

# Mette Juul - Celeste

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Critically acclaimed Danish jazz singer, songwriter and guitarist **Mette Juul** presents her 6th solo release, **Celeste**, on respected label **Naxos-Propbone** on **November 10**. A blend of personal interpretations of timeless American classics as well as modern compositions and some original work written by Juul, *Celeste* is a collection creative storytelling through modern jazz. Joined by celebrated guitarist **Mike Moreno** and award-winning multi-instrumentalist **Lars Danielsson** whom also featured on Juul's earlier EP *New York - Copenhagen*, *Celeste* marks Juul's first big feat since 2020.



*"I have wanted to further explore new musical areas with Mike and Lars. To use my vocals in other ways, to be inspired by their wonderful wealth of ideas and musical input in my storytelling."* The result is a fresh body of music, unarranged until performed live in the studio, emerging spontaneously among peers.

*Celeste* translates to 'heavenly,' or 'close to the heavens'. As such, the record offers a place to dream oneself away from the current and, sometimes, chaotic and intense world we live in. In a chamber music-esque setting, with new instrumentation including guitar, vocals, melodica, cello, and - yes - celeste, Juul, Moreno and Danielsson explore new ground together through a sound universe pushes forth the meaning of its lyrics. A captivating emotional journey through themes such as longing and searching for a simpler, more meaningful life is presented to listeners through different scenarios as in *Northern Woods*, nature offers a breather from the ratrace and modern life in a concrete jungle.

Moreno suggested including the American classic *Love Is A Many-Splendored Thing*, previously brought to grandiosity by great voices such as Andy Williams and Nat King Cole. *"It was exciting to enter the song's universe,"* Juul elaborates, *"referencing a time quite different from the one we now live in. I wanted to try and create a setting that exuded innocence, as a contrast, and to take on a slightly more modern take of the song."*

**Mette Juul** vocals, guitar, composition | **Mike Moreno** guitar | **Lars Danielsson** cello, celeste, kalimba, melodica, cymbals, double bass

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Questions, interviews or other requests - we'd love to chat further! Reach out to [arlette@thatjazzgirl.me](mailto:arlette@thatjazzgirl.me) anytime.

## Tracklist

1. **Beautiful Love** (*Mike Moreno guitar, Lars Danielsson cello, Mette Juul vocals*)
2. **My Foolish Heart** (*Mike Moreno guitars, Mette Juul vocals*)
3. **With a Song in my Heart** (*Mike Moreno guitar, Lars Danielsson celeste, Mette Juul vocals*)
4. **Nature Boy** (*Mette Juul vocal and guitar, Lars Danielsson kalimba and melodica*)
5. **I'm Moving On** (*Mike Moreno guitar, Lars Danielsson double bass, Mette Juul vocal*)
6. **Distance** (*Mike Moreno guitar, Lars Danielsson cello and double bass, Mette Juul vocal*)
7. **Northern Woods** (*Mike Moreno guitar, Lars Danielsson celeste, Mette Juul vocal*)
8. **Love is a Many-Splendored Thing** (*Mike Moreno guitar, Lars Danielsson celeste, Mette Juul vocal*)
9. **Celeste** (*Mette Juul vocal, Lars Danielsson double bass*)
10. **Where you've Never Been** (*Mike Moreno guitar, Lars Danielsson double bass, Mette Juul vocal*)

**Total duration 42.32 min**

**Produced by** Mette Juul

**Co-produced by** Lars Nilsson

**Recorded by** David Darlington - Bass Hit Studio (US) & Lars Nilsson - Nilento Studio (SE)

**Mix & Mastering by** Lars Nilsson - Nilento Studio

**Cover photo by** Robin Skjoldborg

## Composition credits

1. **Beautiful Love:** (*Music by Wayne King, Victor Young and Egbert Van Alstyne, lyrics by Haven Gillespie*)
2. **My Foolish Heart** (*Music by Victor Young, lyric by Ned Washington*)
3. **With a Song in my Heart** (*Music by Richard Rodgers, lyrics by Lorenz Hart*)
4. **Nature Boy** (*Music and lyrics by Eden Arbez*)
5. **I'm Moving On** (*Music by Kirk Nurock, lyrics by Judy Niemack*)
6. **Distance** (*Music by Glauco Viénier, lyrics by Norma Winstone*)
7. **Northern Woods:** (*Music by Thomas Fønnesbæk and Mette Juul, lyrics by Mette Juul*)
8. **Love is a Many-Splendored Thing** (*Music by Sammy Fain, lyrics by Paul Francis Webster*)
9. **Celeste** (*Music by Ralph Tanner, lyrics by Norma Winstone*)
10. **Where you've Never Been** (*Music by Thomas Fønnesbæk, lyrics by Mette Juul*)

Mette Juul vocal arrangements on tracks: 1, plus arrangement on tracks: 1,3,4,5,6,7,8,10

Mike Moreno arrangements on tracks: 1,2,3,8

Lars Danielsson cello arrangement on track 6