



# Håkon Kornstad / Kork: Kornstad + Kork - live

Marechiare (Tosti. arr Håkon Kornstad, inspired by Mario Lanza) · En svane (Grieg, arr Erlend Skomsvoll) · Plystre (Kornstad, arr Kjetil Bjerkestrand) · Nadir (Bizet, Kornstad) · L'Ultima Canzone (Tosti, arr. Håkon Kornstad) · Di Tu Se Fedele (Verdi, arr Erlend Skomsvoll) · Aba (Kornstad)

**Håkon Kornstad Ensemble:** Håkon Kornstad – tenor, tenor saxophone, sansula, whistling · Lars Henrik Johansen – piano, celesta, harpsichord · Sigbjørn Apeland – harmonium · Per Zanussi – double bass · Øyvind Skarbø – drums · Kork - The Norwegina Radio Orchestra · Christian Eggen, conductor

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Tenor Battle with strings! This collaboration marks an exciting continuation of the critically acclaimed Tenor Battle album from 2015. Now with a full symphonic orchestra, Kornstad delivers a seamless mix between classical songs (F.P. Tosti's "Marechiare" and "L'Ultima Canzone"), opera arias (G. Bizet's "Nadir's aria" from Les pêcheurs de perles) and his own creative input, both as jazz saxophonist, in his scores, or in the improvisations with his ensemble.

## Creative arrangements

Undoubtedly one of Norway's most exciting arrangers, Erlend Skomsvoll provides a beautiful and Steve Reich-esque version of Edvard Grieg's "En svane", while Giuseppe Verdi's feisty canzone "Di tu se fedel" from the opera Un ballo in maschera is paired with high octane Charles Mingus-like meanderings.

In addition, the album features two instrumental tracks from the 2011 Kornstad solo album Symphonies in My Head — two improvised saxophone pieces tastefully adapted for orchestra. "Plystre" is given a symphonic overhaul by Kjetil Bjerkestrand, while "ABA" is adapted for cello quintet, rounding the album off in a tranquil way.

The concert will be aired on Norwegian TV on October 22, and also on Radio P2. Stay tuned!

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