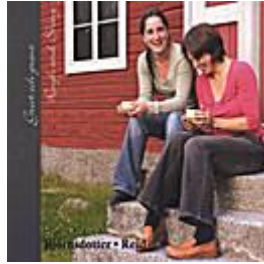


# Mp3 Björnsdotter - Reid - Rough And Shiny / Grovt Och Grant



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Traditional and original twin-fiddling from Sweden and the British Isles. 17 MP3 Songs FOLK: Traditional Folk, WORLD: Western European Details: 'Björnsdotter Reid - Rough and Shiny' is the much anticipated album by innovative young fiddlers Alicia Björnsdotter and Emma Reid. Their debut album presents traditional and contemporary fiddle music from Sweden and the British Isles. When Emma and Alicia take on a tune, they launch into a playful chase. The two fiddles bend and tease, take a turn, and then one follows smoothly the other. Elegant polskas are flavoured with blue notes and raw counter-melodies, and the arrangements for two fiddles give a Swedish touch to compositions by Chris Wood and Robert Harbron. Alicia Björnsdotter and Emma Reid are part of the emerging generation of new fiddlers in Sweden. While being deeply versed in traditional Swedish dance music, they skillfully merge other styles and techniques into a personal sound. Emma and Alicia both have a performance degree in traditional Swedish music from the Royal College of Music in Stockholm and Emma has also completed a Master in Music at Newcastle University. Alongside Swedish music, the vibrant fiddle tradition of the Shetland Isles and the traditional music of Emmas native England have a special place in their duo repertoire. Said about 'Rough and Shiny': On this record they focus on tight duo-playing. The Swedish tradition of playing Grovt och grant is something I cherish and it requires that the players really know how to play together. Björnsdotter and Reid does. [] Really nice selection of songs on this record. Excellent opening with a Kalle Almlf-tune. Nice to hear young fiddlers trying to do something funny with the tunes from west dalecarlia. Kalle Almlfs playing is so supreme which makes playing his tunes intimidating. But this duo makes it sound traditional and new at the same time. My spontaneous reaction to this record is that it is very good. Buy it. - Erik Svansbo, Okt 2006 Said about Björnsdotter Reid: The music produced by these two artists

leaves absolutely nothing to be desired of an evening's entertainment. The spirit of their performance is captivating and uplifting. One can not accurately appraise their work without risk of being accused of exaggerating. - Peg Eves, October 2004, Director, West Street Arts VT "It's beautiful the way you guys play together - like one instrument." - Rob Weisberg, Radio Broadcaster WFMU, October 2004

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