

THE SOUND OF NORTH SEALAND - NEW ACOUSTIC GUITAR ALBUM

FINN OLAFSSON "MUSIC FROM NORTH SEALAND" (Olafssongs OCD 057)

"For many years I have had the intention to create an album which should pay tribute to North Sealand – the place where I live in Denmark. Now it's a reality! My new album reflects the inspiration that comes from living in an area so diverse in nature, culture and history." says Danish guitarist and composer Finn Olafsson.

"Where I live I'm surrounded by nature at its most wonderful: Meadows, fields, bogs, forests, cliffs and beaches full of animal life. No wonder that so many have found this area alluring through the centuries. Even the Danish Kings who built their incredible, almost fairytale-like castles and gardens in this landscape. To me, Nature is an inexhaustable source of inspiration – it gives me a physical sense of timelessness. The continual experience of the landscape, the architecture of the ruins and the castles and the monastery at Esrum inspires me to write music that may bring to mind the simple musical form which was used at mediaeval market fairs and at the courts of the Renaissance. I hope this atmosphere comes out on the album."

"Music From North Sealand" was created and will be released in close co-operation between Finn Olafsson and "VisitNordsjaelland" – the organization for tourism in North Sealand.

"At VisitNordsjælland we've had a wish for a long time to give our visitors a special musical memory to take home when they've been on vacation in North Sealand. Finn Olafsson is a fantastic composer and musician, so when he shared his project with me, everything fell into place. The result is a wonderful and atmospheric record which puts you in a great mood," says Dorte Kiilerich, managing director of VisitNordsjælland. And she adds:

"People who visit North Sealand are often very interested in culture. Kongernes Nordsjælland is their temporary haven which offers great joy and quality of life. In this context, our musical collaboration makes perfect sense."

This unique co-operation is the first of its kind in Denmark.

On "Music From North Sealand" Finn Olafsson was backed up by: Torsten Olafsson – Bass, shakuhachi flute & tablas, Michael Vogelius Larsen – Keyboards & accordeon. Jacob Andersen – Percussion & Søren Hammerlund – Hurdy gurdy.

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