

KAIPA Remaster CDs – Part 2 - (40 years of Kaipa!)

Back in 1975, the first Kaipa LP was released, and the successful Swedish group existed until 1982. Kaipa released five albums at the time, and they also played more than 500 concerts in Sweden.

After the first two albums from 1975 and 1976 had already been reissued as Remaster CDs in May 2015, so now the last three remaining Remasters, "Solo" (1978), "Händer" (1980) and "Nattdjurstid" (1982), will follow at the turn of the year.

Kaipa are without doubt Sweden's premier progressive rock outfit of the 1970s. The band's highly regarded status within the Swedish music scene is also linked to the fact that former guitarist **Roine Stolt** has raised to international acclaim in the prog community with his own bands "The Flower Kings" and "Transatlantic" which he founded in the 90s. This enormously helped to put symphonic-progressive rock back on the musical map. Currently, Roine Stolt plays in the band of Steve Hackett (ex-Genesis).

Under the leadership of keyboardist, main songwriter and founding member **Hans Lundin**, Kaipa have been more productive than ever since their reformation in 2001, with seven critically acclaimed and internationally successful albums released under the 21st century line-up. From the band's beginning in the mid 70s, Kaipa has been the brainchild of Hans Lundin. Although he would not necessarily regard himself as the "band leader" – Kaipa were indeed a very much "democratic" band in which every member had input into the music they would record and perform together.

1975: The first album of the band, "Kaipa", was released in 1975. (The Remaster CD was already released in May 2015. CD "Kaipa", Tempus Fugit / SPV 80552)

1976: The second album, "Inget Nytt Under Solen", followed quickly in 1976. (May 2015 Remaster CD "Inget Nytt Under Solen", Tempus Fugit / SPV 80562)

The new Remaster CDs:

1978: „Solo“, the third album by Kaipa, is generally considered as their best and most mature Prog album. The band wrote melody driven compositions and they don't forget about the complex musical arrangements which are so much loved by Progressive Rock fans. Intensified with main singer Mats Löfgren, also the vocal parts were enriched by many new aspects. On "Solo", Roine Stolt is at his best with his guitar playing. Together with Hans Lundin, he shares the main part as composer. Accordingly, the album "Solo" and the corresponding tour were successfully received by the audience.

1980: With "Händer", the group has left former record company Decca and joined Polar Music. Polar promised the best possible support for the band. Polar Music also owned the Polar Studios where the band was recording after Led Zeppelin ("In Through The

Outdoor") and at the same time with Genesis ("Duke"). The music matches with the music styles at the turn of the decade and slightly moves away from Progressive Rock to rock music dominated by vocals and keyboards. The album was released in spring 1980, and the group toured extensively to promote "Händer".

1982: "Nattdjurstid" is the last album of the band Kaipa from the 70s and 80s. After a few lineup changes in those past few years, the constant person to remain in the band was founding member Hans Lundin. Times have changed in Sweden as well, and the early 80s have a strong influence on the music scene everywhere. Kaipa was not saved from that, and many typical 80s sounds came into the music of Kaipa. "Nattdjurstid" is less successful as its predecessors although the group is again performing a lot of concerts during that year. Finally the band decides to have a break at the end of the year, which in the end will last for 19 years before Hans Lundin is going to resurrect his Kaipa in a very "progressive outfit" at the turn of the millennium. For the Remaster CD edition, "Nattdjurstid" was partly remixed and expanded with three bonus tracks. "Händer" (1980) as well as "Nattdjurstid" (1982) are released on CD for the first time ever!

2015: All five albums were newly remastered in Sweden in 2015 and are finally again available on CD. "Händer" and "Nattdjurstid" are even available on CD for the first time!

(- You can find further background information about every album in the CD booklet. -)

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- KAIPA Solo (Remaster) CD SPV 80572
- KAIPA Händer (Remaster) CD SPV 80582
- KAIPA Nattdjurstid (Remaster) CD SPV 80592

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