

Synje Norland - SKIPPING STONES

More than delicate singer-songwriter-pop - much more: simply having a good time with yourself.

All is well. Synje Norland has arrived, with her debut album and an ensemble of magical songs, that immediately travel to your ear and heart. The velvety soft timbre, the clarity of her tone, the refreshingly sparse arrangements, carried by an acoustic guitar are effective.

SKIPPING STONES is a collection of 12 songs, that feel good and move through your day and life with you like good friends. Is it a wonder? Synje Norland doesn't just create music, she is music - with every part of her being. Her personal and musical style does exactly what it wants, which is to avoid every attempt of forming it into words and clichés.

Those who need to categorize should stick to the formula: pure, unfiltered singer-songwriter-pop - mixed with a fine dose of country, folk and English lyrics.

And this out of Germany? Indeed - even if you find that hard to believe at first: Synje Norland is not Norah Jones' blond sister. She wasn't born in Memphis, but on the other side of the Atlantic by the waterside between the North and the Baltic Sea. She was literally born into the music business, her father owning a music shop. That he generously let her play around in his display is evident today.

So, take some time out, switch off your cell phones and enjoy: these songs deserve your full attention and respect - they have their own sounding personalities, multi-layered, deep - and true: they mean what they say.

Listen, listen, listen....to your heart and the power of this voice!