

Anders Roland & Finn Olafsson



BLUES

NEW ALBUM BY ANDERS ROLAND & FINN OLAFSSON

As the title of the CD indicates, the two musicians have explored new areas on their fifth studio album. Here's a few words from them about 'Blues':

'In the early summer of 2005, we began recording 'Blues'. We didn't have a clear roadmap for the things we were going to do – just a vague feeling that something would be different. It soon dawned on us that we felt a deep joy just by recording live in the studio – without too many hi-tech tricks.

So we decided that this would be a simple album, with built-in freedom in the compositions. We wanted to accommodate tranquillity and improvisation. The only other musician recording with us is percussionist Jacob Andersen who is on all our albums, ever since our debut, 'Sight-seeing' from 1984.

Something else became clear to us after recording the first tracks – the unmistakable bluesy feeling. Not your straight, traditional blues – but even so, more than just a touch. We thought it was sufficient to call this album 'Blues'. This is meant as a tribute to all the sincere, hand-played roots which still mean so much to the both of us.'

The album features Anders Roland on acoustic guitar, slide guitar, violin and bouzouki and mandolin, Finn Olafsson on acoustic guitar and dobro, while Jacob Andersen appears on percussion like on all the previous albums.

Anders Roland & Finn Olafsson will perform live in the fall of 2006 and the winter/spring of 2007.

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Anders Roland & Finn Olafsson's collaboration dates back to 1984. 3 albums – 'Sight-seeing' (1984), 'Holidays' (1986) and 'Globetrotter' (1988) – and hundreds of concerts established Anders Roland & Finn Olafsson as the leading steel string guitar duo in Denmark. They also composed music for lots of television and film – one noted example being their contribution to the TV series 'Johansens sidste ugudelige dage' ('The Final Ungodly Days of Johanson') from 1989. The series yielded the radio hit 'Himlen over dig' ('The Sky Above You'), sung by Jytte Pilloni. In 1990, the duo decided to take a break – which would last eleven years! They resumed their collaboration in 2001, marking the occasion by releasing the compilation 'Back to the Present' and their fourth album 'DUO' in 2003. This was followed by a long tour. Since then, the duo has worked on the music for the new album, 'Blues', recorded in 2005/2006.

