

FRANKO SPERO

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Franko Spero

"High energy chill"

Composer/Producer

Genres: Smooth Jazz, Funk, Soul

"Franko Spero" is the brainchild of composer/producer Frank Hestness, born, raised and still living in Stavanger, Norway.

Franko's life always was and still is about music one way or the other, both listening and producing.

Franko grew up playing the guitar, bass and later turned to the keys. Franko always had an interest in music technology and was an early adopter of computer based music production.

Franko is influenced from a variety of musical styles within the genres of soul, funk and fusion during the 80s and 90s reaching from producers like Nick Martinelli and Jam/Lewis to bands like Shakatak and Mezzoforte. The later years learned Franko to make a dive into the world of jazz to discover and understand more of the origin and the roots to so much of the music he was already familiar to.

With special attention to the modern smooth jazz scene including artists like Brian Culbertson and Steve Cole, just to mention a few, the idea to release his own music was seeded, watered and started to grow.

Using both his musical inspiration and passion for music technology, Franko Spero has created a unique blend of elements from smooth jazz, funk and soul.

Releases

EP

Signing In

The EP «Signing In» is Franko Spero's first release.

Release date: 14th July 2023

Produced by Franko Spero for FH-Music™ ©

All tracks composed, performed and recorded by Franko Spero in the FH-Music Room in Stavanger, Norway

Mixed by Espen Eidem at Komet Lydstudio, Stavanger, Norway

Mastered by Steven Grant Bishop, Stavanger, Norway



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EP

ONE STEP AHEAD

Release date: 11th January 2024

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Press

EP Signing In

"At first, the phrase "high energy chill" seems a slight contradiction in terms – but it all makes perfect melodic and breezy rhythmic sense as expressed in the crafty, hip, easy funk-minded hands of veteran Norwegian keyboardist, composer and producer Frank Hestness, who is releasing his splashy, eclectic debut EP SIGNING IN under the moniker Franko Spero. The onetime guitarist and bassist refashioned himself as computer-based music creator, leading to many fresh creative possibilities. In only four tracks, he takes us through many moods, from punchy, atmospheric, George Dukesque soul/fusion and hard driving pop/jazz to sweetly seductive romantic balladry for all kinds of weather. Bravo Franko!"

Smoothjazz.com

EP One Step Ahead

"Under his cleverly rhyming hipster moniker Franko Spero, veteran Norwegian keyboardist, composer and producer Frank Hestness uses the titles of his EP releases to make it easy for fans of "high energy chill" to track his creative and career progress. He called his debut SIGNING IN as a way of introducing his vibe, followed by the new ONE STEP AHEAD. This one keeps the artful balance of smooth and edgy yet has deeper, more infectious melodies and poppin' grooves that drive both hypnotic, mid-tempo ballads and energetic drive time gems. One of Spero's unique trademarks is surrounding his in-the-pocket Smooth Jazz sound with colorful, immersive synth-generated sonic details that create warm, soulful and sometimes bluesy atmospheres."

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