

The Danish duo Travelog turned their memories of a life-changing African experience into music – assisted by leading world music singers of Copenhagen

As teenagers in 1981, Torsten Myhre Jensen and Mik Aidt travelled through Africa's vast sahel deserts and savannahs. They kept a diary of their experiences, and talked about how they could be turned into music. More than 20 years later, they took up the challenge to turn their ideas into reality, based on their old recordings from Sudan.

The album is like a soundtrack to a movie – a "widescreen soundscape" which has been three years in the making in their music studio based in an Arabic area of Copenhagen.

The music reflects their many positive experiences and meetings with the people of Sudan. There is also one song on the album

which tells the story about the civil war which broke out while they were walking from one village to the next in the southern part of the country in 1982.

'Balad djemil' means 'beautiful country' in Arabic.

"We hope that with this album we will be able to give something in return to this beautiful country with its fantastic and lovely people who have given us so much. There is no way to trace the musicians we recorded randomly in the 1980's, so instead we hope the album-sales can bring some funds back to some of those who need it most," said the two Travelog-musicians when 'Balad Djemil' was launched. The sales of the album support MSF's work in Darfur. Read more about this project on www.mildrecords.com/msf





Album title: 'Balad Djemil' Catalogue no: MILDCD004

PK: 90

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DK distribution: Gateway Music/GDC
DK web sales: Sundmusik.dk
Int. distribution: CDBaby.com

HOW TO BUY IT

The physical album can be purchased online with a credit card on CDbaby.com.

The individual song files can be purchased digitally on Apple's iTunes, Napster, GreatIndieMusic, Tradebit PayPlay, and MSN Music, as well as number of similar web shops.

In Denmark, go to www.sundmusik.dk

REVIEWS

"...A very definite winner..."

Global Village Idiot, UK,

December 2006

"...You need to accept 'Balad Djemil' for what it is...
(...) The pieces fit magically for four perfect minutes, making a wonderful climax to this sparkling disc..."
Chris Nickson in the Danish music magazine Djembe, February 2007

"...An unusual input to the stream of world music – a soundscape which awakens the dream about being on the road and having lots of time..." Torben Holleufer in the Danish music magazine Gaffa, November 2006



APPEAL FOR MSF

Each CD sold gives five euros in support to Doctors Without Borders' (MSF's) projects in the province of Darfur in Sudan.

