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# JOSEF & ERIKA

## ARE CELEBRATING 10 YEARS WITH THE ALBUM

# FLOODS

In the past decade, this duo has released two albums and have toured throughout Sweden and abroad. They developed and established a unique sound with their debut **Wallpaper Stories** (2005) and the Swedish grammy nominated **Small small small small sounds** (2007). With these two albums they have gained a well-deserved corner of their own on the alternative music scene.

Even though this duo has already made a reputation as creators of great and original music, they have taken the bull by the horns one more time to push the music further. With their third album, **Josef & Erika** expand their duo with arrangements for tuba, french horn and flugel horn. The vast and deep voice of the brass trio is carefully added to their otherwise minimalistic expression. It's a perfect match, and brings another atmosphere to the new songs, influenced by folk, pop and experimental music.

The imagery of an overflow of water, which is *Floods*, symbolizes the constant changing of life as well as the never-ending repetition. The lyrics are poems and outlines of experiences that brings in new perspectives of life and force us to face another turning point. It's thoughtful, beautiful, sad

and hopeful by turns, sometimes all at once. The compositions are sharper than ever and along with the new element that the horn trio brings to the table, Josef & Erika perform grand and deeply emotional music.

Josef Kallerdahls' innovative and varied way of playing puts a very characteristic tone on the music. He gives every song it's own personal voice with warm and powerful double bass as well as raw and distorted electric bass. At the center of everything you find Erika Angell's sweet but intense voice. She hauls her listeners close and sings the lyrics and the melodies in such an intimate and persuasive way that you can't do anything but give her your full attention.

The brass trio contains **Emil Strandberg** on flugel horn, **Ayman Al Fakir** on french horn and **Sami Al Fakir** on tuba.

Erika Angell also appears with Thus:Owls and Josef Kallerdahl with Musicmusicmusic and New Tango Orquesta.

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