

Ben Granfelt's return as a solo artist

Los Bastardos Finlandeses's lead guitarist **Ben Granfelt** is released his 11th solo album "**Melodic Relief**" November 2nd 2012. The album contains 10 instrumental tracks ranging from driving rock (*Revenge of El Gringo*), haunting guitar ballads (*GMT* and *Still Waiting*) to almost prog rock and fusion (*New 7* and *Because we still can*).

"Melodies and songs come before solos, but good songs sometimes deserve long solos too", says Ben.

Ben asked some of his international guitarist friends to add their touch to 3 of the songs: Thomas Blug (Strat King of Europe 2004, GER) plays on the titel track *Melodic Relief* and the Jeff Becky *GTR Tech*. Andy Powell & Muddy Manninen from Wishbone Ash (UK) add the twin guitar attack to *New 7*.

Finland has always had a lot of musicians who are highly appreciated abroad and Ben is definitely one of them. Besides playing in bands such as Gringos Locos, Leningrad Cowboys, Guitar Slingers, Wishbone Ash and now Los Bastardos Finlandeses, he has built up a solid solo career on the side. Ben has 10 solo CDs and over 20 other CDs in his catalog to prove it. It's been 3 years since his last solo release and with *Melodic Relief* he makes a strong comeback.

The musicians playing on the album are all of the Finnish elite in rock.

Twist Twist Erkinharju - drums (Los Bastardos Finlandeeses, Peer Günt)

Miri Miettinen - drums (BGB , Erja Lyytinen Band)

Lauri Porra - bass (Stratovarius)

Ako Kiiski - bass (Guitar Slingers, BGB)

These players, combined with Bens guitar skills and song writing, surely guarantees a treat for everyone who's a fan of good instrumental guitar rock.

Ben will hit the road in Finland and the UK with his live band in November 2012 and Germany in September 2013

Melodic Relief is available on most download platforms as well as Amazon and Just for Kicks Music in Germany

German Tour dates:

6.9.2013 Rock Cafe St Pauli, Hamburg

7.9.2013 Kamphuis, Quickborn

10.9.2013 Erdbeerparadies, Föhr

11.9.2013 Alter Bahnhof, Trittau

12.9.2013 Belami, Hamburg-Bergedorf

13.9.2013 Earth Music Hall, Wetter

14.9.2013 Batterie, Kassel

15.9.2013 Village, Habach

16.9.2013 Kofferfabrik, Fürth

18.9.2013 Franzis, Wetzlar

19.9.2013 Rainer's Rockhouse, Algermissen

20.9.2013 Zum Landsknecht, Königslutter

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