



Award winning singer-songwriter debuts with vigour and presence

October 19th Mirja Klippel (Fin) releases her first full length album, *River of Silver*. Nine songs that invite the listener into an intimate, toned and poetic space, where the interplay with her musical partner, Alex Jønsson (DK), is essential for the album's sound and live-feeling.

Presence and sound is the very key to *River of Silver*. The aim has been to capture the synergy within the recording space, while picking up all the small, fine nuances. You find yourself drawn in by the alluring atmosphere, as soft and insistent tales hit you with equal strength and fragility.

Having won "Songwriter of the Year" at the Danish Music Award 2016, there are high expectations for *River of Silver*. Despite this, Mirja Klippel allows herself to take far more chances on this album than ever before: Pressing her vocal to its limits and experimenting with, amongst other things, John Lennon's old EMT-140 Plate Reverberator and a German waldzither, which with its four double strings blends the sound of a mandolin and a mandola. Throughout the album, Mirja Klippel is backed by Alex Jønsson's vocal and beautifully understated electric guitar phrasing.

The melodies and arrangements conjure up pictures of rugged landscapes, snow, ice and dried up lakes, setting the stage for Mirja Klippel's stories and sharp observations. The single "Yellow Shades" is the optimistic cornerstone of the album, where Mirja Klippel looks to the next generation, hopeful that they will throw away the emotional baggage of past generations. "Superior" portrays an angst ridden man of power, grasping for even more control. The song sends a penetrating glare at world inequalities, while at the same time conveying genuine empathy for those in the lyrical line of fire.

"Where my debut EP Lift Your Lion was about growing up and finding my place in the world, River of Silver goes a step further. For me, songwriting is essentially about growing as a human; it's a movement from within and out, where you confront yourself with your inner world, thus expanding your horizons," Mirja Klippel explains.

The Album *River of Silver* is recorded in The Village Recording in Copenhagen and will be released October 19th on CD, digitally and on vinyl.

Label: Stargazer Records (GSA), Eclipse Music (FI) and Mirja Klippel (DK). **Cover and PR-photos:** Kim Wendt.

Facts: Mirja Klippel was born 1987 in Finland, but now lives in Copenhagen, Denmark. She has a music degree from Sibelius Academy in Helsinki (Finland), the University for Music & Stage Arts, Gothenburg (Sweden), and the Rhythmic Music Conservatory in Copenhagen (Denmark).

Tour: Following the release Mirja and Alex will embark on an extensive *River of Silver Tour* throughout Denmark, Finland, Germany and Russia. For dates go to: <https://www.mirjaklippel.com>

Discography: *Lift Your Lion* (EP 2016), *River of Silver* (album 2018).

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