

New CD from Thorbjørn Risager: "Live At Victoria"

With the release of his fourth CD in only five years, **Thorbjørn Risager** can take stock of a career that in record-breaking time has brought him and his band to the forefront on the European blues scene.

Over the last few years, 38 years old Risager has established a name for himself as a vocalist, guitar player and composer of international class.

Nature has endowed him with an extraordinary powerful and expressive voice, and charismatic performance. Always impeccably suited up, soft hat on his head, well-played guitar over his shoulder and a top-tuned, tight band behind him, he has definitely made his mark.

The style is still Rhythm'n'Blues, but as the new CD clearly demonstrates, the band competently masters a broad and varied menu of traditional Chicago blues, soul, funk and jazz along with some spicy New Orleans rhythms.

The influence from some of Thorbjørn's great idols, like Ray Charles and B B King, can't be dismissed, but with his unmistakable talent as a composer, Risager has developed his very own personal and unique style ever since he started the band in 2002.

Thorbjørn has received lots of praise along the way: great international CD and concert reviews, the award "Blues Talent of the Year" at Copenhagen Blues Festival in 2005 and a Danish Music Award nomination in 2008. The two previous releases play regularly at more than 60 radio stations worldwide.

All this is obliging, and with "**Live at Victoria**" the band also does it very best to live up to the high expectations.

The 11 tracks of this new live CD have been hand-picked from two great concert nights at Victoria in Malmö, Sweden, in October 2008.

Thus, the two nights have been condensed into one super concert, that will capture the listener until the last note has faded out.

Discography:

"Live 2004" - Music Mecca 2005

"From the Heart" - Gateway Music 2006
- *CD of the Week* True Blues, BBC

"Here I Am" - Cope Records 2007
- *Album of week on Danish P4*

- *Danish Music Award nomination 2008*

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LIVE AT VICTORIA THORBJØRN RISAGER



"Live At Victoria"

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See www.risager.info for updates on international distribution:

1. You Walked Right In - 3.21
2. I'm Tired - 3.36
3. You Better Pay Attention - 3.20
4. Burning Up - 4.11
5. The Straight And Narrow Line - 5.50
6. Mr Bad Luck - 4.21
7. Down Home Blues - 3.21
8. In The Back Of My Mind - 3.38
9. 7 Steps - 3.27
10. Love Turned Cold - 3.53
11. You Can Have It Your Way - 3.32

All music and lyrics by Thorbjørn Risager
except "7 Steps" by Martin Seidelin
Arrangements by Thorbjørn Risager & band

The band

Thorbjørn Risager - vokal & guitar

Emil Balsgaard - piano, orgel

Svein Erik Martinsen - guitar

Kasper Wagner - sax

Peter Kehl - trompet

Søren Bøjgaard - bas

Martin Seidelin - trommer

Lea Thorlann & Pia Trøjgaard - kor

Behind the scenes

Recorded live at Victoria Theatre in Malmö, Sweden, October 2008

Recorded by Bo Savik, Nilento Studio

Mixed by Morten Bue at Black Tornado Studio

Mastered by Lennart Kjeldsen, Master Touch

Produced by Thorbjørn Risager & the band

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