

Press release:

***Almmiravddas* – New album from Johan Sara jr.**

Almmiravddas is Sámi and means on the 'edge of the sky' or where the sky meets the sea.

Johan Sara jr. has made an album with only his own voice, with polyphonic melodies and large sound reverberations, long melodies with different coloring, harmoniously and tonally adapted. It is music that moves in different dynamic landscapes; dreamy, atmospheric and delicately composed. Soft, but at times intense, powerful and sacred. The pure voice is the base, but in production there are also voices sampled and processed electronically, so that it can be perceived as another instrument.

The joik melodies are stretched and expanded, and the performer adds and adapts the arrangements around the melodic process and creates a personal musical expression. The voice technique is taken from the joik's universe, thousands of years of tradition developed into experimental music. It is voices that are the essence of the Sámi cultural heritage of juoigat, which means to perform in Sámi. The voice shapes the melodies and ornaments. The joik is a tradition that takes an entire lifetime to learn, perfecting it through maturation, trial and error. New musical expression is created like for example: UREKSM: indigenous-experimental music or in Norwegian: Ur-eksperimentell musikk. A musical heritage that can best be learned face to face in oral learning. Johan Sara jr. thanks his teachers:

"I have had the privilege of learning from all these masters over the years: my mother, Marit Sara, Nils-Aslak Valkeapää and Ole Larsen Gaino. Those who have inspired me: Mikkel Bongo, Mathis Hætta, my uncles in Máze and all the fantastic joikers in my record company, Stierdna ».

When the pandemic hit last year, many artists shut themselves in the studio, and have been there for a year. Johan Sara jr. did just that, and is now releasing an album consisting of only his own voice (a cappella). He has spent the last year training, with jogging, breathing exercises, perfecting and stretching his voice high and low. It has resulted in the album *Almmiravddas*, At the edge of the sky.

The album will be released <date> and you will find it where you listen to music. Distributor: musikkoperatorene.no

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