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# Marja Mortensson / Daniel Herskedal

## LÅÅJE - DAWN / Vuelie / 2019

The Norwegian Grammy Award recipient Marja Mortensson and Daniel Herskedal have just finished their first duo album LÅÅJE – DAWN.

Mortensson's and Herskedal's music transcends borders. As such, their music moves effortlessly through the borderlands between South and Ume Saami yoik melodies, where it finds itself swinging back and forth between tradition and the musical compositions of classical string quartets. The melodies imitate standing stones, carefully rooted menhirs, who guide the listener from the gravity and melancholy of a planet finally speaking up against our treatment of her, to the playful yoik melodies associated with woodpeckers and ptarmigans.

Seven of the album's ten tracks feature the Trondheim Soloists' String Quartet, and their virtuosic musical engagement with the circular schematics of the traditional yoiks. As the album's musical director and co-producer, Herskedal has allowed the yoiks to influence and guide his musical arrangements. Mortensson is one of the world's foremost performers of traditional South and Ume Saami yoiks. Despite her young age, she has already received widespread recognition for her music.

Line-Up: Marja Mortensson, vocals / Daniel Herskedal, tuba, bass trumpet / Trondheim Solistene, strings