

# **Mp3 Johanna Grf<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>ssner & Mika Pohjola - Nu Blir Sommar - Svenska Visor - Swedish Traditional Songs**

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Swedish traditional songs interpreted in an authentic style by the satin voice of Johanna Grssner from the land Islands. 34 MP3 Songs WORLD: Western European, WORLD: World Traditions Details: Digital Download album only. Cut and paste the link on your browser (or click on the "Scandinavian Music" link below) to listen and find purchase links. [scandinavianmusic.net/index\\_scandinavian.html](http://scandinavianmusic.net/index_scandinavian.html) This recording contains some of the most popular and beautiful Swedish songs. Originally performed by the troubadour composers themselves, here the songs have been transformed into intimate vocal-piano renditions. While the arrangements contain subtle jazz skills, they mostly portray the infinite possibilities of the beautiful Scandinavian melodies and the tradition of story-telling.

**JOHANNA GRSSNER VOICE** The first one to tell the story about Johanna Grssner's heartfelt commitments for the music education of Bronx children is the New York Times reporter Anemona Hartocollis, and her book *Seven Days of Possibilities*. Johanna Grssner arrived in New York City in 1996 to study for her Master's Degree at Manhattan School of Music. She had just completed her Bachelor's Degree in Music Education at Berklee. After graduation from Manhattan School in 1998, she obtained a job teaching music at P.S. 86, a public school in the Bronx. Over the course of several years, Johanna formed an intense, transformative connection with her students, and eventually took her 24-piece children's gospel chorus to her hometown in rural Finland, to meet her family and friends. Word spread about Johanna's mission and accomplishments. Three first page stories in the New York Times and several visits at U.S. national morning TV-shows gave Johanna and her mission rapid and unpredicted publicity. Johanna Grssner, the vocal stylist, has recorded several CDs. Her most ambitious and compelling vocal work can be heard on *Moomin Voices*. The CD contains the entire catalogue of songs from the Moomin-stories by the legendary Finnish author, Tove Jansson.

**MIKA POHJOLA - PIANO** Composer and pianist Mika Pohjola has lived in New York City for a decade. He has been part of the vibrant downtown jazz scene, explored natural and synthetic recording environments and worked as a lecturer in Europe and the United States. In addition to his New York home, he often goes to Scandinavia where he leads the Moomin Voices children's music group. Mika has

released over a dozen CDs as composer, pianist and producer, and toured Europe, the United States, Japan and South America. MORE INFO: [scandinavianmusic.net](http://scandinavianmusic.net)

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