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ELLIKA SOLO RAFAEL

NOW ^{CE26}

Violinist Ellika Frisell and singer and kora player Solo Cissokho has been a celebrated duo for years. NOW they are enhanced with percussionist Rafael Sida.

Ellika plays in the rich Swedish folk tradition whereas Solo is a griot from Senegal, a storyteller, praise singer and wandering musician. Legendary drummer and percussionist Rafael Sida from Mexico is a prominent member on the Swedish jazz and world music scene.

This is music from Sweden, Senegal and Mexico in a colorful mix that also highlights the strong musical individuality of each musician. A lyrical, groovy and unique music for dancing, listening or both.

Ellika Frisell and Solo Cissokho first met in Stockholm in 1998. After two prize winning albums and receiving the BBC World Music Award they have taken a further step by including master percussionist Rafael Sida in the group. NOW the new album hits the music scene NOW

ELLIKA FRISELL

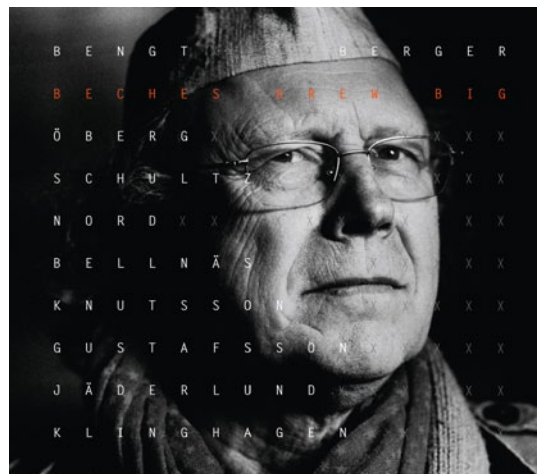
Violin, viola

SOLO CISSOKHO

Kora, voice

RAFAEL SIDA

Percussion, voice



BENGT BERGER

BECHES BREW BIG ^{CE27}

The quintet from Bengt Berger's much praised last album Beches Brew has grown to nine members in this live recording from two nights in Stockholm and Gothenburg, likewise the music has grown in depth, power and expression.

The mix of tradition and new modes of expression as well as the impulses from some of the great traditions of the world and the collective approach to ensembles and solo work shows a strong relationship to Charles Mingus way of making music. Some of the best and most personal musicians in Sweden are necessary for this: Violinist Livet Nord; saxophonists Thomas Gustafsson, Jonas Knutsson and Sir Thomas Jäderlund; Keyboard genius Mats Öberg; Göran Klinghagen and Max Schultz on banjos and guitars; Stefan Bellnäs, bass and Bengt Berger on drums.

DIGITAL BONUSRELEASE

CEX17 BECHES BREW BAG

We recorded so much good music in these two nights that we cannot help but share some more that the cd could not make room for. So, if you are a fanatic, here is an extra 30 minutes in a digital-only.

