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METTE JUUL : THERE IS A SONG

Mette Juul / Nikolaj Hess / Ambrose Akinmusire / Rodney Green / Joe Sanders / Mike Moreno

A new album by the award winning Danish singer Mette Juul

The Danish vocalist and singer-songwriter Mette Juul originally wanted to record a classic jazz album. However, the songs that she started writing were inspired by American women singer-songwriters. The album features American trumpet player Ambrose Akinmusire and will be released internationally September 18 by Universal Music, Denmark.

Mette Juul has won international awards and has received much critical acclaim for her albums *Coming in From the Dark* (2010) and *Moon on My Shoulder* (2012).

Allowing the music to breathe freely

Mette Juul's third album is inspired by her personal, musical search and at the same time by her cooperation with the New York based trumpet player Ambrose Akinmusire, who was also featured on her second album. The album has become a journey into her inner self while also having been formed by her worldwide touring. The songs have been written in New York, Italy, Paris and Berlin and in her current home base in Copenhagen. Mette Juul has co-produced the album with New York based Danish piano player Nikolaj Hess, who has been in on the project from the very first jam session to the icy cold day of recording in New York City. His exuberance was an energizer, and his "less is more" style of playing lends a natural lightness to the songs. The bass player Joe Sanders (US) merges with her music and breathes freely, the drummer Rodney Green (US) favors the brushes on several songs, and the (US) guitarist Mike Moreno's rhythmical sense and jazzy tone bring the songs closer to jazz standards. Ambrose Akinmusire once again shows Juul that he has a special understanding of her songs and her texts and is an active collaborator in telling her stories.

Back to the start

"There is a Song" is stylistically and lyrically inspired by strong female singer-songwriters. With this album Juul has returned to her roots. On her two former albums Mette Juul recorded both her own songs and a number of standard and modern jazz songs. "There Is a Song", however, is closer to a contemporary, jazzy singer-songwriter album containing almost entirely her own compositions. She creates a universe inspired by places and cities she has visited and delivers a clear message: Look after each other and the world. The album comprises a number of calm yet strong jazz songs with the vocal up front, supported by a quintet whose constellation leans closer toward jazz pop, blues and folk than toward a classic jazz quintet.

There are songs all over the world

Ever since Mette Juul's childhood songs have offered her a room of her own. With this joy of singing as a loyal partner through life she has written ten new songs for her new album: A song for her husband, a song for each city she has visited, songs for the ocean, the nature and the moon, a song for the Danish hamlet in which she



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grew up and a song for the place between two people. The album creates a ring around both the inner and the outer journey with a title song which clearly states that there are songs everywhere in the world worth listening to and people whose songs may inspire us.

**"Just a little glimpse
of a life familiar to them
a life so far from mine"**

From: "In a Paris Night"

Band:

Mette Juul (DK) vocals / acoustic guitar

Nikolaj Hess (DK) piano

Ambrose Akinmusire (US) trumpet

Rodney Green (US) drums

Joe Sanders (US) bass

Mike Moreno (US) electric guitar

Produced by Nikolaj Hess and Mette Juul

Mixing and mastering by Lars Nilsson (SE)

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Universal Music, Denmark

There is a Song : music and lyrics by Mette Juul, except:

The Land of Plenty : Leonard Cohen

**Double Rainbow : music by Antonio Carlos Jobim,
lyrics by Gene Lees.**

Northern Butterfly : music by Nikolaj Hess, lyrics by Mette Juul.