

Press release:

The Liberty Balance

In the Scandinavian twilight of Music *Noir*

Monday May 11, 2009 The Liberty Balance from Copenhagen, Denmark releases their eponymous debut album on Danish independent label, Artiscopes Music.

The Liberty Balance is an ambitious music collective - singer Mike H* being its cult leader. In their shrine of songs, the echoes of artists like Bert Jansch, Nick Cave, Bon Iver and John Cale can be heard, but the sound one hears originates unmistakably from The Liberty Balance themselves.

Like black stones just below the water's surface, these songs glimmer in both calm and distressed beauty, under the deep sigh of roaring waves. The album weaves a delicate and unusual fabric - resplendent in melodic threads of silk, drama and music noir.

The Liberty Balance is a band, but also an idea, a vibe and a movement - dedicated to liberating 'the good song.'

To realize this, singer/songwriter Mike H and co-writer Albert Raft left the lights of Copenhagen for an abandoned forest cabin. And it was there, in the quiet wilderness that The Liberty Balance was first struck. With only an acoustic guitar and an old piano as companions the first 25 songs were written, from which the 9 album tracks were carefully selected.

Summoning a select handful of Copenhagen's finest to record with**, the final production forms a distinct entity that delivers both melodic simplicity and diversity in its orchestration. As if constantly trying to strike a balance - The Liberty Balance.

From the twilight-ish single Calling On Rebels, the whipping piano theme in 'Viva (We All Sing)', the fluid and poetic 'Tiger In A Cage', and the space odyssey 'Don't Stress', all songs beckon for simplicity, giving exactly what listeners need - nothing more, nothing less.

This wanting to explore the integrate basics of good songwriting while remaining open to diverse orchestration (including saws, viola, trombone and euphonium a.o) lies at the core of The Liberty Balance. An ethos that is pushed forward by Mike H's unusual and somber voice, pulsing and beating through bold and intimate embraces of his bleeding lyrics.

The Liberty Balance is a moment of peace: salt water eating away at the pier, a sigh from the abyss, the silhouette of pine trees - darker than black, against the sky.

* Prior releases: 'Steady Unsteady' (2003 Calibrated), 'Peninsula' (2004 Cope Records)

** Musicians: Mike H, Albert Raft, Soma Allpass (Cello), Frida Asmussen (Backing Vocals), Andreas Birk (Viola), Thomas Caudery (Trumpet), Fimner Engel (Saw), Alexander Kragelund (Violin), Jakob Munck (Tuba, Euphonium, Trombone), Elena Setien (Backing Vocals), Stephen Sieben (Add. Guitar), Thomas Teisner (Pauke, Percussion).



Album info:

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Producer: Nikolaj Vinten
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Tracks:

1. Calling On Rebels
2. Viva (*We All Sing*)
3. Tiger In A Cage
4. Burn *My* Brand
5. Don't Stress
6. You Hold *My* Hand
7. Lust *For* Love
8. More *Than* This
9. When The *Whole* World

All music by The Liberty Balance

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