

ACOUSTIC GUITARS - ARABESQUE

New CD from Denmark's premiere acoustic guitar trio

14 years ago, the three guitar virtuosos, **Mikkel Nordsø**, **Christian Ratzer** and **Steen Kyed** met to decipher the technical and musical secrets in the guitar music of John McLaughlin, Al De Meola and Paco De Lucia. However, when it came time to record their own first album, they had already moved out from under the shadow of their inspirators. So much so, that they soon became a popular concert attraction at home as well as abroad. Their extensive tours have brought them to several European countries and Canada.

In the intervening years, they have developed an almost telepathic communication, and a musical universe drawing inspiration from many idioms, especially Spanish, Arab and Indian music, though leaving no doubt that this music is totally their own. Since the release of "Out Of The Blue" in 1995, percussion ace **Ole Theill** and **Klavs Nordsø** have been full-fledged members of the line-up, and they have added yet a dimension to the group's unique sound. Listen to their duet, "Radiator"!

It has been said of Acoustic Guitars that their music appeals to most people. If this is true, it may be due to their rare ability of making extremely difficult music sound easy and enticing.

"Arabesque" is their fourth release in 14 years, but it contains all the elements that Acoustic Guitar's large and faithful audience expects of them and more: sublime acoustic guitar playing, ferocious, lightning runs, exiting improvisations, good tunes and intricate arrangements – a couple of the tunes just won't let you alone.

Mikkel Nordsø says of "Arabesque"; "It takes a long time to get those arrangements down. Some of them are really hard with weird time and whatever. But all the years together show in our way of composing and improvising. We have an almost telepathic communication, which only comes after having known each other for a very long time."

Old fans have a lot to look forward to; new fans can begin here.

ACOUSTIC GUITARS are:

Mikkel Nordsø - guitar, Christian Ratzer - guitar, Steen Kyed - guitar, Klavs Nordsø - percussion and Ole Theill - tablas.

Christian Ratzer teaches at music schools and The Rhythmic Conservatory in Copenhagen. The other band members have each played in numerous settings including some of Scandinavia's most popular big bands, rock, jazz and fusion bands and with many world famous artists such as Dexter Gordon, Don Cherry, George Russell, Jan Gabarek, Palle Mikkelborg and Niels Henning Ørsted Pedersen.

ACOUSTIC GUITARS discography:

Acoustic Guitars (Stunt STUCD 18703)

Gajos In Disguise (Stunt STUCD 19001)

Out Of The Blue (Stunt STUCD 19507)

Arabesque (Stunt STUCD 02062)

