



### **Ole Frimer Band: Live At Eppingen**

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Ole Frimer could well be a name that's yet to grab attention here in the UK. That's a pity because he's a guitarist and singer with an enviable back catalogue and an approved European pedigree gained on countless jaunts across the continent away from his home base of Denmark. Recorded at the Old University during the Eppingen Jazz Festival, the record is a tour document recorded in late 2019. Those well-travelled road miles have honed Ole Frimer and his band into a polished outfit, their undoubted strength being locking into several soulful, mid-tempo numbers like 'Sheltered Roads' and 'The Clearing' or the rich, slow blues of 'Why Are You Stayin' and a sublime, ten minute version of Clapton and Cray's 'Old Love'. The rhythm section of bassist Jesper Bylling and drummer Claus Deugaard don't miss a step and, while Frimer's lead playing is assured and accomplished, special mention must be made of keyboard player Niels Ole Thorning, whose swathes of organ and beautiful lead lines fill out the sound perfectly. Only once do they falter: Eddie Boyd's 'The Blues Is Here To Stay' feels rushed and unnecessary. They're a band at their best when they slow it down and let it flow.

**Leon Blanc**