

HELLE DANUM – BORN TO LOVE
Debut Album | Vocalist & Composer
Out Now on All Major Platforms

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Danish jazz vocalist and composer **Helle Danum** opens her heart on *Born to Love* – a deeply personal debut album that journeys through longing, joy, sorrow – and ultimately hope. With warmth, vulnerability, and a profound love for swing, she breathes new life into jazz standards and original songs shaped by her own path.



Danum grew up in a chaotic and painful home – but one where music also lived. As a child, she found solace in the voice of **Billie Holiday**. She recognized the sorrow Billie carried, and it gave her a voice in jazz – a space where pain could transform into beauty and longing could take flight. Later, other iconic jazz singers such as **Peggy Lee** and **Sarah Vaughan** inspired her, and jazz became a lifeline. Her voice today carries both the shadows she came from – and the light she refused to give up.

The album blends elegance and emotion – from the playful energy of *Just Squeeze Me* to the tender ache of *More Than You Know*. At its core lies a message that has defined Danum’s path as both artist and human being: **Love is a light we can choose – even in darkness.**

❤️ **Love to the World – a personal mission**

One of the album’s key tracks is Danum’s own composition *Love to the World* – written as a musical act of defiance against fear and despair. The melody was co-written by **Katrine Madsen**.

“I believe my mission in this life is to bring light and love.

This song is my heart in music – a reminder that even when life is hard, we can still choose to offer something beautiful to the world.

And that something is love – the strongest force on this earth.” – Helle Danum

Other original songs include:

- *Feathers* – inspired by a life-changing encounter that reminded her we are never truly alone.
- *Are You in Heaven* – a soul-searching ballad to her father about loss, forgiveness, and enduring love.

And while *Born to Love* (the title track) is not Danum's own composition, she sings it as if it were – offering it as a musical message to her children, and to anyone who needs to be reminded they are loved.

“This album moves through darkness – not to avoid it, but to honour it.

Because it's often through the shadows that we learn how to love.” – Helle Danum

• **Personnel on *Born to Love***

- Jesper Løvdal – saxophone & clarinet, arrangements, and producer
- Magnus Hjorth – piano and arrangements
- Tomas Fonnesbæk – double bass
- Rasmus Kihlberg – drums
- Katrine Madsen – backing vocals (*Love to the World*)

All tracks arranged by **Jesper Løvdal** and **Magnus Hjorth**

Recorded by **Thomas Vang** at *The Village*

Mixed by **August Wanngren**

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