



SONDRE LERCHE'S MUSICAL ACTIVITY IN
NORWAY AND THE UNITED STATES 1990-2022

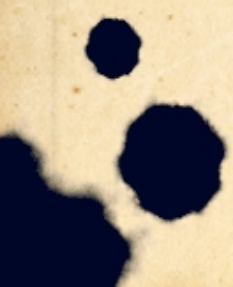
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Sondre Lerche Vaular (1982-)

- Began his career as a musician at the age of 8 on guitar
- Student at Bergen Cultural School
- Played his first solo concert in Bergen at Café Opera
- Musician and producer Hans Petter Gundersen was present in the audience

In his early teens



Sondre Lerche Vaular played in the band Side Effects

The Faces Downs (1999/2000)

- Lerche became acquainted with Kato Ådland, Morten Skage and Ole Ludvig Krüger when he went to the music department at Langhaugen upper secondary school
- He formed the band The Faces Downs in Bergen



Faces Down (EMI Norway, 2001)



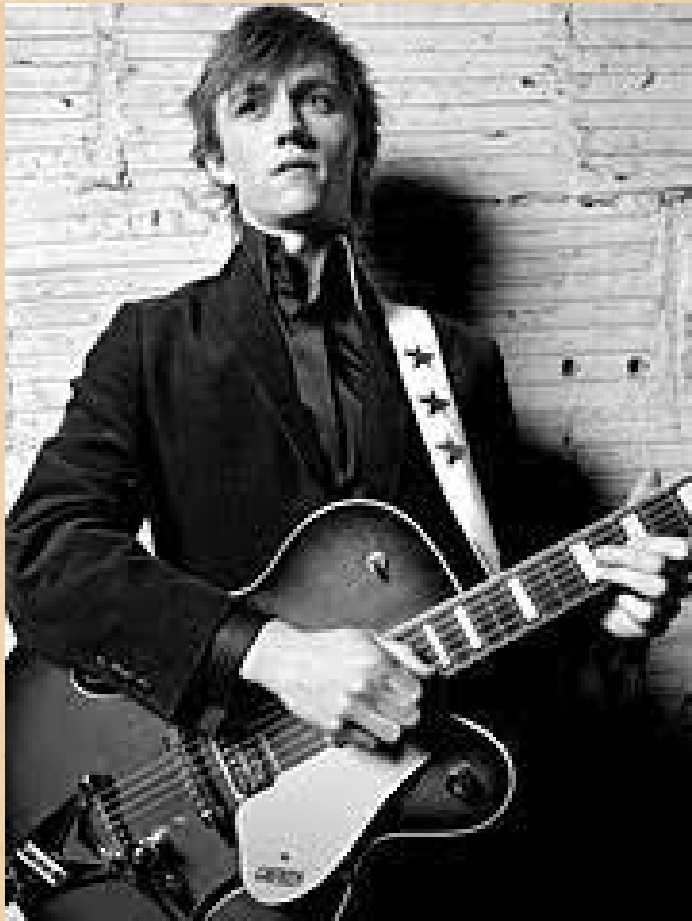
- With producer help from Yngve Sætre in Duper Studio at Møhlenpris in Bergen and Gundersen, Sondre Lerche and The Faces Downs recorded the album Faces Down and got a record contract and album release at EMI Norway.

You know so well / Modern Nature duet at Spellemann Prize

- Lerche experienced that he got radio rotation of the first single "You know so well" recorded with strings, including violinist Mari Persen and "Modern Nature", a duet recorded on the album with Lillian Samdal and later performed as a duet with Natalie Nordnes and Sondre Lerche during the Spellemann Prize 2001 on NRK.



Two Way Monologue (2004)



- Rolling Stone Magazine highlighted the album "Faces Down" as one of the best albums of 2001.
- Sondre Lerche & The Faces Down later toured the United States where he opened for Ed Harcourt and Nada Surf. In 2004, the follow-up album Two Way Monologue was released on Parlophone Norway and Norway tour where
- Lerche, among the others members of the band, opened for Morten Abel at Rockefeller Music Hall in Oslo and played at Hulen in Bergen.

Duper Sessions (2006)

- In 2006 came the third album Duper Sessions, where Erik Halvorsen contributes on grand piano with Kato Ådland on electric guitar and steel guitar, Morten Skage on electric bass and Ole Ludvig Krüger on drum kits.



Phantom Punch (2007)



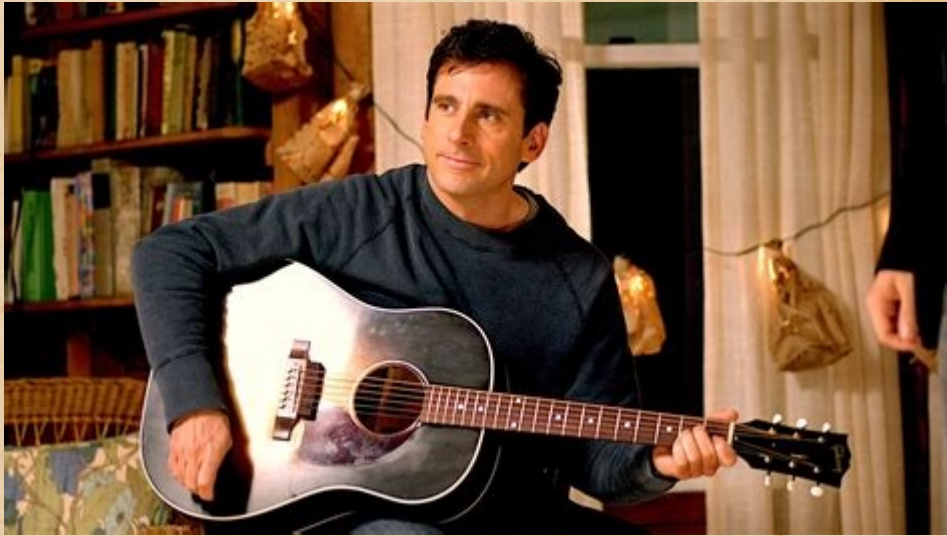
- In 2007 came the album Phantom Punch which was recorded with The Faces Down with the help of producer, guitarist and mixer Tony Hoffer in Los Angeles, California.

