

Stefan Frommelt Trio – *Some Kind of Odd* (Unit Records)

Nothing fancy here, just an album with straight-ahead tunes and catchy melodies that don't let go. The trio of pianist **Stefan Frommelt**, double bassist **Marius Meier** and drummer **Marvin Studer** work their best magic when they dig into a groove and make a cadence dance. That said, "Marv & Fros" has the thick harmonics and swells of intensity that one would expect from the Esbjorn Svensson Trio. It's one of the album's stronger moments, which just goes to show that a little differentiation across the breadth of an album is never a bad thing. Pretty damn likable.

