

HELLO  
my name is

ROSES GABOR

## Future soul's latest shining star

**WHO?** Well-connected purveyor  
of electro-future soul

**SOUNDS LIKE** An outer-space Katy B  
or the UK's answer to Janelle Monáe

SECRETLY, ROSES GABOR is something of a music biz veteran. Even if you haven't yet heard of her, you've almost certainly heard her voice - if not on SBTRKT's 2011 standout 'Pharaohs' then alongside Shaun Ryder's lugubrious holler on 'Dare', a number one single for Gorillaz back in '05.

At the time she got the call from Damon Albarn she was working in the City for an investment bank. "I really didn't mind it that much there," she says. "In fact I was still there when 'Dare' was number one. I made sure I had the commemorative disc delivered to my workplace."

Roses would go onto become a regular fixture in the Gorillaz set-up, rubbing shoulders with the likes of Bobby Womack, Dennis Hopper and Snoop Dogg on the band's star-studded 2010 tour. But it was all in a day's work, she suggests.

"Those things are so surreal you can't really take them in until after the moment. There was no time to feel overawed by anyone else there, you just did it," she recalls.

Since then there have been those featured vocals for SBTRKT, plus work with Shy FX - and now, at last, her own tracks.

'Stars'/'Night Sky', her debut single for Toddla T's Girls Music label, is a double-helping of the sort of glitchy, spacey electro she's fast gaining a reputation for. Cosmic, but soulful. "That's me all over," she laughs.

"I suppose I want to create something emotive - healing, even. Music that hopefully people will find touching." Time to make contact with this outer space girl. **WILL SIMPSON**  
*Roses Gabor plays Snowboxx Festival in Arinsal, Andorra on March 22-28*

## ROSES GABOR'S TOP 3 HERBAL TEAS

**NETTLE TEA** "This gives you that *ahh* feeling and is a great source of vitamins A, C and E."

**PAU D'ARCO** "This is a tree bark that can be brewed up and used for tea. It's great when you've got a cold."

**SOURSOP TEA** "This has great health benefits. Some people even think that it can cure cancer."