

Robert Vendetta «Here and Now»

Robert Vendetta follows up this year's first single "Vacation" with the ballad "Here and Now" due 29 August. It's a beautiful and deep song about living in the moment.

"I'm living here and now!"

"I can see it now; I have to make a change. It's hard to face the truth, how I've wasted time working for a future life." How about stopping for a bit, daring to be proud of what you have achieved and live in the moment? That's what Robert Vendetta asks himself in this song.

A few key words about the release:

- Beautiful and important ballad
- Piano and soul
- Dare to be proud
- Live here and now
- Retropop
- Modern old

We at Lazarus Music are proud to announce that Robert Vendetta is back, and his second single of the year is coming soon! It is the result of his first band record in decades, with the easily recognizable Vendetta sound. This song is a deep and beautiful one!

We nicknamed Robert Vendetta **the Norwegian mariachi** - simply because he's always wanted a mariachi suit. You can tell by the way he dresses. Though he's born and raised in Norway he's not a typical Norwegian guy. He loves all kinds of music. This has made him into a melting pot of influences, which all shines through in his music and stage performance! Robert Vendetta invented **Retropop** – or modern old as he sometimes calls it - and carries its flag as a producer, songwriter and an artist.

Robert Vendetta calls **the stage** his second – if not first – home. He's played for the Norwegian royal family several times! His musical heroes are amongst many James Brown, Elvis and Dee Snider. They taught him to put on a great show! Robert Vendetta has set out to make great **music videos** to showcase this – and says he's been lucky to have worked with great teams to make the music videos he envisioned. Some of them have been seen by more than a 100k people on facebook. Not bad for an indie artist! Robert Vendetta's music has been played on the radio on **four different continents**. He's been on TV in both Norway and México, and he did it well. His background as an actor and all the hours he spent in front of the mirror pretending to be on "The Letterman show" has paid off.

The single starts as a simple piano ballad and ends up in a soul landscape Robert has visited before. He calls it plastic soul! The focus here is the lyrics, and it's good - both deep and important!

This time he worked closely with **his band** when arranging the song, only playing piano and singing himself. His band consists of Anders Jansvik on drums, Torunn Christelle on mellotron and Håvard Solli on bass. Anders, Torunn and the artists János provided backing vocals.

Robert says that "Here and Now" was a song he wrote after receiving good advice from a smart friend: "what about stopping looking ahead and living in the moment?" The song is **influenced** by Norwegian artist Jahn Teigen and Swedish artist Laleh alongside Gabrielle Cilmi. On the lyrical side, **Leonard Cohen** has been an important inspiration. He says: "This lyric had to be good!"