

Country & Eastern news

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CE10 - MONDAY SEPTEMBER 1

LIVE
JONAS KNUTSSON
& **MATS ÖBERG**



Jonas Knutsson Saxes
Mats Öberg Piano, Harmonica,
Voice

Saxophone maestro Jonas Knutsson and the keyboard genius Mats Öberg have played together since childhood and know each other inside out. On this album we have captured them in a wonderful concert in Stockholm, February 2008.

"On a summer's day in 1981 I met Mats Öberg for the first time. I was 16 and did a recording for the local radio station in our home town Umeå with Mats' cousin. He was 10 years old and when I asked him how he liked the music he said: Fine but E5 on the piano is out of tune...."

Jonas Knutsson

I'd simply like to quote Joe Zawinul: If I could talk about the music, I wouldn't have to play it.

Mats Öberg

RELEASE PARTY SEPTEMBER 1

Premiere for Beches Brew
"Probably The Best Band In the world!" Release concert by **Jonas Knutsson & Mats Öberg**
DJ: Elias Krantz

CE11 - MONDAY OCTOBER 6

LIVE IN STOCKHOLM -77
BENGT BERGER
& **KJELL WESTLING**



Bengt Berger Drums
Kjell Westling Bass Clarinet,
Sopranino Saxophone

Ett Minne för Livet (A Memory for Life) was a musician's collective in Stockholm during the seventies, part of the progressive music movement in Sweden.

Iskra, Spjärnsvallet, Vargavinter, Archimedes Badkar, Bitter Funeral Beer Band and Bolon Bata were some of the bands taking part, giving concerts on their own and together. We even put out some LP:s under the "Ett Minne för Livet" label. Bengt Berger and Kjell Westling were two of the central musicians during this time, playing in several of the groups. We did a live radio broadcast in 1977 and released it on our label.

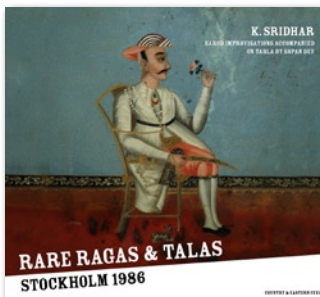
The music we played is improvised, restless and of very high density (many notes in short time). Not exactly easy listening, but give it a try – you might like it. This is a rerelease of that album more than 30 years later.

RELEASE PARTY OCTOBER 6

Country & Eastern All Stars meaning, **Sangeet Project**, **Horn Please**, **BKS**, **Mirja Mäkelä**, **Haci Tekbilek**, **Knutsson-Öberg**, **Berger-Westling**, **Fredriksson's crickets**.
DJ: Jonas Kulhammar.

CEX12 MONDAY NOVEMBER 3

RARE RAGAS & TALAS
K. SRIDHAR
& **SOPAN DEV**



K. Sridhar Sarod
Sopan Dev Tabla
Anita Livstrand Tanpura

A great north indian classical recording with the wonderful indian sarod maestro K. Sridhar accompanied on tabla by Sopan Dev (Bengt Berger) and on Tanpura by Anita Livstrand. The material is two south indian ragas (Shanmukha Priya and Charukesi) interpreted in north indian style. Apart from the alap they are presented with compositions in two rare talas, Jhumpak tala of 8 1/2 beats and Chartal-Ki-Savari of 11 beats.

These recordings were originally released by Amigo Music on cassette and will now become available in digital format. MP3 only.

RELEASE PARTY NOVEMBER 3

Franklin "SunShip" Kiermyer: Sound Revelation Ensemble presents the Sunship Mobility Suite with Franklin Kiermyer, Bengt Berger, Per Tjernberg drums & percussion, Ole Morten Vågan, Dan Berglund bass, Bobo Stensson, piano, Magnus Broo, trumpet, Mats Ålekint, trombone, Lennart Åberg, Jonas Kullhammar, saxophones. DJ: Martin Jonsson.

CE12-13 MONDAY DECEMBER 1

A COUNTRY & EASTERN CHRISTMAS
C&E PARTY BAND & FRIENDS



Olle Persson, Lena Willemark, Ale Möller, Nicolai Dunger and others.

A double CD with unorthodox versions of traditional swedish christmas songs with the Country & Eastern Party Band and some of the greatest swedish contemporary singers: Sofia Jernberg, Lina Nyberg, Olle Persson, Sofia Berg-Böhm, Torkel Rasmusson, Mirja Mäkelä, Marie Selander, Kaya Ålander, Shipra Nandy, Ale Möller, Gunnel Mauritzson, Ulrika Murray, Lars Almqvist, Per Sjöberg, Karin Inde, Monika Söderberg, Nicolai Dunger, Mamadou Sene, Lars-Göran Persson, Niklas Rådström, Lena Willemark, Anita Livstrand. And The Country & Eastern Party Band (Lars Almqvist, Bengt Berger, Jonas Knutsson, Per Sjöberg, Kjell Westling & Mats Öberg)

RELEASE PARTY DECEMBER 1

Christmas release party and launching of the Country & Eastern Christmas Calender with all these great musicians. A new Christmas song can be heard everyday from december 1 up to christmas in our calender at www.countryandeastern.se.
DJ: Daniel Bingert.

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