



JOHN VENKIAH TRIO

On to something good

Featuring
Karl-Martin Almqvist
& Cosima Olu

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Now booking summer and autumn 2023

"Among the best I've heard at Ystad Jazzcafé" "The trio is so responsive and close that they become a triangle." "[John] complements as well as contrasts his romantic playing with his hoarser voice. Once again, 'For Stevie', listen, just listen! What a wonderful soul pop jazz ballad." - Bengt Eriksson, Lira Musikmagasin / Ystad Allehanda.

Venkiah's fluent playing and his brilliant technique make a thousand harmonies bloom along with his soft, pleasant voice. Petersson's bass and Rostedt's drums blend in great solos and become indispensable for the entire production." - Lasse Seger, Orkester Journalen

"A firm grip on tradition, fresh, personal ideas, brilliant technique, delicate touch" (...) "a fully equipped young jazz pianist." - Sven Bjerstedt, Ystad allehanda

In 2020, the group celebrated 10 years together by recording this unique album which was released in May 2021. Starring brilliant guests Cosima Olu and Karl-Martin Almqvist, more and more devotion to soul and R'n'B influences and with a more personal voice than ever, "On to Something Good" is John Venkiah Trio like you've never heard them before. The trio, which have many concerts behind them, has also been mentioned in the magazines Downbeat and Wall Street Journal and received the Ystad Jazz Festival's "Next Generation Awards" in 2020.

The trio's third album contains solely original pieces where vocals and instrumentals alternate. Influences vary from Stevie Wonder to Brad Mehldau while they maintain their Nordic melancholia.

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