Cellist and Singer Releases New Album "Natural" Inspired by the Beauty of Nature

Carly E's Solo Debut Album Release

Amsterdam, May 14, 2024 - Cellist and singer Carly E announces her latest musical project: the album "Natural." This album is an ode to the beauty of nature and an ambitious effort to make the cello shine across various music genres.



Photo: Florine van Dijk

A Natural Cello Sound

With a passion for both nature and the cello, Carly E (Carlijn van Wijk) has decided to merge these two loves in her music. "Natural" features 8 tracks with a neoclassical and accessible sound, where natural elements resonate in every chord and melody. From sunrise to moonlight, Carly E aims to take listeners on a sonic journey through the beautiful phenomena of nature.

In creating this album, Carly E collaborated with an established name in the neoclassical world, producer and pianist Cedric Vermue. They utilized acoustically suitable spaces to capture the authentic sound of the cello as purely as possible.

Between Cellopop and Neoclassical

Carly E is a Dutch cellist, singer, and composer. Since 2016, she has released multiple EPs, singles, and a band album, exploring genres such as folk, pop, and jazz, with her cello and voice at the forefront. She is known for her unique cello-playing style, incorporating loops, effect pedals, and vocals.

As a classically trained cellist, it is not typical to venture into and experiment with other genres, especially in a pop music world still dominated by guitars and pianos. "I used to play in classical talent classes and orchestras. As a cellist, you are traditionally confined to the classical repertoire. I have played Shostakovich and Mahler with great love, but that well-trodden path just didn't suit me." After releasing various cellopop tracks, she wanted to return to her roots for her solo debut album and found inspiration in classical music combined with pop music-like structures and chords. The album is characterized by multiple cello layers, vocal harmonies, supported by piano and occasional electronic effects, giving it an almost cinematic feel. "And if you must categorize the music of this album, it's neoclassical music," says Carly E.

Neoclassical Sounds in the Theater

On Friday, September 27, Carly E's album "Natural" will be released at "De Roode Bioscoop" theater in Amsterdam. Together with producer and pianist Cedric Vermue, she will bring her album to life for the first time before an audience. During the evening, she will not only perform the entire album but also share the inspirations and creative process behind it. It promises to be a unique evening, where the audience will be carried away by the melancholic melodies of the cello, the rhythm of nature, and the serene sounds of the piano.

I warmly invite you to Carly E's solo debut album release on September 27 at "De Roode Bioscoop" theater in Amsterdam. There are a limited number of seats available. Please RSVP to hello@carly-e.com.

To write a review, you can listen to the album <u>here</u> (password: Natural2024) or receive a CD in September. Please send an email to hello@carly-e.com.