**Soleil Niklasson Quintet** (U.S.A./NL/D)

-Soulful Jazz-

Soleil Niklasson presents her new CD "RISE" (Jazzsick Records) with her quintet. Blessed with a wonderful voice and a great aura, she will present her program with exclusively her own compositions, which are stylistically influenced by jazz, gospel and soul. Soleil's motto: "My theme is to challenge the mind and move hearts!"

*(...) Soleil Niklasson already belongs to the very great singers of Jazz, Blues and*

*Soul (...) (Westfälische Nachrichten)*

*(...) Soleil Niklasson has one of the most captivating Jazz/Soul voices in a long*

*time (...) (Akkustik Gitarre)*

*"We recorded our songs during the pandemic, when the world suddenly seemed to stand still, and we used the time to be creative and recorded the CD "RISE". The songs are about hope, faith, love and courage and we hope to uplift and encourage listeners. At the center of all my songs is: Love is King” (Soleil)*

Soleil Niklasson was born in Chicago where she was raised in church and grew up later on in Los Angeles. At the age of 5 she was already singing with the famous Oscar Brown Jr. Later she worked with music greats like Stan Getz, Billy Preston and Linda Hopkins.

Soleil - “the sun” - is a spiritual singer who is able to captivate the audience with her great voice. Her singing is authentic, comes from the heart and radiates pure joy de vivre. Her voice is touching, warm and powerful, grounded and full of energy.

With her talented musicians, who develop their own unique sound, she has found a perfect complement, which lets her songs sound in full splendor.

**Soleil Niklasson - voc**

**Andreas Laux - sax**

**Sven Bergmann - p**

**Caspar van Meel - b**

**Andreas Griefingholt - dr**

(All compositions by Soleil Niklasson, Sven Bergmann & Andreas Griefingholt / lyrics by Soleil Niklasson)

www.soleilniklassonquintet.com

videos:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4C9G8kcnWD8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mtLpkLIjEm0>