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On his second solo CD the Swedish guitarist Johannes Möller plays his own guitar music (one of the works is composed in collaboration with Laura Fraticelli and one piece is an arrangement of an Indian song). Guest artists are the Swedish flutist Mats Möller and the Argentinian guitarist Laura Fraticelli.

Why Johannes Möller self-taught at the age of twelve started to compose music he does not know, but an outburst of creativity resulted in a large quantity of mainly chamber music works for various instrumentation. A selection of those where recorded on a CD with some of the top instrumentalist in Sweden when he was at the age of 14.

In his later teenages he continued composing but with increasing struggle, going through various compositional styles and techniques. It was not until he composed his piece *When the winds dissolve* for alto flute and guitar in 2006 that he found his personal voice. The world premiere of this piece that took place during the "Iserlohn International Guitar Symposium" was received with such enthusiasm from colleagues and students that he decided to dedicate himself to mainly compose music for the guitar. Johannes has studied counterpoint and composition in Sweden, and at the Royal College of Music in London with William Mival. Later he studied with Richard Ayres in the Netherlands.

Johannes Möller was born 1981 and is now living in the Hague, the Netherlands. As a guitarist he has earned a Bachelor of Music with Honours from the Royal College of Music in London where he studied guitar with Gary Ryan and Carlos Bonell, and a Masters degree at the Royal Conservatoire in the Hague where he studied with Zoran Dukic.

In June 2010 he was awarded first prize in the GFA Concert Artist Competition that was held in Austin, USA. In March 2008 he won the prestigious Dutch Vriendenkrans concours that took place in the Concertgebouw in Amsterdam. He also became the first guitarist ever to win the Ljunggrenska Competition (Sweden) in 2007. In 2005 he became the first guitarist to win The Bromsgrove Festival International Young Musicians Platform (England).

More information about this production, and press photos, at www.sfz.se/6015, and about Johannes at www.johannesmoller.com.

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