

PRESS INFORMATION
NEW CD-release

Band: John-Kåre Hansen Northern Concept
Album: Days
Record label: Ponca Jazz Records (PJRC D 1013)
Distribution: Musikkoperatørene

Release date: June 14th 2013.

Days is the Norwegian jazz guitarist John-Kåre Hansen's first instrumental recording. Having released two recordings with the vocal-based jazz group Nest, Hansen now presents his jazz quartet Northern Concept. The band performs acoustic, melodic and groove-based jazz.

John-Kåre Hansen is being referred to as a guitar player who's able to tie the international and melodic jazz-tradition together with Nordic and arctic impulses playing with a particularly warm guitar-sound.

Hansen's former recordings have all been released to wonderful reviews. Journalists are emphasizing his timeless compositions, original lyrics and his sense of creating beautiful melodies. After hearing the album's first track John Scofield wrote Hansen an e-mail providing good feedback.

During a few cold winter-days in the Norwegian arctic night, the sound engineer Håvard Christensen caught the creative playing of John-Kåre Hansen Northern Concept on tape. In Store Studio, Bodø, the quartet had a wonderful session showing both their creativity and energetic playing. Hansen writes all compositions. With song titles like *Winter Song*, *Bright Night* and *Northern Winds* he gets his inspiration from life and seasons of North-Norway. *Days* will provide you with smooth grooves and inspirational musicianship.

Musicians on *Days* are:
John-Kåre Hansen, guitar
Eivind Valnes, piano
Roger Arntzen, double bass
Arnfinn Bergrabb, drums

Producer: John-Kåre Hansen.
Recorded in Store Studio, Bodø, Norway.
Mixed and mastered by Håvard Christensen and John-Kåre Hansen in Store Studio.

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TRACKLIST:

1. Bright Night
2. Days
3. Winter Song
4. Northern Winds
5. Song for L.J.
6. So Autumn Goes Away
7. September Again
8. Alta

All compositions by John-Kåre Hansen