

## Friends & Neighbors

André Roligheten – Saxophone  
Thomas Johansson – Trumpet  
Oscar Grönberg – Piano  
Jon Rune Strøm – Double Bass  
Tollef Østvang – Drums

*"Call it a neo-"New Thing" sensation"*  
(Josef Woodard/DownBeat Magazine)

[www.friendsandneighbors.no](http://www.friendsandneighbors.no)

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The Norwegian/Swedish quintet Friends & Neighbors was formed in 2008 in Trondheim, Norway. Since their first record, "No Beat Policy" in 2011, they have released five more powerful albums and established themselves as a force to be reckoned with on the Scandinavian jazz scene. The band is clearly defined by the five members' strong individual voices as players and composers. Their long experience playing together gives the music a clear and distinct sound. Stretching from melodic ballads to hard swinging free-bop and powerful free jazz, they keep the collective sound intact, showing influences from a wide spectrum of jazz history. The band has been touring extensively for years, including concerts in Europe, USA, Canada, Japan, New Zealand and Australia.

The quintet's fifth album "The Earth is #" was released in [Clean Feed](#) on October 15th 2021. The album was nominated for [Spellemannprisen](#) (often referred to as the Norwegian Grammy Awards) in the jazz category.

On January 26th 2024 the band released their sixth album "Circles" on [Clean Feed](#).

*"With the customary blend of inventive compositions, accomplished playing and fine interaction, Friends & Neighbors delivers everything one might want from an adventurous jazz combo. And how" John Sharpe – All About Jazz*

Selected reviews from previous albums:

*"The spirit behind the phrase suits the quintet beautifully, and in terms of both historical stylistic precedent and a certain, strong and palpable ensemble identity...call it a neo-New Thing sensation." Josef Woodard — DownBeat Magazine (4½ out of 5 stars)*

*"Friends & Neighbors expressed Ornette's affection for the people who lived near his Prince Street loft; these guys write and play like they like each other, which results in a chemistry that's hard to resist." Bill Meyer — Dusted Magazine*

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Reviews:

[https://www.allaboutjazz.com/circles-friends-and-neighbors-clean-feed\\_2744](https://www.allaboutjazz.com/circles-friends-and-neighbors-clean-feed_2744)

[http://www.downbeat.com/digitaledition/2015/DB1503/single\\_page\\_view/59.html](http://www.downbeat.com/digitaledition/2015/DB1503/single_page_view/59.html)

<http://dustedmagazine.tumblr.com/post/180799665302/friends-neighbors-whats-next->

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feed?fbclid=IwAR0G1oJnHvUqo9PttRHiseVUs6JhmF0btNHSouZYC28Mx6YHEm2fE1EXVsY

Link to music:

<https://open.spotify.com/album/37bx767VR1s3QXCOrCXePY>  
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/album/whats-next-feat-andré-roligheten-thomas-johansson-oscar/1442149240>

Link to video:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zdNdv3ylsyM&list=RDzdNdv3ylsyM&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zdNdv3ylsyM&list=RDzdNdv3ylsyM&start_radio=1)

Clean Feed:

<https://cleanfeed-records.com/product/whats-next/>