



Norway's Guitar Genius

FREDRIK HALLAND - This is incredibly fun. I'm really looking forward meeting Joe Bonamassa, who is one of the really great rock and blues guitarists. This is huge, Halland told BA.

Bonamassa plays at Rockefeller tonight. Halland will first meet him at sound check, then after the concert.

The prize is a signed guitar.

Basically, we are just going to talk, but if I get the chance to be part of one song at the concert, I of course will take the challenge. In that case, it is an old dream come true, claiming the young guitar talent.

The competition was a collaboration between VG, Bonamassa, Rockefeller and the Notodden Blues Festival. A total of 65 guitar talents of all ages from Norway sent in contributions.

It was Halland's father who signed him up. The 16 – year old didn't even know he participated in the contest when the chairman of the jury called him Saturday.

HALLAND - Yes, I was very surprised. But it's fun to be designated as a guitar genius, he says with a smile.

This is a recognition that certainly will help my further career. The reward will also give me the opportunity to play the opening concert in Notodden Blues Festival. It will be fun, says Halland.

Fredrik Strand Halland is voted the Unknown Guitar Genius.

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