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Anchillys - Interview Swith Andy Swit



Life is only part of Death

Andy Wit

What was the spark that ignited the creation of ANCHILLYS?

I think that's hard to answer, there wasn't really one thing that sparked the idea. Through the years as a teenager, I've fell in love with more and more extreme music and noticed how it created a much more pleasant reality in life. Discovering new bands, seeing them live and playing in bands myself created the desire to see how far I can push myself, creating something of my own after years of learning what it's all about (to me).

DEBUT



ANCHILLYS – Elan Vital

Can you elaborate on your debut album Elan Vital? Was it a spontaneous writing process? What does the title signify? How happy & proud are you with the result? What goal would you like to achieve with this record? How does your cat like it?

Elan Vital stands for the "Momentum of Life", or "Force of Life"/"Life-force". The title came from an outer body experience during meditation, where I felt like I was experiencing the spark of life igniting. Of a soul, of a single life, of my own, but somehow also collectively as a species and conscious beings. As the project took 10 years of my life, I decided to dedicate that title to my work. It wasn't much of a spontaneous process (again: 10years). But what came, came as it came and I guess that counts as spontaneous. At the same time a lot of the riffs and lyrics are thought through extensively to make sure it al fits as it should be (in my opinion) and I'm happy & proud to say it came naturally and what it became. The biggest goal was to push through and realize my lifework. Now that I've done so, the goal is to reach people with it and hope they can enjoy the album that I've but together. Morticia, hahah... She's my first fan and started running around as a proper cat-pit from the first riffs I've put together..!! Although she is a cat: so sometimes looks at me with her evil eye, requesting to stop making noise and let her sleep.. She's also in the recordings, if you can find her! Hint: song 4 and 8..

ONE MAN METAL

ANCHILLYS = Andy Wit = 'Dusty Desert Demon'. Andy, you play all instruments in a technical genre. Can you tell how you got to learn to play each instrument, including vocals? Which one is your comfort zone? Which one is the most challenging instrument? Which is your favorite? How important is it for you to play technical music? As a musician, how passionate are you about your gear? How do you go about composing a song, given you cannot just jam with the other band members? How did you obtain your nick name 'Dusty Desert Demon'?

It's really a matter of believing in yourself and DO IT. It takes a bit of discipline and a lot of love&passion, the rest will come naturally. Spent time with your instruments and be patient and persistent, observe your idols and learn from them. None of 'em are much in a comfort zone, as for me it's all about pushing it out of comfort zones, neither can I pick a favorite as I love doing it all and love has no ranking. Playing technical stuff is highly important for me, as I get easily bored/under-challenged. I need to not understand something. I can however tell you a ranking of challenging/difficulty on a physical demanding base, least to most: guitars (sorry guitar players, your lazy if you think it's though), with five steps above it's bass, vocals are physically more demanding than commonly thought, and obviously drums are most demanding as you use every single muscle in your body. Gear is double sided thing for me: I like to keep it minimalistic and get everything out of that, on the other hand, I love my gear like my girlfriend: couldn't have done it without as it's all part of me. The benefits of a solo project is that you can do it when, where, what, how and why-ever you want and that's it. Even though it can be challenging to not have second opinions to ask for, you'll never have arguments and disagreements, haha.. The Dusty Desert Demon... It really just came out as a joke drunkenly and was never meant to be taken seriously. But it just rolls of the tongue so easily and now people already start teasing me with it..!! It was based on the figure in the artwork, representing demons standing in a sandstorm.

DEATH METAL

ANCHILLYS is inspired by 90s Brutal/Technical Death Metal. Which other Death Metal sub-genres do you dig? How is the underground Death Metal scene in the Netherlands nowadays? Do you feel part of the Dutch Death Metal scene? Which other underground Dutch Death Metal bands would you recommend? ANCHILLYS is marketed as 'for fans of SUFFOCATION, DEEDS OF FLESH, NECROPHAGIST & DYING FETUS'. Can you relate to the name-dropping? Which bands do you consider your primary influences?

