

SISSEL - 2009

Following Sissel's concert in Linköping during her Christmas Tour in Sweden in December 2008, the press raved ... *"There is no doubt that this Norwegian national singer is highly appreciated even in this part of Scandinavia. Every extra chair was in use at The Crusell Concert hall that truly could have been filled twofold...."*

2008 was a memorable year of concerts and tours for Sissel. The year was capped off with a highly successful tour of Denmark and Sweden. Sissel captivated the full house audience of 5.000 at the final concert in Karlstad, Sweden.

Sissel can look back on 23 fantastic years as an international artist. It all started in 1986 when Sissel performed during the intermezzo at the Eurovision Song Contest at Grieghallen in Bergen, Norway. All who witnessed this performance, either in the concert hall or on TV, remember this as the undisputed high point of that year's Eurovision show in Norway and the defining moment of her career. A charismatic artist with a pure and natural spirit, her angelic crystal clear voice conquered all that night.

The very same year her first album "Sissel" was released. Norway's largest selling newspaper, *VG* appointed Sissel "Name of the Year" and she also received the award "Musician of the Year" at the *Norwegian Grammy*. 20 years later, Sissel received the "Most Distinguished Artist" award at the same awards show.

In 2006, the 360 voice strong *Mormon Tabernacle Choir*, held their famous Christmas concerts in Salt Lake City, Sissel was their only guest artist. Both the CD and the DVD "Spirit of the Season" was recorded during these concerts. The album, aside from remaining at the No.1 position for 9 weeks on the Billboard list, was also selected as the "2008 Year-End Top Classical Albums" by the very same magazine.

In the US, both a CD and a DVD were released of Sissel's "Northern Lights" concert, held at a spectacular church in Røros, Norway, with José Carreras as Sissel's special guest. In November and December of 2007, this concert was aired on PBS stations nationwide in the US and was followed by two highly successful tours in the Spring of 2008.

Both "Spirit of the Season" and "Northern Lights" were shown on television throughout the Scandinavian countries this past Christmas.

Sissel is known worldwide for her performance of the Olympic hymn at the 1994 Olympic Games at Lillehammer, Norway as well as for the Christmas Concerts performed in Vienna with Plácido Domingo and José Carreras. Also of note, is the international attention she received from her participation on the soundtrack for the movie "Titanic" - the music from this film sold over 30 million copies, making it the world's biggest selling soundtrack in history! Sissel's clear and haunting voice can also be heard singing the refrain on Warren G's "Prince Igor" – this recording is simply unforgettable!

Sissel's stage band consists of keyboard/grand piano, guitar, percussion, violin, bass and harp.

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