



VARRE VARTAINEN
HEAD AND HEART

FEATURING **MIKE STERN - LENI STERN**

+ **Joonatan Rautio** / Severi Pyysalo / **Visa Oscar** / **Timo Hirvonen** / Juho Kivivuori
Jukkis Uotila / **Jussi Lehtonen** / Mongo Aaltonen


"THIS GUY IS really extraordinary. I've been playing the guitar for my whole life. Varre is one of the best guitar players I've ever heard. Beautiful musician in general. Varre is a really good writer and he keeps going and he's got passion for it – and he's gonna keep going forever and ever."

Mike Stern

"I AM REALLY happy and proud of this album. I would never have believed as a little boy in Kerava, Finland, if someone had told me that one day I would make a record together with my great guitar idol Mr Mike Stern. Thank You Michael!"

Varre

Recorded 2022 & 2023 • Recorded, Mixed and Mastered by **Jyri Sariola** at Mimix Studios (Espoo, Finland) • **Moto Fukushima** engineer (Little Shoes Studios, New York City) • **Jussi Lehtonen** editing • Cover Photography **Jyri Sariola** • Cover Graphic Designer **Aarni Ylinen**

Special thanks to 

Mike Stern Thanks for the music and the friendship • **Leni Stern** beautiful playing and all the laughs together! • **Jukkis Uotila**, **Timo Hirvonen** and **Jussi Lehtonen** You guys are Amazing! • **Jyri Sariola** and to all the Musicians for making this music happen! • **Uniarts Helsinki** & **Sibelius Academy Doctoral School** • **The Finnish Cultural Foundation** (for financial support).
This album is dedicated to my whole Family.

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 - 02 HARDLY
 - 03 HEAD AND HEART
 - 04 DARK SIZE LIFE
 - 05 WALTZ FOR RONI
 - 06 BLUE VELVET ST.
 - 07 FOR MIKE
 - 08 FAT TIME BLUES
 - 09 MOOD SWINGS (#)
 - 10 BILL FROM SAO PAULO



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All Music Composed by Varre Vartiainen + (#) Mike Stern • Produced by Varre Vartiainen
Musicians: Varre Vartiainen Guitar • Vocal / Mike Stern Guitar • Vocal / Leni Stern Ngoni •
Vocal • (23rd St. Angel Choir) / Joonatan Rautio Saxophone / Severi Pyysalo Vibraphone
/ Visa Oscar Keyboard / Timo Hirvonen and Juho Kivivuori Bass / Jukkis Uotila and Jussi
Lehtonen Drums / Mongo Aaltonen Percussion

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