

mike wilde

Special Stories review:

Special Stories is an Album that you want to listen to again and again. With delicate Trumpets, Strings, Guitars and mellow Fender Rhodes tones it's a pleasure for fussy listeners that want elegant and intelligent music without the syrupy feeling.

-NäringslivsRespons (Sweden)



Mike Wilde began his career as a musician fronting Sydney Punk/Funk darlings `Holiday´ in the late 80's.

Studying voice and movement while continuing to hone his song writing and performance skills, he eventually founding groove outfit `Plus´. The band recorded two EP's and appeared on Wonderworld (CH 9), Rage (ABC) and Home and Away (CH 7/One of Australia's most popular TV Exports) in 1996. He also became a sought after vocal and performance coach and enjoys coaching to this day.

Via the streets of Amsterdam and Berlin his path continued as a Journeyman musician and actor, eventually settling in Gothenburg, Sweden. Over the next few years he appeared as an actor on a number of SVT productions. `The Sixth Day´ (2000) SVT Drama, `Commissioner Winter´ (2001) SVT Drama, Familjen (The Family, 2002) SVT Drama (9 episodes).

Spotted on `The Family´ he was asked to front `The Man Band` on vocals and bass. This hybrid group mixed up the borders between Rock/Pop/Soul/Jazz/Cabaret and even the Blues. The band proved immensely popular, holding down a week long residency at The Gothenburg Festival (GöteborgsKalaset) and worked steadily on the Swedish west coast and Norway. A yearlong contract followed with the Stena Line Boats on the Sweden-Germany line.

At the same time he continued to refine his studio skills, collaborating with Scandinavian musicians and producers as a writer/arranger/producer and session musician and jamming regularly with a number of groups, including The King George Blues Band as a sideman/rhythm guitarist.

Mike Wilde began to appear as a Solo Artist in 2005, while studying at Gothenburg University. During this period he was contacted by Swedish Director Jenny Mases, who wrote a part especially for him in her Film `Coming Home´. It debuted successfully at the Gothenburg Film Festival in 2006 and was aired on Swedish and Finnish TV several times during 2007/2008.



In `Coming Home´ Mike's character Jack sings `Shaking´, an original MW composition, which has been included as a Bonus Track on his Solo Debut Album, `Special Stories´.

Since the limited release of `Special Stories` in April, 2008, songs like `Big Fat Angel´ have seen Mike Wilde receiving accolades from all over the world, both for his unique writing style and impressive vocal performances.

Mike Wilde may be a Journeyman but in his case it's a journey that's been well worth the wait.

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