

BIO Jacob Karlzon

Swedish jazz pianist and composer Jacob Karlzon's most recent album '*Open Water's* was recorded in 2019 with Warner Music. He loves it when others connect with what he creates.

"I really do want to take you emotionally out to sea, into a situation where you have to decide in which direction you want to swim."

Stylistically and musically, Jacob Karlzon is well-travelled. He's a classically trained pianist but has shared a stage with big names in jazz such as Kenny Wheeler, Norma Winstone and Billy Cobham. He forayed into the world of heavy metal with his albums "More" and "Now," allowing electronic elements to set the pulse. No wonder he prefers to describe himself as an 'alternative musician'.

Karlzon's powerful techniques and deep sensibility have made him a popular 'sideman' working together with stars like *Cæcilie Norby, Gino Vannelli, Nils Landgren, Till Brönner and Lisa Bassenge* as well as being a sought after musical director for artists such as Viktoria Tolstoy .

Whilst he has a growing reputation as an ensemble performer, his personal projects have also received great recognition. In 2010 he was awarded the Swedish Django d'Or and voted Jazz Musician of the Year. In 2012 he was added to the Steinway Artist roster, an international recognition of excellence and in 2015 was acclaimed *Jazz-group of the Year* in the *Swedish Radio's audience poll*.

To date Karlzon has produced eleven albums under his own name and the most recent one, '*Open Waters*', with Warner Music. Besides solo recordings and older quintet and quartet productions, he works primarily with his trio as a creative unit. Currently the trio includes Morten Ramsbøl on bass and Rasmus Kihlberg on drums. Both have collaborated with him for years on a variety of projects playing with the Viktoria Tolstoy Group and Human Factor. There is a deep, mutual understanding between the three of them across all aspects of music which has created a strong interplay and a huge dynamic range involving everything from a deep, true groove to wide open soundscapes. Karlzon has put out one solo piano album 'One' and toured Europe which has also established him as a well-respected solo act.



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