

INGER MARIE FOR YOU



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Inger Marie first worked with the Swedish guitarist Ulf Wakenius on *BY MYSELF* from 2006. The collaboration was inspiring for both of them and led to many concerts all over the world.

Inger Marie's next release, *MY HEART WOULD HAVE A REASON*, was produced by another great Swedish guitarist, Georg Wadenius. But on her new album, *FOR YOU*, Ulf and Inger Marie join forces once again. This time with a Scandinavian dream team featuring another Swede, Lars Jansson, on piano, and two Danes, bassist Jesper Bodilsen and drummer Morten Lund – as well as the wonderful trumpeting of Norwegian Per Willy Aaserud on several tracks. Inger Marie and her band of outstanding musicians make this album an aesthetic delight.

Inger Marie lives in Arendal in southern Norway, where the houses sprawl over the mountainside down to the bay. This atmosphere and these surroundings inspire the vocalist's heartfelt interpretations in a selection of well-known and lesser-known, carefully chosen songs. This album includes a version of the perhaps most successful song ever from a Norwegian pop group, AHA's "Take On Me". However, if you don't happen to know the lyrics, you may not recognize it, because Inger Marie makes every song her own. Her style is relaxed, and her

phrasing is carved in stone. She has her own sound, and she compiles her repertoire with a broader scope than the traditional American Songbook.

In her native Norway, Inger Marie is a well-kept secret, and the road to her large audience in the rest of the world was paved by mouth to ear. No single hit, spectacular video, flashy outfit or strange behavior has made her art famous. Her weapon is a voice so unmistakably Inger Marie, that it will tattoo itself indelibly into your awareness the first time you hear it. Her unstressed approach fascinates. Every song declares its love of life. We recognize the melancholy mood, the emotions. This is the essence of music.

In May 2011, in Lars Nilsson's Nilento Studio outside Gothenburg, Inger Marie and her five Scandinavian musicians met with producer Rasmus Solem and created magical moments. Now the rest of us can share the experience. Inger Marie doesn't seek flashy musicality, she seeks depth, and she finds it in this quintet of musicians, who despite their virtuosic qualities never play a superfluous note. Their splendid musicianship allows room for reflection. This is the sound of the mountains of Arendal!

Take On Me / Answer Me, My Love / Compassion / I Go / Blue Eyes Awake / Crying In The Rain / What It Means To Me / You Stole My Heart / I Will Always Love You / Kiteflyers Hill / Om natten.

Inger Marie Gundersen (voc), Per Willy Aaserud (tp), Lars Jansson (p), Ulf Wakenius (g), Jesper Bodilsen (b), Morten Lund (d) + Rasmus Solem (keyb, producer).

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