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NEW CD: *SHAMAN*

Northern Voices play Nordic ethno-jazz and consist of musicians from Greenland, Denmark and Sweden. The band is led by Danish saxophonist/composer Christian Vuust and Swedish guitarist/composer Tobias Sjögren. Their first album was *The Thule Spirit* (Virgin Records Denmark, 1997) - one of the most beautiful and outstanding Danish CD releases in the recent years. The CD received a GRAMMY-nomination in Denmark as Best Jazz-CD of the Year 1998.

Northern Voices have now released their second album, **SHAMAN**. Since their first album, *The Thule Spirit*, Northern Voices have toured a lot, which is reflected in the music on the new album: *Shaman* has more of a "live" sound, a band sound. It was recorded and mixed at the outstanding Nilento Studio in Gothenburg, Sweden, in late 2000 and early 2002.

Order the CD *Shaman* at www.northernvoices.com

Tobias Sjögren and Christian Vuust have developed, composed and arranged the music for Northern Voices. In 1995 they went to Thule (in Greenland, close to the North Pole) and recorded traditional Greenlandic (Inuit) drum-songs. These songs have been the main musical point of departure of Northern Voices. The drum-songs have been interpreted and developed in such a way that the intensity remains intact, while adding sounds of today.

With the Nordic musical inheritance as the source of inspiration, and with tasteful and gentle use of today's technology, the music of **Northern Voices** stands out as a landmark in the efforts of combining traditional and contemporary music as well as an exceptional proof to the fact that true art is universal.

Northern Voices first performed live on a tour in Scandinavia in the fall of 1998. The band was very well received by audiences and critics and praised as one of the most fulfilling new groups in 1998. Since then, Northern Voices has toured in Greenland, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland, England and Germany.

Northern Voices are:

Christian Vuust (Denmark) · sax
Tobias Sjögren (Sweden) · guitar
Mads Lumholt (Greenland/Denmark) · vocals, drum dance
Marcos Ubeda (Sweden) · keyboards
Kaspar Vadsholt (Denmark) · bass
Göran Kroon (Sweden) drums
& Niels Christensen (Denmark) · sound

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Press quotes about Northern Voices live:

" - Convincing and successful. The unique greenlandic raw material and each musician's strong and personal expression made the live version of *The Thule Spirit* an exceptional and fascinating experience."

Kaare Gade, Aarhus Stiftstidende, Denmark

"- Intoxicating...The scandinavian musicians in Northern Voices have succeeded in preserving some of the ecstasy lying in the traditional greenlandic music, and combined it with sophisticated jazz"

Ann Kristin Frøystad, Bergen Aftenblad, Norway

Press quotes about the album *The Thule Spirit*:

"- This unbelievably beautiful release will surely put Greenland on the musical world map"

Jokum Nielsen, Sermitsiak, Greenland

"- A coherent and moving journey of epic dimensions"

Kaare Gade, Aarhus Stiftstidende, Denmark

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