4 Vinyl (LP) reissue (2008)

- Sondre Lerche's first four albums were re-released on vinyl (LP) in 2008



...not on LP, Dan In Real Life Soundtrack (2007)



- The Spellemann duet "Modern Nature" was later performed by The Faces Down on the cinema screen in the American Hollywood film "Dan In Real Life" with Steve Carrell in the lead role in 2008 where Lerche wrote original film music for the film and participated during the filming on film at Gimle Kino in 2008.

Heartbeat Radio (2009)

- In 2009, Sondre Lerche launched the album Heartbeat Radio on CD and played a Halloween concert at Månefisker in Oslo, Norway



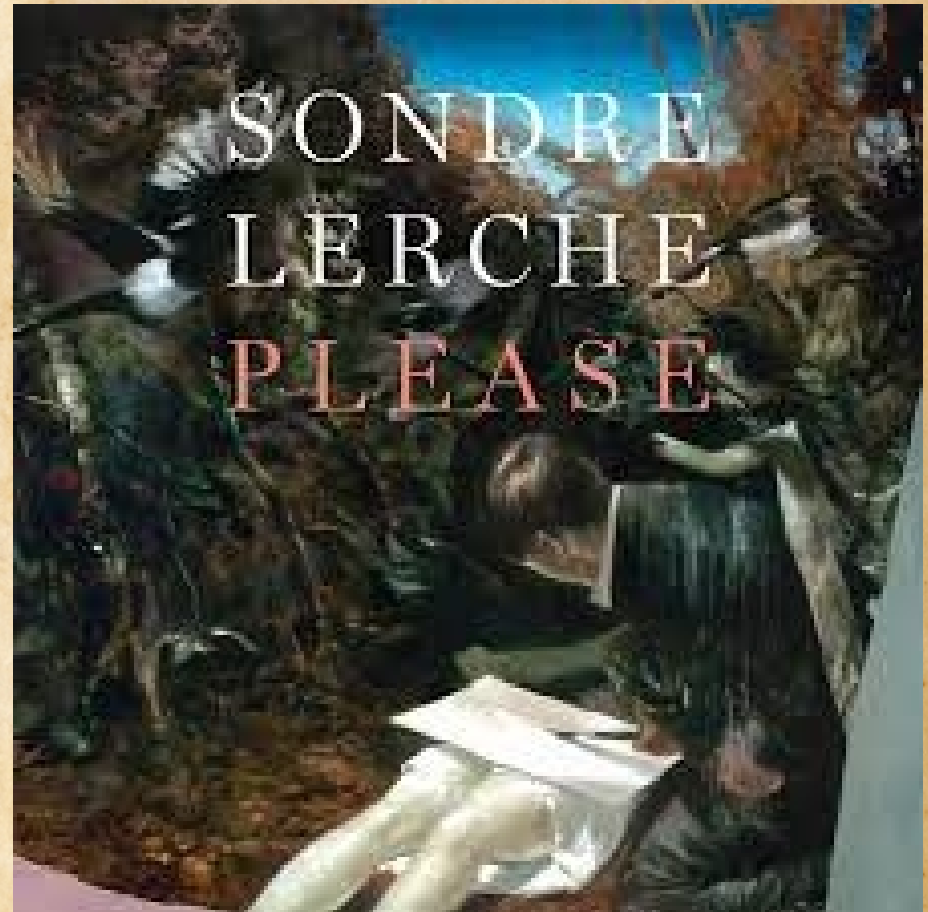
Sondre Lerche (1982-)



- In 2011 came his self-titled album “Sondre Lerche”
- In 2012 came “Bootlegs” (live album) recorded at Hulen, Bergen

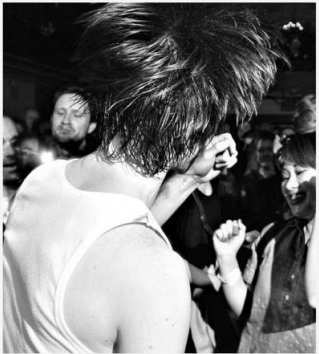
Please (2014), Art by Lars Elling

- In 2014 came Please, a breakthrough album after moving from New York to Los Angeles, in 2017 he recorded the electronic album Pleasure and in 2018 Lerche released the solo album Pleasure Solo where he plays the melodies from Pleasure on acoustic guitar.



Alle sanger handler om deg (2020) and Patience (2020)

Sondre Lerche



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Alle sanger handler om deg



- In 2020, Lerche published the collection of essays "Alle sanger handler om deg" (Flamme Forlag) and the album Patience was recorded with the Norwegian Broadcasting Orchestra, and in Drammen Theater as the concert film Patience Extravaganza and in Haakonshallen in Bergen during Bergenfest, shown at Festivalssommer on NRK TV.



Avatars of Love (2022)

- In April 2022, Sondre Lerche will release the album Avatars of Love recorded in Bergen and released on the record company PLZ with the second duet "Alone In The Night" recorded and performed on screens during the Øya Festival 2020 with Aurora Aksnes who also will perform during the Øya Festival 2022 in Tøyen Park, Oslo, Norway.
- See www.aurora-music.com, www.sondrelerche.com and www.oyafestivalen.no for updates.

