



#### **Ray Cooper & The Swedish Kitchen Orchestra are:**

Ray Cooper, singer, guitar, mandolin, cello harmonica  
Gustav Andersson piano, organ  
Jenny Tidman violin, cello  
Patrik Andersson, violin, viola

In 2000 Ray Cooper moved from Britain to Sweden but continued to play with his group Oysterband with whom he had toured in 27 countries and released 19 Cds. At the BBC Folk Music Awards in 2012 they won prizes for; Best Group, Best Traditional Track and Best Album. Despite their success Ray left the group in 2013 to concentrate on a solo career.

Ray met some great musicians in and around his adopted home in Malmköping Sweden. Called the Swedish Kitchen Orchestra because the first rehearsal was in the kitchen of Jenny Tidman, who also managed to be making flatbread at the same time as learning Ray's songs. They feature on many of the tracks of Ray's albums 'Tales of Love War & Death by Hanging' and 'Palace Of Tears', both of which were recorded in Ray's log cabin in Malmköping.

Jenny, Patrik and Gustav are all accomplished soloists and composers in their own right. Together with Ray, they found they had a lot in common and enjoyed each other's company (and cooking).

They play mostly in Sweden but also toured in Germany in July 2015.

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**Biografi Svenska (English below)**

År 2000 flyttade Cooper till Sverige men fortsatte att spela med Oysterband med vilka han turnerade i 27 länder och spelade in 19 skivor. Vid BBC Folk Music Awards 2012 vann bandet priser för bästa grupp, bästa album samt bästa traditionella låt. Trots succén valde Cooper att lämna bandet i februari 2013 för att kunna koncentrera sig på en solokarriär som singer-/songwriter.

The Swedish Kitchen Orchestra är Ray Cooper, sång, cello, guitar, mandolin, munspel, Gustav Andersson, piano, orgel Jenny Tidman cello, fiol och Patrik Andersson fiol, viola. De träffades i Malmköping under ett folkmusik-jam. Jenny och Patrik var redan etablerade i folkmusik-miljön i Skandinavien, och Patrik har släppt flera cd. Gustav är en mycket skicklig kompositör, pianist och arrangör som har gjort de flesta av arrangementen.

2010 spelade Ray in sitt första album 'Tales Of Love War War and Death by Hanging' med Jenny och Patrik. 2014 släpptes 'Palace Of Tears', nu med hjälp av Gustav också. Samtidigt började gruppen spela live i Sverige och 2015 gjorde gruppen en turné i Tyskland och spelade bla på Braunschweig Songtage Festival.



**Videos:**

Palace Of Tears with The Swedish Kitchen Orchestra <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9k7r39objp4>

Mc Pherson's Rant with The Swedish Kitchen Orchestra [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3z2z\\_7zSWEc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3z2z_7zSWEc)