Slamming Death Metal is of course part of it, some bits of Old School Death and Black Metal also have their part on my album, just a whiff of Doom.. Honestly, I've never been a real part of any scene, as I don't see this style of extreme music being a very vibrant part of the scene in Holland (being quite

the introvert also doesn't help). But the scenes I've been close to have a warm and open vibe, if you're part of it. PYAEMIA, <u>CENTURIAN</u> and <u>SINISTER</u>, just to call I few I think are amazing. I definitely feel like I can relate to those bands as they were my main influencers. SUFFOCATION for its pure brutality, SPAWN OF POSSESSION for its complexity, NECROPHAGIST for its technicality and CANNAB!S CORPSE definitely for its stubborn and playful riff compositions, epic!

OTHER PROJECTS

You were in ONCE BEGOTTEN, DICTATED, IRON HARVEST & ABSCESSED. How do you look back at that period? Any other projects you are still a part of?

ABSCESSED gave me the experience of working together in a band and what to do and not to (like keep playing when the song stops, horrible when people do this..). With a 20year gap between their and my ages, it was a hilarious time with some cool guys who just don't give a f***. DICTATED, I was just part of for a small 2 months, as I've stepped in for their tour with ORIGIN, PSYCROPTIC and LENG TCHE, as DICTATED's bass-player stepped out of the band 5 weeks before the tour. So I had to quickly learn their set and start touring! It was amazing though, tons of live playing experience. I was a singer for IRON HARVEST, great guys, great musicians and epic songwriting they've done for me to put the lyrics on. Didn't last forever, but definitely good memories until the end. ONCE BEGOTTEN is where my heart will always lay and what I'll miss forever. The music and playing it together was so intense, with such a fine balance between technical gameplay and pure brutality. The interaction with the musicians in it was simply amazing, intimate and never to be replaced by anything. ANCHILLYS is my only child at this point.

LYRICS

Did I read well that lyrical subjects & inspiration are spiritualism, emotions, existentialism, meditation, selfawareness, sleep paralysis, alien abduction & even out-of-the-body experiences? How do these subjects come to mind when writing song texts? What do you find more therapeutic: writing lyrics or writing music?

That is a 100% correct. I will say I find a lot more joy in writing the music itself, the album was fully written and recorded until I couldn't get around the fact anymore that it still needed lyrics and vocal lines. It was so hard to write and fit sensible words over the riffs as they keep moving in tempo and signatures, making me delay it until the absolute end and couldn't finish my album anymore. I've had experience with writing lyrics already, but still had no idea what type of subject would fit. So many subjects in Death Metal have already been done beyond the meaning of the word "cliché", or subjects in the genre that I just simply don't agree with (misogyny, describing what a dissected body looks like, "look how evil I am"..). I had to look deep in myself to find "who and what am I", so those were a tough 9 months with a lot of selfconfrontation, accompanied by increasing meditational practice as well as sauce and herbs and processing past life traumas etc. It was tough times, but again I will thank my girlfriend+parents for all her support and I'm proud of what eventually came out and how I've improved myself from it.

VISUALS



The artwork by H-HICH DESIGN is quite amazing. I read in another interview about its deeper meaning, inspired by a dream of yours about controlling your inner demons. How did you select your artist and how did you instruct the artist on what you wanted specifically as artwork? Was the artist's first attempt immediately spot on or did you go through a feedback process? The symmetric, SZPAJDEL-alike logo by VISUAL DEFECT is classy too.

How did you get to know and how did you end up with VISUAL DEFECT?

Same question as for the artwork, did you give specific instructions for the logo or not at all? Was it photographer **MICHEL VRIENS**' or your both clever and hilarious idea to photo-shop yourself four times in the same picture to reflect that **ANCHILLYS** is one man playing four instruments? Despite your serious lyrical subjects, is humor important to you?

