



## Christer Fredriksen – Urban Country

The guitar player Christer Fredriksen is finally out with his first CD under his own name. Urban Country is a title that refers to a musical description of an urban scenery. The CD was mixed and mastered in Rainbow Studio by Jan Erik Kongshaug.

Christer Fredriksen's music is instrumental, can be defined as jazz, but has clear elements of other musical styles. As a guest on this recording, is the renowned saxophone player Bendik Hofseth (known from Mike Manieri's Steps Ahead). Bendik adds his well known lyrical touch to Christer's compositions.

Christer is educated with a Masters in Rhythmical Music from the University in Agder and he has completed much research on sound; how different electric guitarists create their sound. In fact, he plays through self-made guitar amplifiers.

Christer played in several settings as a freelance musician for many years. He now comes out as a guitar player with a distinctive stamp on his sound and with an ability to tell stories through his music. In addition to his own compositions, Christer has rearranged the well known "In a Sentimental Mood" written by Duke Ellington and a piano piece written by Frederic Chopin. In spite of the fact that these pieces stand far from each other, Christer has managed to find a way to express an essence of these tunes in a catchy way that makes them fit well side by side with his own compositions.

For you as a listener, you are in safe hands in Christer's urban country.

**Christer Fredriksen** – guitar

**Audun Ramo** – bass

**Bjørn Stiauren** – drums

**Bendik Hofseth** – saxophone on track 1. 4.

**Ingolv Haaland** – piano on track 1. 4. 5.

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