

Untold Stories – new album from EQV

In August the new album Untold Stories by the Swedish band EQV will be released. The songs are a bit darker and more stripped down, still the listener will recognize the slight twist that is so significant for the band.

Untold Stories is the follow up album to One Way Up, released in 2015. During the last year the band has focused on writing and recording new songs. After countless hours in the studio. The result is an album that presents three different songwriters unique style in a more pronounced way. The songs are more stripped down and display a darker and more thoughtful side of the band, based in Örebro, Sweden.

- We have all experienced changes in our lives lately and that reflects in the creative process, says Isabelle Ulfsson, flutist and pianist.

Still, the experimental playfulness shines brightly through the album. The voices are accompanied by theremin and musical saw, the flute meets electronic sounds and in the soft song Space between an old wall clock has found its way in.

EQV was formed in 2012 when the three musicians Isabelle Ulfsson, Jimmy Hillberg and Esbjörn Lilja met in Örebro, Sweden. The three songwriters come from different, musical backgrounds. Each one of them have their own way to approach the creative process of songwriting. This could be challenging for a band but in EQV's case the differences have turned out to be a benefit more than a problem. Jimmy, bass player in EQV, is interested in unusual musical instruments. He plays theremin and musical saw.

During the years EQV have done several live performances in Sweden, such as a couple of gigs at the festival Live at heart, in their hometown Örebro. In 2015 EQV traveled to Bolivia to be inspired by the music of the Andes and to get in touch with Bolivian musicians. One of the strongest memories from the journey is a spontaneous gig on the Jazz club Clapton in Santa Cruz. The journey also had another purpose. Isabelle is interested in the growing, South American movement for people with disabilities. She is visually impaired and wants to contribute to build bridges between people, regardless of ability, gender or ethnicity. Every person's got a story to tell and that's what the title, Untold Stories, is about.

- Everyone of us have our own way to tell our personal story, ours is through the music. The stories make us unique and equal at the same time, I believe that's how we can create understanding among people, says Jimmy.