I went on a research where and how I could get artworks and quickly came to **FIVERR**. There I kept looking for artist that would fit the style I was looking for and ordered a few concepts with keywords from artists and what this guy came up with spoke to me immediately. It did need quite some fine-tuning which I did steer a lot into certain directions, like the ques I've seen in dreams. So he setup the concept, I've filled in on the details I needed and he's amazing capability made my dream reality, literally haha.. The logoartist, just like the artwork, was also found on **FIVERR**. Amazing guy, he too setup a concept that just spoke to me, a few revisions and the result was there! Thank you for calling the photo idea hilarious! It was definitely supposed as a joke with deeper intention. I came up with the idea and asked my brother in law to help clicking the pictures and he photo-shopped it too. My sister would love to tell you she helped with the outfits, hairstyles and beard trimming,

hèhè.. The "members" in the pictures do indeed represent the instrumentalists, left to right: drummer, bassist, vocalist and guitar player. It had to be "authentic". Humor is definitely important to me, the lyrics are the only thing where it's not part of it (ok, maybe a few lines and a certain title..). So the picture is obviously part of that too, along with the writing of the music. I wanted it to be playful and stubborn here and there. "Why would you write it like that..?" So you can ask me that question.

RITUALS

How will you attract other band members in the future? Do you plan to play live using session musicians or do you prefer to hit the stage with a stable, dedicated line-up? Will you let the music speak for itself or what show elements do you consider adding?

I'm not sure how I'm gonna approach that yet, besides showing that this stuff means business and dedication with love&passion for the music. I would definitely prefer a dedicated line-up where we all know how and why we can rely on each other, because I do feel like those line-up gives the most sincere live performances. But I'm not gonna slow down the projects future by leaving opportunities if I could do it with session members. Either way: hitting the stage with ANCHILLYS is the bigger dream (so if any musician is reading this NL/DE/BE, looking for a Brutal Blasting stage explosion: hook me up! info@anchillys.nl). Since I mostly prefer things to be old school and straightforward, I'd probably prefer to let the music speak for itself. I think it can be hard enough to follow sometimes without any extra show distractions.

But never say never.

FUTURE

What are ANCHILLYS' ambitions? Would you ever sign a deal with a major label? Which labels do you dream to sign with? Or do you prefer a DIY approach? What further plans do you have with ANCHILLYS?

To begin with I'd love to see how the album will be received by the audience and how far it can reach for the dreams of the previous question. With time, there will be new material as I love the process of creating it and this time with the benefit of the experience how to do it more constructively. I do appreciate the mentality and freedom of doing it independently, although labels do come with obvious benefits. I've never really dreamt of signing with a big label, but I can't wait to meet the day.

CLOSING

Any last words you would like to share?

First of all, thank you very much for the interview and your interest to check out what I've done. I appreciate that, same goes for everyone reading it and doing the same! I'd also love to thank my girlfriend and family (again) and friends and people who helped me realizing this project and all the steps it took and will take to push it further. Hopefully it will inspire other people too that you can do what you really want to do, as long as you believe in yourself and push yourself beyond your limits. Limitations are just a mentality and meant to be breached.

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Arde – Interview



ARDE

What is the meaning of the band name? Is it Romanian for 'burn'? Or is it more related to the German *Erde*? How did you get to this name? Is it signifying the respect you have for earth & nature? Or?

When translated literally, ARDE means BURN. It is a Latin word that means the same in Italian and Spanish too, both languages we share from countries where some of us have lived. As fire symbolizes birth and death, so does rebirth. The ashes that we have been and the flames that we will be, also like when a fire burns through a forest, the old-growth in the forest burns away to allow space for the new forest to emerge from beneath.

STYLE

ARDE started as a D-Beat/Crust band, but the style evolved to Atmospheric Black Metal. Even though DÖDSRIT went through a similar change, this is not a very common or such an obvious path, in my opinion. How did that happen? Was it a gradual, natural, or rather abrupt shift? Which atmospheric Black Metal

bands inspire you? Do you see atmospheric Black Metal as a global style, or do you feel it varies geographically?

