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NUSPIRIT HELSINKI - OUR FAVORITE THINGS

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BACKDROP LAUNCHES NEW COMPILATION SERIES,

"OUR FAVORITE THINGS,"

WITH A SELECTION OF TREASURED FAVORITES FROM NUSPIRIT HELSINKI
FEATURING TRACKS AND REMIXES BY TRENTEMØLLER, JORI HULKONNEN, AISHA
DUO, FIVE CORNERS QUINTET FEATURING MARK MURPHY, JOAKIM, COCO ROSIE,
WAI WAN AND FLÜGELSCHLAG!

New York-based imprint Backdrop launches new compilation series **OUR FAVORITE THINGS** with an eclectic selection of treasured favorites from the mind of groundbreaking Nordic Jazz collective **NUSPIRIT HELSINKI**.

The album marks the label's second release and is the start of a brand new series tapping notable genre-bending artists to freely and thoughtfully curate their own selection of treasured favorites on one cohesive disc in the spirit of groundbreaking series like **Back To Mine** and **Late Night Tales**. The label's first release was the critically-acclaimed **Moods: You, The Night And The Music** compilation, out in USA and Canada in February 2008, compiled by Craig Roseberry, aka DJ Shifty.

In presenting their "Favorite Things", **NUSPIRIT HELSINKI** main man Tuomas Kallio ingeniously crafts an accessible moody soundscape highlighting contemporary Scandinavian and northern European sounds that blend folk, pop, electronic, jazz and house capturing a range of emotions. The dynamic collection journeys through a colorful expanse of stirring melodic lullabies, penetrative atmospheric, elegant jazz requiems, hypnotic tech house, fluttering electronic beats and sinuous Afro-Latin grooves featuring tracks and remixes by **TRENTEMØLLER, JORI HULKONNEN, AISHA DUO, FIVE CORNERS QUINTET FEATURING MARK MURPHY, JOAKIM, COCOROSIE, WAI WAN and FLÜGELSCHLAG!**

"The idea was to create a stylistically varied mix with a contemporary Scandinavian/Northern European vibe," explains Kallio. "Of course there's other stuff included as well, everything from new forms of folk / pop meet electronic, minimal tech and some hints of jazz."

"Overall, I wanted to the album to be very vibrant and musically diverse, which I think is really important in today's market. People have been looking for and responding to a much broader spectrum of music than in the past, from the young to the more mature. And while this isn't directed at mainstream audiences, I think it will definitely interest or intrigue the more artistically-minded or culturally 'tuned in' music lovers."

OUR FAVORITE THINGS encompasses Kallio and NSH's trademark stylistic dexterity and sophisticated organic sound that infuse live instrumentation with refined electronic textures heavily informed by a wealth of jazz, funk, soul and Afro-Latin influences, as well as, hip hop, broken beat, two step, drum and bass, and house. This broad spectrum of musical influences and perspectives is vividly echoed throughout the compilation demonstrating why Nuspirt Helsinki has ascended to the forefront of the European electronic music receiving extensive support from taste-making DJs worldwide including **GILLES PETERSON, JAZZANOVA, THIEVERY CORPORATION, NORMAN JAY, PATRICK FORGE, KYOTO JAZZ MASSIVE, DR. BOB JONES, and UFO**, and glowing accolades from major publications such as Billboard, URB, MixMag, Genre and Penthouse.

Since their conception in 1998 by founding members Kallio and Hannu Nieminen (a.k.a. DJ Ender), the multi talented collective of DJs, producers, and musicians including Kallio, Nieminen, Kim Rantala (a.k.a. Kasio), Toni Rantanen (a.k.a. DJ Lil' Tony) & Eppu Helle (a.k.a. DJ Eppu) has become synonymous with peerless masterful productions for Guidance Recordings, Jazzanova Compost Records (JCR) and Ubiquity Records and for their genre-defying remixes for artists like **YOKO ONO, BEBEL GILBERTO, ASTOR PIAZZOLLA, NICOLA CONTE** and **GRAND PIANORAMAX** that can be enjoyed on or off the dancefloor.

Alongside his work with Nuspirit Helsinki, Tuomas has enjoyed worldwide success with The Five Corners Quintet, the celebrated Helsinki-based postmodern jazz outfit (and extension of the Nuspirit collective) influenced by early sixties straight ahead and Latin jazz.

Kallio is also the driving force behind Finland's successful and internationally-renowned Flow Festival which, since it's inception in 2000, has steadily become an influential and vital part of Helsinki and the Finnish Ministry of Education's city-wide music and mixed media arts festival boasting an impressive line-up of both Finnish and international innovators ranging from indie rock and soul to hip hop, jazz to electronic including **FIVE CORNERS QUINTET, BEBEL GILBERTO, CUT COPY, THE ROOTS, CSS, ANE BRUN, CARL CRAIG, TIEFSCHWARZ, TIMO LASSY, JORI HULKONNEN, MARTHA REEVES & THE VANDELLAS, GILLES PETERSON, SEBASTIEN TELLIER, ESG, LUOMO, JAMIE LIDELL, MOODYMAN** and many more!

Nuspirit Helsinki's instalment of **OUR FAVORITE THINGS** is like getting a mix tape from your favorite band. The intimate 10-track set offers fans a peek behind the curtain at what inspires the group musically while showcasing their unique sonic identity.

Sit back, relax and prepare to be enchanted!

Track Listing:

01. Aisha Duo "Beneath an Evening Sky"
02. Joakim "Peter Pan Over The Bronx"
03. Trentemøller "Miss You"
04. Korpi Ensemble "A Moment of Love (Tuomas Kallio's Nuspirit Helsinki Electroclub Mix)"
05. Flügelschlag! "Mendiani" (Wai Wan UK Remix)
06. The Five Corners Quintet featuring Mark Murphy "Before We Say Goodbye" (Jori Hulkonnen Remix)
07. CocoRosie "Noah's Ark"
08. Tales in Tones Trio "Sabari"
09. Detektivbyrå "Nattöppet"
10. Flügelschlag! "Zwei Elfen"

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For more info on Tuomas Kallio, Nuspirit Helsinki and the Flow Festival, please visit: www.nuspirit.com and www.flowfestival.com