



## Mara & David

### Flying Away

"The duo combines creativity, expression and passion in an intoxicating way."  
*Akustik Gitarre*

"Mara & David are the new acoustic dream team." *Melodie & Rhythmus*

Mara & David are more than just an outstanding singer/songwriter duo. With their second album, *Once We Were Gods*, the singer and her guitarist present their very own mixture of pop, contemporary world music, jazz and folk, and this, as they quite rightly put it in their adopted city of Dresden: of world-class quality. Renowned music consulting agency Hit The Ground Running Inc. from Los Angeles, which provides music for US series CSI: Miami, CSI: New York and Cold Case, fully agreed. At a listening session at Midem 2009 they put "The Sizzling Noise", a track from Mara & David's new CD, on the shortlist for the successful US series *The Cleaner*.



With their second album, *Once We Were Gods*, they easily outdid themselves, topping the standard they set on their debut album, *Sixteen Secrets*. David's guitar playing communicates delicately and hauntingly at once with Mara's warm, soulful, yet crystal clear voice. Mara's voice is insistent, even demanding in one moment, and then in the next comes around with a warmth you never would have suspected just a second before. David's guitar playing is as virtuoso as it is perfect, above all it's always at the same emotional level as the songs he enriches with a myriad of original facets. „When he plays the guitar, David becomes one with his instrument. He plays unfiltered, full of untamed energy and vitality,“ says Mara von Ferne about David Sick.“

Mara von Ferne and David Sick met during their studies at the Hochschule für Musik Carl Maria von Weber in Dresden. Although in light of the fact that there were only 600 students the chances were fairly good that their paths would cross, „ For a long time we just didn't even notice each other“ adds Mara von Ferne. That's most likely because Mara was studying jazz and pop vocals while David was studying guitar and world music. It was more of a coincidence that they finally met outside the university and started writing songs together in 2005, merging their various styles of pop, jazz, and world music spiced with rocking sequences. Their musical influences are widely varied, running from Joni Mitchell, Tori Amos and Björk to Ani DiFranco, Steve Reich and Radiohead, all the way to the Smashing Pumpkins, Pat Metheny, Sonic Youth and Pearl Jam.

The song lyrics on *Once We Were Gods* plumb the emotional highs and lows of human relationships, and were all, without exception, penned by Mara von Ferne. Closeness and separation, pain and wonder, curiosity and disappointment are the themes of the current production. The two of them find themselves on an expedition here, one on which they never give up the longing to reach a final destination, as so hauntingly and delicately expressed in the title song: "And we'll never stop yearning for somewhere to arrive".

Mara & David are a real experience live, too. The *Sächsische Zeitung* (Saxonian Newspaper) wrote in a review: „When David's fingers delicately sweep across the fretboard, and Mara's warm, soulful voice resounds, the room begins to float. Just vocals and guitar, the Dresdener duo need nothing more to captivate their continually growing audience. What the studied guitarist elicits from his instrument borders on perfection -with David, intelligent harmonies interweave with grooving, driving rhythms to create a very special sound tapestry, a magic carpet on which Mara's voice literally flies away on.

## **Once We Were Gods Tour 2009:**

17.04.09 - Jena, Café Wagner (+ Lust und Liebe)  
19.04.09 - Berlin, Passionskirche  
24.04.09 - Bocholt, Alte Molkerei  
25.04.09 - Bottrop, Passmanns Kulturkneipe  
28.04.09 - Marburg, Acoustic Lounge  
30.04.09 - Dresden, Scheune - Record Release!!!  
02.05.09 - Borchten, Café Alte Schule  
09.05.09 - Heidelberg, Jazzhaus  
22.05.09 - Berlin, Alter Ballsaal (+ Sebastian Lohse)  
23.05.09 - Ottersberg, KuKuC  
09.06.09 - Breitung, Schloss Herrenbreitung  
11.06.09 - Goseck, Schenkenkonzerte  
13.06.09 - Hannover, Ballhof  
16.06.09 - Duisburg, Steinbruch  
18.07.09 - Klein Trebbow, Hofkonzerte  
19.07.09 - Kühlungsborn, Kunsthalle  
23.08.09 - Berlin, b-flat  
25.09.09 - Rodgau, Maximal  
26.09.09 - Langen, Hildes Hauskonzert  
04.10.09 - Dillingen, Matinée im Café Reinhardt  
09.10.09 - Dresden, Dixiebahnhof  
10.10.09 - Würzburg-Rottenbauer, Trinitatiskirche  
12.10.09 - Ansbach, Kammermusik  
10.12.09 - Weimar, Falken  
31.03.10 - Dessau, Bauhaus  
29.09.10 - Leipzig, Küchenkonzerte

## **Diskographie:**

### **Mara & David:**

*Sixteen Secrets* (2007)  
*Once We Were Gods* (2009)

### **David Sick:**

David und Johann, *Leiden im Parkhaus* (1998)  
David Sick, *Industrial Blues* (2004)

### **Mara von Ferne:**

*Better Days* EP (2003)

## **Kurzbiographie:**

**David Sick:** 1977 in Freiburg geboren; 1998 bis 2002: Musikstudium (klassische Gitarre) an der Hochschule für Musik Franz Liszt in Weimar; 2002 bis 2006 Aufbaustudium Gitarre / Weltmusik an der Hochschule für Musik Carl Maria von Weber in Dresden; 2006 Meisterklassenexamen; es folgen Konzerte im In- und Ausland, u.a. als Solist an der Semperoper in Dresden sowie Aufzeichnungen des MDR und des DLR Berlin. Aktuell ist David Sick Lehrbeauftragter an der Hochschule für Musik Carl Maria von Weber. [www.myspace.com/davidsick](http://www.myspace.com/davidsick)

**Mara von Ferne:** 1982 in Mannheim geboren; 2001 einjährige Schauspielausbildung in Berlin; 2004 bis 2008 Studium an der Hochschule für Musik Carl Maria von Weber in Dresden; 2007 siebenmonatiger Studienaufenthalt an der Königlichen Musikhochschule in Stockholm. [www.myspace.com/maravonferne](http://www.myspace.com/maravonferne)

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