

## Award-winning songwriter combines wildness, poetry and melancholy

*Songwriter of the Year* – that's the name of the prestigious prize the jury of Danish Music Awards Folk 2016 chose to give to the young Finnish singer and songwriter **Mirja Klippel**. Klippel, who lives in Copenhagen, was granted the award based on her debut EP *Lift Your Lion*, where she plays with the recognized Danish guitarist **Alex Jønsson**.

Klippel sings of love, war and longing; of blood ties and grandfathers fighting each for their own country. Of the forests, lakes and animals. She sings of nomad life and compassion – and of never completely belonging anywhere. The texts are a string of intense and at times held back feelings, that explode when Klippel's deep, longing voice and Spanish guitar meet Jønsson's falsetto and freely phrasing electric guitar.

Together they create a crackling musical universe that is in constant movement. Like northern lights, that on one moment seem as sharp as a razor, and, the next second, flutter and flicker into unforeseen formations. Open chord progressions, free solo guitar parts and catchy melodies send the innermost thoughts and feelings soaring up to the sky.

Klippel's music is a flare – poetic and personal songs, that light up even the deepest of forests and darkest of souls.



Photo: Henriette Bonde

*“...Klippel makes the song sound like a dream. The audience is spellbound, sensing the last vibrations of the room, until, many seconds later, bursting into an applause. ‘Beautiful!’ the audience sighs.” – Hannoversche Allgemeine Zeitung*