

KOR vi bor - new album from Johan Sara jr.

Seven languages in Finnmark become musical works in Johan Sara jr.'s new album *KOR vi bor*. The music reflects the modern, diverse Finnmark and the people who live here today.

Language becomes music. *KOR vi bor* is an multi-artistic project about Finnmark by Johan Sara jr. and Susanne Hætta. On this album, seven languages become musical works with a mixture of electronic and acoustic instruments. The music reflects the modern, diverse Finnmark and the people who live here today.

The basic stock of sound is composed of the speaking voices of the people we have met. The music is created using various techniques such as sampling, processing and editing of the voices. The soundtracks will then mainly consist of seven soloists with different stories about belonging to Finnmark. The musicality of the various languages and the small stories thus form nuances for the diversity that Finnmark consists of today. The rhythmicity and musicality of the languages are wrapped in an electronic and acoustic landscape of a modern character. The album is part of this project and will be released on March 18.

Who are we:

We are from Alta in Finnmark, we were born here, we have lived elsewhere, we have travelled the world and we have returned to Finnmark. Johan Sara jr. is a composer of many genres, a performing musician and visual artist. Susanne Hætta is a writer, photographer and visual artist. *KOR vi bor* is an exhibition of painting, installation, graphics, photography and sound installation, shown in Kirkenes and Hammerfest last year, and which will be shown at Vadsø Art Association March 18 – April 16, and at Alta Art Association September 9 – 30, 2023.

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These languages are heard in the music:

1. Finnish 2. Norwegian 3. Russian 4. Northern Sámi 5. Kven 6. Skolt Sámi 7. Farsi

Tracks:

1. Johan Beddari, 2. Henry Hansen and Sandra Andersen Eira, 3. Nicolay Shchetnev, 4. Ingunn Utsi and Ingar Eira, 5. Nanna Salamonsen, 6. Hanna-Maaria Kiprianoff, 7. Abdullah Ahmadzai
Musicians on this album: Dag Jarle Nilsen, Trygve Beddari, Odd-Erling Simensen, Justyna Wasowska, Kari Heimen and Anja Hætta Bergkvam.

Producer, composer, musician, synth, programming, studio technique, mixing and artwork: Johan Sara jr. Cover design: Susanne Hætta.

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