FREEDOM TREE - Three musicians from three continents. Three world class artists on their respective instruments. An outstanding example of the uniting force of music.

World jazz rock group FREEDOM TREE - based in Stockholm Sweden - is acoustic nylon guitarist Steinar Aadnekvam from **Norway**, electric bassist Rubem Farias from **Brazil** and drummer, singer Deodato Siquir from Mozambique.

Since their inception in 2015, 'Freedoms Trio' have released three albums to critical acclaim and toured extensively to more than 20 countries, performing at top jazz clubs and festivals all over Europe, in Africa and in the United States.

With their melodic tunes, their virtuosic playing, their intimate audience contact and intense stage presence, they leave no-one untouched.

Guitarist Steinar Aadnekvam is from Bergen, Norway. His playing has been frequently likened to jazzfusion guitar pioneers of the 1970s. Throughout his professional career he has released 8 solo albums and has also lived and worked for several years in Northeastern Brazil where his playing was thoroughly informed and influenced by regional Afro-Brazilian styles and collaborations with top regional musicians.

Bassist **Rubem Farias** hails from Salvador Da Bahia, Brazil and has worked for many years based in Sao Paulo as one of the most sought-after and respected bassists of the Brasilian jazz scene. In addition to his dedicated work with Freedoms Trio, he has also frequently tours worldwide with numerous legendary musicians including Mike Stern and Randy Brecker.

Drummer, singer **Deodato Siquir** is from Maputo, Mozambique. A showman to his fingertips, he is the third generation in a musical family. Since relocating to Scandinavia in the early 2000's he has established himself as a leading figure of afro jazz in the north, and has released several very successful albums as a solo artist.

Notably, guitar legend Robben Ford, who has also performed with the band on stage, offers his strong endorsement in the following quote: "Their music is both complex and joyful, full of passion and energy. Not only do you hear amazing guitar playing from Steinar Aadnekvam, but equal musicianship from drummer Deodato Siquir and bassist Rubem Farias - plus they have a natural synergy which can be rare, especially when the musicians are so accomplished individually. People should hear Freedoms Trio. Gives you hope."

In 2024 FREEDOM TREE embarks on a new chapter with the long awaited release of their new single titled **"Moon Blue (Vana Va Kutani)"** across all platforms worldwide on April 25. The track has been recorded between Stockholm, Sweden and Maputo, Mocambique is the first in a string of releases anticipated throughout the year. The track features the unmistakable characteristics of the band, while also accommodating beautiful choral vocals by the "Together" group of singers from Maputo, Moçambique.

The music video for "Moon Blue (Vana Va Kutani)" features outstanding footage by Peder Carlsson (Backyard Babies), Damón Zurawski (Future Legends) as well as scenes from the city of Matola, Moçambique in an inspiring blend of 'feel good energy' that we feel is the bands most exciting release to date !! **Pre listen to the single here:** <u>https://promo.theorchard.com/geOenrydPOfp6UxpdFsB</u> Video: <u>https://drive.google.com/file/d/16-lxOnIDr5Jm-0-K8fwa7U9MJDe991IE/view?usp=drive_link</u>

FREEDOM TREE are currently preparing for future tours in collaboration with **Charmworks Artist Agency** (Worldwide) and **Idris Media** (Germany) and have made available the following **touring periods for 2024/2025:** *June 14 - July 07 2024 / Aug 20 - Nov 01 2024 / April 01 - Aug 01 2025 / Sept 01 - Nov 01 2025.*