

NORTHERN RESONANCE – WOMEX 2021 SHOWCASE

What they say: by Ton Maas mixedworldmusic.com

"It was also very sophisticated late at night with Northern Resonance, a string trio from Sweden. Don't think of a broken string quartet: this trio plays three instruments from different musical worlds. The most notable of these is the nyckelharpa, a traditional Swedish instrument that is somewhere between violin and hurdy-gurdy and is also known as a keyboard violin. From neighboring Norway comes the hardingfele, a violin with extra resonance strings, just like the viola d'amore, the third weapon in the arsenal of this Swedish trio. "We recently added all our strings together and you fervently hope that there won't be too much tuning", Anna Ekborg joked at the first announcement. As befits real folk musicians, music is always played with a broad smile. The pieces sometimes sound quite simple at first hearing, but that's an illusion. If you listen carefully, you will discover more and more subtle nuances. The highlight of the showcase was a lullaby written by nyckelharpa player Petrus Dillner in a dreamy atmosphere, in which all those strings curled up sweetly and without a single dissonance."

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