

EVIL EAR PRESENTS

M O L O S S E R

**Swedish MOLOSSER paint an electrically vibrant soundscape
with downtuned acoustic guitars, vocals and drums.**

Molossier's music is built around the interplay of two acoustic guitars, downtuned in a way that gives them the possibility to share the role of bass as well as rhythm and melody playing. Rather than using traditional acoustic guitar techniques of strumming or fingerpicking, Molossier weave deceptively simple and minimalistic lines and riffs into dancing, rolling patterns to which the vocals can add one more voice and deliver strong, poetical and highly personal lyrics. Any virtuosity involved is less about dexterity or speed and more about composition, arrangement and balance. One of the foundations for the music is having access to two rather different musical temperaments, intent on creating a common territory - not necessarily a middle ground but rather a wide, including landscape.

On the recordings, drums and sometimes one or two extra guitar tracks are overdubbed, but the songs will also survive with just the two guitars and vocals (as will be shown in recordings to be released at a later date), and in the recordings all the sounds are coaxed out of the acoustic guitars, vocals and drums. No external additives in the form of bass guitar, electric guitars, synths or children's choirs. This not so much to make a point as to get the positive effects of set limitations and having to work within them. Which, in turn, has paved the way for a unique, highly dynamic sound.

Molossier members Tess and Jahn share a life outside the duo as well, living at a small farm in Småland, Sweden with a herd of three old sheep, a gang of uncharacteristically sociable cats and a bunch of chickens (the original molossier, an American bulldog named Wilson and the gentlest of souls, died in 2017). Between them, Tess and Jahn have a wide musical experience ranging from noise rock through pop and grunge to improvised jazz, but prefer Molossier to be appreciated without references to past glories.

For more information about Molossier and their music, please don't hesitate to visit the website at evilear.com or contact Evil Ear at info@evilear.com!