

HM Johnsen

Eyes wide open, ready for the Royal Albert Hall

*HM Johnsen is an amazing young guitarist from western Norway. At 20 he has released his first album and won the **Union Cup**, a contest arranged by the Norwegian Blues Union in order to promote young musician playing the blues. The event took place at the world famous **Notodden Blues Festival**. When he claims that he wants to become a guitar hero, and that he shall play the Royal Albert Hall people may have their laughs. That young Johnsen laughs to, because he knows it will be such a fun thing to do. But first he and the band will be touring as the **Union Band**, representing the **Norwegian Blues Union** in 2018..*

Hans-Marius

HM Johnsen's full name is Hans-Marius Johnsen. The Norwegian is raised on a little island on the west coast with three houses. Soon after he picked up the guitar, he had a lesson with a guitar teacher. He had no problems mastering his first lesson, so he found more challenges from YouTube, playing til his fingers were bleeding. On his next lesson he demonstrated that he had done his homework, and then some things he had found online. The teacher suggested that the kid should continue using YouTube. That's the musical education of HM Johnsen.

A few years later rumors about a very young guitar hero was heard. It seems like he found a lot of time to practise his skills at home on the island!



His first musical influence was Dave Murray of Iron Maiden. Then he was introduced to the likes of Joe Bonamassa, Gary Moore, David Gilmour, Mark Knopfler, Jeff Beck and Eric Johnson. And as expected, he find new sources of musical inspiration all the time, not only from the world of great guitarist.

However, you can't go to Royal Albert Hall by playing your Gibson all day long. When he left home, he borrowed the family's caravan to save money. That's when he started singing, alone in the caravan.. No one knew, until he booked a concert and showed his newly mastered skills. Yes, you need to sing your own songs to get this music thing moving. And you need a record. So the young and promising HM Johnsen got the local businesses to believe in his visions. Thus the debut album was funded. And it was not a low budget record. After all, he is heading for that Royal Albert Hall, you know.

The band

HM Johnsen has a new band coming up. His old band mates moved to other parts of the world. The new band is a trio. **Jone Kuven** (20) plays the bass, and **Sigurd Steinkopf** (20) is playing the drums. They are both highly skilled students at the Grieg Academy, the well respected Institute of Music in Bergen, Norway. This is the band that will be playing all over Norway, in Memphis USA and at the Eutin Bluesfest in Germany in 2018. They will also be recording the next album.

Recordings

The first album “Chased” was self released in March 2017. It was recorded at “Lyd i Løo” in Hardanger, Norway by Alvin Vestrheim. The album was mastered in the legendary Abbey Road studios.

The record is available on every major music service like Spotify, Tidal, Deezer and Apple Music. It is also available on vinyl and CD.

The next album will be recorded in 2018. Release, TBA.



Links

- **Video:** [“Give it All”](#) - footage from NRK.
- **Music:** [Spotify](#) | [Tidal](#)
- **Web:**
 - <https://www.hmjohnsen.com/>
 - <http://singstad-music.com/artister/hm-johnsen/>
Agent site in Norwegian
- **Social media:** [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) |
- **[Electronic Press Kit](#)** (EPK): Press photos, poster, banners, logo and more.

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