

## **Symbio (Sweden)**

**Symbio is regarded as one of the most prominent new bands from the Nordic Folk & World music scene. With a magical interplay of hurdy-gurdy & accordion, an electrifying stage presence and captivating original compositions - the duo has become known as a phenomenon and have toured extensively in more than 20 countries - Europe, USA and Canada. In 2023 the duo was chosen to perform as the Official Showcase Artist Selection at WOMEX- World music Expo.**

**The music of Symbio has been described as imaginative and soulful - where virtuoso folk & electronic dance music meet and becomes a cinematic experience for the listener. Hearing this symphonic duo makes you doubt about the fact that they are only two musicians on stage. Their latest album Endeavour is a sound painting where heartfelt melodies, dreamy soundscapes and hypnotic beats depict life-affirming themes. The album was awarded "Best Album of the Year" at the Swedish Folk & World music Awards 2023.**

**They met during a jam-session in 2011, and when playing together for the first time - they felt that there was a special energy and musical connection between them. Right there, after their very first meeting - they decided to form Symbio. Since then, their journey as a duo continues to take them to new places, musically and geographically.**

**Symbios fourth album will be released in spring 2025.**

### **Symbio consists of:**

Johannes Geworkian Hellman : hurdy-gurdy, electronics  
LarsEmil Öjeberget: accordion, stompboxes, electronics

### **Symbio has been selected as official showcase artists and performed at:**

2020: International Folk Alliance Conference, The United States.  
2022: Nordic Folk Alliance showcase, Sweden. The Munidal Montréal conference, Canada.  
2023: Tallin Music Week, Estonia. English Folk Expo, England. Womex- World Music Expo, Spain.

### **More information:**

Symbio was formed in 2011. Both musicians are educated at the Royal College of Music in Stockholm. The duo has released three albums: Phoresy 2016, Rising 2018, Endeavour 2022.

**In 2016, Symbio was awarded as the Best Newcomer of the Year at the Swedish Folk World music awards. In the same year they received the grant for young music ensembles given by the Royal Swedish Academy of Music.**

Symbio was chosen by the Swedish National radio to represent Sweden at the EBU Radio Folk at Rudolstadt Festival, Germany 2019.

Symbio was awarded the prestigious grant by the Swedish Arts & Music association "Stallbrödernas stipendium" in 2023.

Symbio received the prize for "Best Album of the Year" at the Swedish Folk & World music Awards 2023.