



# ACOUSTIC LOUNGE

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as it seems at first glance.”

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# ABOUT

Take five contemporary jazz musicians mixing feel-good repertoire and soul-infused grooves and you'll be some way towards understanding the sound of Danish group Acoustic Lounge.

Following the success of their debut album which garnered over **two million streams** worldwide, the group is back with a bigger, bolder recorded statement featuring some of Denmark's most esteemed jazz musicians.

With its two founders – Mikkel Schnettler and Michael Hartvig – on percussion, the **atypical** quintet line-up is completed with the smooth, soulful vocals of frontman **Søren Baun**, celebrated bassist **Jesper Bodilsen** and saxophonist **Claus Waidtløw**.

Acoustic Lounge's sound is **relaxed**, easy-going, and **playful**. One hardly notices the omission of a traditional drum kit, as their percussion-heavy sound lays a foundation of

rich, latin-influenced grooves. At a concert with Acoustic Lounge nothing is as it seems. What at first glance seems to be an easy-going smooth jazz experience opens up to be an intriguing world full of surprising new arrangements.

The repertoire provides some **refreshing interpretations** of their diverse program. From well known jazz standards such as the title track '**Alone Together**' or Jobim's 'One Note Samba', to pop classics like Elvis Presley's 'Can't Help Falling In Love', to the 21st Century anthem that is Pharrell Williams' 'Happy', the record is united by a sound which makes each song their own.

The quintet preserves the **essence** and feeling of each composition and gives them a modern twist, be it through pop and neo-soul harmony, melodic saxophone solos, multi-tracked backing vocals, or entirely **original passages** of music within songs that every listener will recognize.

With an extensive touring history in their home country, Acoustic Lounge is made up of some of Denmark's most celebrated jazz musicians alongside some rising stars of the Scandinavian scene.

Bassist Jesper Bodilsen, winner of the **Django d'Or Prize** as 'Performer of the Year' in 2004, has toured the world, performing with some of the biggest names in Jazz including Brad Meldau, Bill Frisell, and Gregory Porter. Saxophonist Claus Waidtløw, winner of the Danish Music Awards' '**Jazz Composer of the Year**' in 2015 has worked with the likes of John Scofield, Christian McBride, and Maria Schneider to name a few.

The two bandleaders **Mikkel Schnettler** and **Michael Hartvig** on percussion are stalwarts of the scene and singer-pianist Søren Baun is known for a broad range of winning musical projects.

# THE BAND

## Jesper Bodilsen bass

Winner of Django d'Or Prize as **"Performer of the Year"** in 2004. Has played all over the world with **Brad Mehldau**, Phil Woods, Tom Harrell, Dino Saluzzi, Enrico Rava, **Gregory Porter**, Marc Turner, Bill Frisell, James Mody, Benny Golson, Seamus Blake, Duke Jordan, Jeff "Tain" Watts, Paolo Fresu, Joe Calderazzo, Gino Vanelli and Lionel Loueke.

## Claus Waidtløw sax

Winner of Danish Music Awards **"Best Jazz Composer Of The Year"** in 2015. Has also contributed as a prolific sideman to more than 60 recordings, and has worked with such great artists as Toots Thielemanns, **Eliane Elias**, Kurt Elling, **John Scofield**, Eddie Gomez, Steve Swallow, Carla Bley, **Christian McBride**, Mulgrew Miller, Bill Stewart, Billy Hart, Jeff Ballard, Dave Kikoski, Sam Yahell, Danny Grissetts, Bob Brookmeyer, Maria Schneider, Jens Winther, NDR Bigband and The Danish Radio Bigband.

## Søren Baun vocals/piano

Singer, pianist and songwriter. Has released one single in his own name and is in the middle of producing his debut album. Released the album "Baun On Beatles – Live at the Village" in 2019. Has played with many artists on stage and in the studio – among others: **Hans Ulrik**, **DR Big Band**, Claudia Campagnol, Touché Vocal jazz ensemble, Simon Spang-Hanssen, Omar Lye-Fook and Victor Jones.

## Michael Hartvig percussion

Has played with a number of Danish artists in all genres.

## Mikkel Schnettler percussion

Has played with many Danish artists in all genres, both on stage and in the studio– among others **The Danish Radio Big Band**, Simon Spang-Hanssen, Zididada, Annette Heick, Rasmus Nøhr, Karen Mukupa. Has toured and recorded with **Django Bates'** big band stoRMChaser.

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