

Malene Kjærgård “Here’s to the Ladies”



Here's something for the ladies! Singer and composer Malene Kjærgård will release her second album “Here’s to the Ladies” on February the 26th. The 12 songs on the album each celebrate women. They are a blend of original compositions and jazz standards. “Every song has a story which represents a certain female character, and as a woman you will probably be able to relate a bit to each one of them” says Malene Kjærgård.

However, Malene has spent most of her time during the past 8 years in rehearsals and on stage with guys exclusively: guitarist Mads Kjølby, double bass player Tobias Dall Mikkelsen, drummer Snorre Kirk and, last but not least, the great pianist Kasper Villaume – all members of Malene’s delightful band.

“The guys told me that listening to the songs on the album is a great way of getting to understand women, so despite the title of the new album, the songs also give men something to think about” says Malene Kjærgård.

Captivating presence

Malene Kjærgård released her highly acclaimed debut album “Happy Feet” in 2013. In 2016 she is still a shooting star in the jazz sky. Technically she is a strong and skilled singer, who delivers her material with a captivating presence and integrity.

Malene explains “I’m the kind of person people talk to out of the blue. If I’m on the bus or in a train people will often share their life stories with me”. The inspiration and nutrition for Malene’s own songs comes from a combination of these people’s stories and her own life experiences. That’s what makes her such a great and authentic storyteller.

In Malene’s own songs on the album we meet, amongst others, a woman who can't see the light or find solace from the unavoidable pain following a break-up, we meet a woman who turns desperate and slightly insane because of her unrequited love for a married man and we hear about a woman who is fighting an eternal battle between the light and dark side of her mind. The tune "I'm a Girl" is about a woman who can't set limits because of her strong need to live up to other people’s expectations and follow trends in society and the tune "Spring is Here" is about the tender, innocent and fragile love that might appear in springtime.

A special relationship to Finland

Since the release of the debut album "Happy Feet" Malene Kjærgård and her band have performed several times in Denmark. However Germany, France, Belgium, Holland, Latvia and Japan have also had the pleasure of being able to enjoy performances from the beautiful singer and her band.

Finland in particular means something special to Malene Kjærgård. A Finish dentist and his wife fell in love with her musical universe after watching her performance at the Turku Jazz Festival in the summer of 2014. Afterwards they decided to invite her to perform at their private party in 2015 and once again in 2016. This year Malene and her band also performed at the Finish Dentist Association and at the Flame Jazz Club in Turku.

Malene Kjærgård and her band will be performing at several venues during the year. However they will be performing less regularly due to the birth of Malene and Tobias Dall Mikkelsen’s jazz baby who will arrive this spring.

Upcoming concerts

26.2 Private House Concert arranged by one of her crowd funders
28.2, 4pm RELEASE CONCERT "Here's To The Ladies", Kulturhuset Islands Brygge, Kbh. S
3.3, 7:30pm Artistlounge, Dansk Artistforbund, Kbh
17.3, 8pm Flensborghus, Tyskland
7.4, 8pm Hornbæk Jazzklub, Hornbæk
10.7, 3pm Copenhagen Jazz Festival, Ordrupgaard
26.7, 7:30pm Sorø Jazz Festival
30.7, 7pm Ribe Jazz Festival
15.10 Jazzklub 93, Holstebro

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- In 2012 Malene won the 2nd prize in the "Young Jazz Composer of the Year" competition with the song "Temporary Love Affair".
- In April 2013 Malene released her debut album "Happy Feet" at Calibrated Music.
- Malene is an Authorized Singer and Vocal Teacher from the Complete Vocal Institute in Copenhagen. She has studied acapella vocal improvisation in NY, Hawaii, Italy, Holland and Denmark, has studied at MGK (pre conservatory) in Kolding and is a voice and music teacher.

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