

## **Kristin Asbjørnsen**

### **You Hold Me While Leaving Me**

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“You Hold Me While Leaving Me” is the new single from Kristin Asbjørnsen’s forthcoming album, “Traces of You,” to be released March 16<sup>th</sup> 2018.

The song has a haunting sound, with strong vocals, poetic lyrics and unforgettable melodies.

On this album Kristin collaborates closely with her long-term guitarist Olav Torget, a musician who has been very important in enriching her musical landscape. The album also introduces a new musical encounter with the Gambian griot Suntou Susso.

With assured melodic flair and poetic words, guitars, West African kora, konting and vocals are woven creatively into a gorgeous, groovy and meditative vibration.

The music carries traces of West African music, lullabies and contemplative, Nordic jazz. The songs are like delicate sensations: of life’s imprints, presence and love’s transformations.

“Traces of You” has its origin in songs from Kristin’s commissioned work for Global Oslo Music in 2016. Her new music has already received an overwhelming response, and has opened new terrain in her multifaceted musical universe.

#### **About Kristin Asbjørnsen**

One of the most distinguished artists on the vibrant extended music scene in Europe. During the last decade, she has received overwhelming international response among critics and public alike for her personal and unique musical expression. She has won several national Music Awards. In France, Kristin became the winner of the Mondomix Babel Med prize in 2009. Her previous solo albums I’ll meet you in the morning (2013), The night shines like the day (2009) and Wayfaring stranger (2006) were released across Europe via Emarcy/Universal. Wayfaring stranger sold to Platinum in Norway. Kristin made the score for the movie Factotum (Bukowski/Bent Hamer) in 2005. Kristin collaborates with the piano player Tord Gustavsen. During many years Kristin focused on work with her musical ensembles Kvitretten, Dadafon and Krøyt.

“Traces of You” is the first release from the newly established label **Global Sonics**, specializing in new creative collaborations between artists from all over the world.

Music and lyrics by Kristin Asbjørnsen

#### Musicians:

Kristin Asbjørnsen – vocals

Olav Torget – guitar, percussion

Suntou Susso – kora, vocals

Anders Engen – percussion

Monica Ifejilika – vocals

Recorded and mixed by Ulf Holand of HolandSound.no.

**Produced by Kristin Asbjørnsen with Torget&Holand.**

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