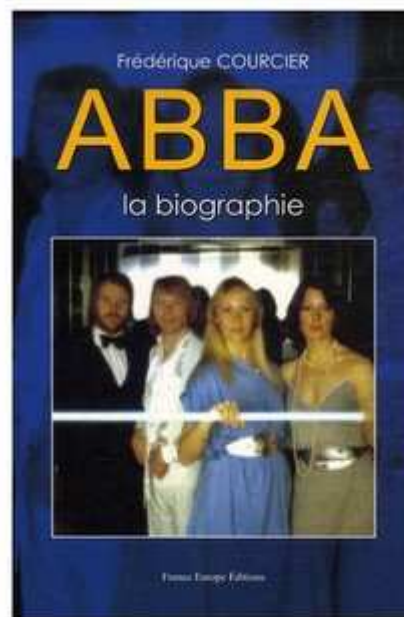


One week ago, because I was so amazed by a French site about **Sheila & B. Devotion**, I decided to write an article about the links between this disco group and **Luv'** [read article posted on May 6. 2007]. There's another connection between **Sheila** and the **Luv'** world. Actually, this link is about the French singer and **Will Hoebee** (the husband of **José**, one of the members of the girl group). In 1976, **Will** wrote and produced a song titled "**Patrick on Chéri**" with **Peter Koelewijn** (one of the biggest Dutch music producers). This track was performed by **Kikki & Pearly** and became a Top 5 Hit in the Netherlands and Belgium. Then **Sheila** recorded a French cover version of this ballad which was a big selling single in France (**800 000 units** were sold; the song writers were rewarded by a gold disc). Four years earlier (in 1972), **Koelewijn** composed "**Mary's Mama**" which was performed by **Drama**. **Sheila's** French cover version (**Le Mari De Mama**) was an instant smash.



THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2007

Abba, the biography



Abba has always been an inspiration for a lot of pop bands (like Luv' for example). Some songs of the girls band like "*Dream, Dream*", "*Money, Honey*" or "*Ooh, Yes I Do*" were influenced by the compositions of Björn Ulvaeus and Benny Andersson. Moreover, José Hoebee and Marga Scheide in 1984 were part of the cast of **ABBAcadabra** (a TV musical for children based on songs of the Swedish Fab Four). José also recorded an album with cover versions of Abba's tracks in Dutch with Bonnie St. Claire.

I've recently read a biography of the winners of the **Eurovision Song Contest** in 1974. This book (written in French by **Frédérique Courcier** and published by **France Europe Editions**) is exhaustive and contains a lot of stories and facts. It's a real pleasure to read it!!!

The author has kindly answered to my email in which I've underlined the links between **Luv'** and **Abba**.

You can order the book on Amazon.fr website

To send an email to F. Courcier: [livreabba@yahoo.fr](mailto:livreabba@yahoo.fr)

**SATURDAY, JUNE 30, 2007**

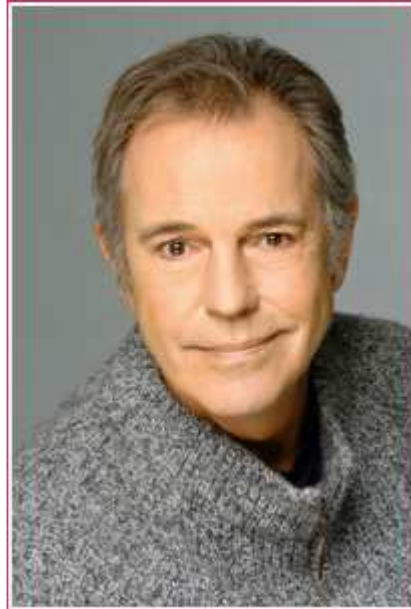
**"Sheila & B. Devotion: The Disco Singles".....out now!!!**



I posted in May an article about the links between **Luv'** and the French disco group "**Sheila & B. Devotion**". A brand new compilation titled "**Sheila & B. Devotion: The Disco Singles**" has just been released by **Rhino/Warner Music France**. This anthology (available in two versions: simple CD and collector 2 CD's) includes disco world hits like "**Love Me Baby**", "**Singin' In The Rain**", "**Spacer**" (this track was composed and produced by **Nile Rodgers** and **Bernard Edwards** aka **CHIC**) and bonus tracks. So if you wanna have good vibes, you should buy this remarkable collection!

MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 2007

Jos Brink & Luv'



**Jos Brink**, a Dutch theater legend and TV host has died on Friday August 17th. Immediately after his death has been announced, the media have paid tribute to him and have aired programmes devoted to the entertainer. Among them: on **NCRV/Nederland 1** on August 18th. the repeat of "**Villa Felderhof**"(originally broadcast in 1997, in which Brink was interviewed with **Patty Brard** in a villa in Saint Tropez in the French Riviera). This TV show has been high in the ratings: 1,4 million viewers and market share: 25%). [source: <http://www.kijkonderzoek.nl/>, such figures are very good for a country such as Holland]

**Jos Brink** has been on TV with the **Luv'** ladies several times in the past. In 1979, in "**TV Privé**" on **TROS**, he was dressed up as **Sinterklaas** (Saint Nicholas) and **Luv'** as **Zwarte Pieten**. [Sinterklaas is a holiday tradition in the Netherlands and is celebrated every year on December 6th. Sinterklaas is the Dutch equivalent to Santa Claus as he brings the gifts to the children. He is assisted by **Zwarte Pieten**, helpers with black faces and colourful outfits, modelled after 16th century Spanish clothing.]

In the 1980's, **Brink** hosted **Babbelonie** (a quiz on **AVRO** in which **José Hoebee** was invited once).

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 08, 2008

## Benny Neyman: R.I.P



One of the greatest singer of the Dutch music scene, **Benny Neyman**, has passed away on Thursday February 7th. He was born on June 9th 1951 in Maastricht. The single "*Ik weet niet hoe*" was his breakthrough in the Netherlands and Flanders (Belgium) in 1980. Then he scored a string of hit records in the charts. He often embarked on theaters tours. His friends, **José** and **Will Hoebee**, have been of course shocked by his death. **Benny** wrote the Dutch texts of "*Cassandra*" and "*Zoals Vrienden Doen*" (*The Way Old Friends Do*), the cover version of **ABBA's** songs performed by **Bonnie St Claire** & **José** in the mid-1980's. He also took part in **ABBAcadabra** (the TV musical based on **ABBA's** tracks sung in Dutch for children) beside **José**, **Bonnie**, **Marga Scheide** and **Ron Brandsteder**.

**Will Hoebee** produced his greatest hits (among them the #1 hit '*Waarom Fluister Ik Je Naam Nog*' in 1985) and his most successful albums (like '*Het Zwarte Goud*' in 1984).

In 1995, he received the "**Gouden Harp**" (Golden Harp), an important music award in Holland which is annually given to artists for their entire works.

**Neyman** recently announced that he suffered from cancer. Unfortunately, he lost his struggle for life.

link: <http://www.bennyneymann.nl/>



THURSDAY, MAY 08, 2008

Special "Shownieuws" live broadcast for Frans Bauer's wedding



A special "**Shownieuws**" broadcast will be aired **live** tomorrow at 7:25 PM on **SBS 6** to cover the wedding of **Frans Bauer** (a very popular Dutch singer) and **Mariska van Rosenberg**. This programme will be hosted by **Patty Brard** and **Viktor Brand** (assisted by **Evert Santegoeds** as an expert). **Shownieuws** has been specializing in live broadcasts of showbiz weddings (**Bonnie St. Claire** in late 2004 (José was the bride's witness), **Prince Charles** and **Camilla Parker Bowles** in 2005...).

source: [www.sbs6.nl](http://www.sbs6.nl)