

# WRAFMUSIC



## Walter and the Blue Connection - *Get up and Go* (wrafmusic)

### The story

In the past Dutchman Walter Hopmans played with several bands, mostly as a sideman in Finland. The last couple of years he started to write his own songs. Together with his Finnish (musical) friend he developed the idea to record these songs in a studio environment. The result was there one year later, a beautiful CD called "Get Up and Go"

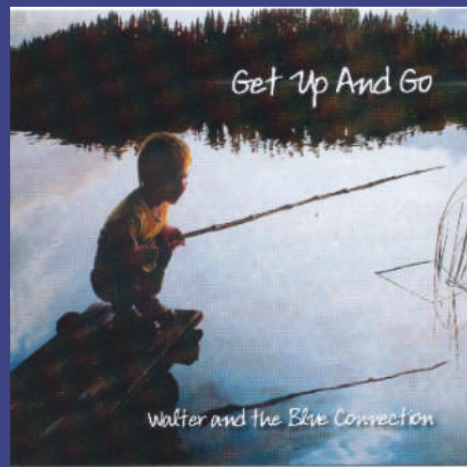
Not only Walters experienced and passionate music friends can be heard on the cd. A couple of guest musicians also appear. Teemu Sajamo from the rockabilly band Sun Connection, piano player Harri Saanio from the Barnshakers and the Finnish female singer Jonna who can be heard on the beautiful song *Dreaming* and as an angry spouse in the song *Bbbaby*.

### The CD "Get up and Go"

The cd is a mix of singer-songwriters music, Americana, pop, blues, rock and folk. Themes like empty love, worries, hope and sentiment are dealt with against the backdrop of a Finnish society. The cheerful opening song *Get up and Go* is a nice sing along about setbacks that have to be overcome. Followed by the song *Packing* about carrying ones problems around. *Cold White House*, is an Up tempo song that tells about an empty relation that is described as a cold white house in the end. The mystical song *What's Right* describes the rat race in today's world. *Little Man* is a song about Walter his own son who has a rare decease that stops his growth. The song is recorded in the Finnish musical tradition and you can even hear a Finnish tango influence.

The rock song *Forget your name* is the story of a man who is forced to look back on his life alone. *Over Again* is a lovely rootsy up tempo rocker. In this song Walter shows his blues harp capabilities. There is also a lot of room for the smooth slide guitar of Pasi. *Over Again* is all about friendship and represents the basic theme of this cd. That music brings everybody together and holds them together. The ballad *Wishing You Were Here* is a good intermission, cause then its time for a stone cold blues song filled with the famous Finnish cold air called *Bbbaby*. Waiting for your loved one in the freezing cold not knowing due to the booze that you're waiting at the wrong door. Then its time for something totally different, the folksy song *Dreaming*. Featuring the Finnish female singer Jonna the song is about nightmares suffered by the young and old. Take note of the special percussion played by hand and the brilliant Dobro part from Pasi. All this makes it a more the special song. The last number is an instrumental called *Jervis blues*. A tight shuffle that gives plenty of room to show off the the blues harp and the boogie-woogie piano played by Harri Saanio.

In one sentence a lovely varying cd that grows on you after repeated listening. Music with a passion. *Get Up and Go!*



The cd cover is a little piece of art on itself. Touched by the story behind the cd and its Finnish connection a Dutch artist, Martin Blom, made the cover based on the music, the text and the inspiration from the Finnish landscape. The inlay and the booklet are richly illustrated with photos and all the song text.

At this moment the cd is only available trough the website [www.wrafmusic.com](http://www.wrafmusic.com) but will be available in the near future trough other channels. This is a cd you can't ignore. The cd has been released successfully in Finland during a promo tour in October 2006. For February 2007 the band has planned a big promotional tour trough Holland.

### **Summary**

A self produced cd filled with a mix of singer-songwriter music, blues, pop, rock, and folk. A Finnish rootsband with a Dutch core. Walter Hopmans (vocals, acoustic guitar, harp) made from his own repertoire, together with Anssi Lehtivuori drums, Pete Bergman bass, crying guitar and Pasi Saharinen op electric guitar, Dobro en slide guitar, a very varied cd. Themes like empty love, worries, hope and sentiment are dealt with against the backdrop of a Finnish society. All this with passion and conviction. Strong songs with a mix of different styles. It's a record that grows on you, a record that only wants to give away all its secrets after a repeated listening.



**Fact sheet:**

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Engineer mixing: Ilkka Antikainen

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