

NILS+ACT20

Nils Landgren

Redhorn Collection

ACT 6013-2

CD 1: The Funk Unit / CD 2: The Ballads

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Two hours musical enjoyment with Mr. Redhorn and Maceo Parker, Brecker Brothers, Joe Sample, Roy Hargrove, Fred Wesley, Ray Parker Jr., Bernard Purdie, Till Brönner, Rigmor Gustafsson, Ida Sand, Esbjörn Svensson, Lars Danielsson, Per Ruskträsk Johansson, Magnum Coltrane Price, Magnus Lindgren, Wolfgang Haffner, Michael Wollny, NDR Bigband amongst others.

Nils Landgren is a name that has become synonymous with versatility, curiosity and vigour. Whether with his Funk Unit, his jazz ballad projects, big bands or his countless other contributions as sideman, soloist and bandleader – the likable Swede with the bright red trombone has constantly been on the move for more than 30 years. He is one of the most successful European jazz musicians, born Värmland in 1956, Landgren has made around 550 records and received a plethora of jazz awards and other honours, including the Swedish Grammy for his lifetime achievement. And at his side for the last two decades: ACT Music. The first time Siggie Loch heard Landgren play was at the JazzBaltica in 1994, with the band that at the time was still simply called "Unit". It was to be the beginning of a loyal partnership for life, "Call it what it is" Loch said to him succinctly after the rousing concert. Funk Unit was born and a beautiful collaboration along with it. Landgren embodies the ACT philosophy like no other: a musician and entertainer who touches and enraptures people with his artistic independence.

Nils Landgren was one of the first exclusive artists to the Munich label, which launched in 1992. "Live in Stockholm" by his Funk Unit with Maceo Parker as special guest, recorded in summer 1994, was the foundation stone of the cooperation, and in the time that followed, Landgren became a star with the unwavering support of ACT behind him, and reciprocally his outstanding abilities consolidated ACT's reputation as one of the world's most renowned independent jazz labels.



"Siggie Loch gave me the power to surpass myself, and that is bearing a lot of fruits now," Landgren summarises their joint success story, but he isn't only active for ACT as a musician, he is also a producer and scout. Through Funk Unit, Loch's attention was called to Esbjörn Svensson, and the singers Viktoria Tolstoy, Rigmor Gustafsson and Ida Sand also came to ACT from Landgren's sphere of activity. Today, ACT is the biggest exporter of jazz from Sweden; thanks in no small degree to Landgren.

Mr. Redhorn is one of the most active live artists in contemporary jazz, in part also thanks to his concert management partner Karsten Jahnke Konzertdirektion. He averages 200 days a year on the road around the music world, and is one of a small number of jazz artists who reach an audience that by far transcends the jazz "scene", without making personal or artistic compromises. For two hearts beat in Landgren's breast: when the audience experiences him with his Funk Unit, he shows himself from his action-hero, striking, relentlessly grooving side; but there is also a gentle, melancholy, highly sentimental Nils Landgren, who comes out in his ballad projects, when he touches the soul with his so typically fragile voice and incomparably lithe trombone, or at Christmas, when Landgren sets the yuletide mood with his Christmas With My Friends ensemble.

And as if all that were not enough, the philanthropist Landgren even finds time for a good cause: with his project "Funk for Life", he joins forces with Doctors without Borders to help young Africans gain a musical education.

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Disc 1 - The Funk Unit:

- 01 Traci
- 02 Simple Life
feat. Maceo Parker
- 03 You Dig
feat. Michael & Randy Brecker, Bernard Purdie
- 04 Da Fonk
feat. Roy Hargrove & Don Alias
- 05 Six Beauties On A Rooftop
feat. Fred Wesley
- 06 Riders On The Storm
- 07 Knowing Me, Knowing You
feat. Till Brönner
- 08 House Party
feat. Ray Parker Jr. & Magnus Lindgren
- 09 Stuff Like That
feat. Ida Sand
- 10 Kibera Sunrise
- 11 Mag Runs The Voodoo Down
- 12 Get Serious Get A Job
- 13 Ain't Nobody
feat. Per Ruskträsk Johansson
- 14 Ack Värmeland, du sköna
Mr. Redhorn solo

Disc 2 - The Ballads:

- 01 Songs From The Valley
with Esbjörn Svensson
- 02 Love Of My Life
with Michael Wollny & Lars Danielsson
- 03 This Masquerade
with Anders Widmark & FleshQuartet
- 04 The Moon's A Harsh Mistress
with NDR Bigband arr. by Vince Mendoza
- 05 Silent Way
with Wolfgang Haffner Band
- 06 Fire And Rain
with Rigmor Gustafsson
- 07 Fragile
with Michael Wollny
- 08 Imagine
with Johan Norberg
- 09 You Stole My Heart
with e.s.t. Esbjörn Svensson Trio
- 10 The Brightest Smile In Town
with Joe Sample
- 11 I Will Survive
with Esbjörn Svensson
- 12 Get Here
Live at Philharmonie Berlin

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