Some of us grew with the DIY punk scene or whatever you want to call it, and we played for many years in different bands with different styles. ARDE started as a crust band, but this music changed into something much more atmospheric, which felt somewhat natural. We were always into bands like DARKTHRONE, WOLVES IN THE THRONE ROOM, ALTAR OF PLAGUES, AFSKY, ANTLERS, and many more. It was just the time to try another style and see what happens, but we think attitude is more important than the style of music we play, and it is also sending a message of respect.

Definitely! Black Metal is very different in all parts of the world. In Scandinavia, Western Europe, or Cascadia, they have their unique sound and musical interpretation.

DEBUT

How well was the debut received? What did the band learn from it? Still happy with it? Would you do certain things differently if you could re-record?

To our surprise, we got great feedback when our debut album came out, so we were super happy, and this motivated us to keep walking on this long path and learning in all directions. We recorded it on our own, just like the new album.

LINE-UP

With band members coming from Spain, Germany, and Belgium, how did you all meet each other? What moment did you all decide to start the band? What event triggered this? Navarro, the former vocalist who sings on the debut, went back to home-country Spain. Kato joined ARDE. Did ARDE & Kato know each other? Were there auditions? How did the partnership come into existence? Did Kato focus on new songs only to record the new full-length, or did he also focus on learning the old songs to play them live? Does he feel the same connection to both old and new songs?

In the first line-up, we also had a member from Venezuela, a good old friend. They were the roots, and after that, we were looking for more members, and we only needed to ask in our friendship circle until we made it up to the line-up we have now. We never had a German member in the band, and right now, we are from Poland, Belgium, Italy, Basque Country, and the Canary Islands. We all met in Berlin, and all of us are here for many different reasons, but luckily our paths crossed, and that is how everything started. As Navarro moved back to Spain, we searched for another vocalist, and a friend of ours recommended us Kato, who has been doing great since then. He started singing the old songs too and mainly focused on the new ones then.

LABEL

Do you feel at home at the labels WOLVES OF HADES, ALERTA ANTIFASCISTA, and DARKWOODS? Did those labels approach ARDE to sign the band or vice versa? What criteria/values were vital to you to accept or decline offers from these labels? Why several labels? Is it because of different media formats that will be released?

It is more like the way of working in the DIY Punk scene. We asked small labels if they were interested in helping and supporting us with our new record. We knew them from other bands we played, and we have to be super grateful that they still want to support us and help us with the release. We did not have to sign anything, everything is DIY, and we want to work this way truly. We went for several labels because we are used to releasing our records in different formats this way. That is quite a common thing in the DIY Punk/Crust scene.

ROOTS

How do the countries of origin of the band members inspire the identity, vision, mindset, and lyrics of the band? Where do all these visions meet each other?

It does not have anything to do with different countries of origin. It is more about the personal inspiration of each member. The fact that we are all coming from other parts of Europe might influence the music and general vision of the band. The most important thing is that we do not care about all these differences between our places of origin. What matters most is our attitude towards each other, which is making this band work pretty well.

As for many bands, our rehearsal room is our central point of creation, where we all together discuss and speak about how we want to express our music.



NEW ALBUM

ARDE – Ancestral Cult (artwork by Brookesia Studio)

What are your expectations & ambitions about the new full-length? What higher purpose does *Ancestral Cult* have for the band? Do you consider it a concept album, or do all individual tracks stand on their own? The pandemic lock-down seemed a curse for many, but at the same time, it has been a blessing for creative creatures. Were there any challenges you faced in the songwriting process, for example, not being allowed to meet each other? You recorded in both URBAN SPREE in Germany and CORSARIOS ESTUDIOS in Spain. All members seem to have gone to a recording studio in their country of residence. Was this due to the Covid-19 measures? Was CORSARIOS selected because of your friend Lolo? Why did you opt to record at URBAN SPREE?

We do not have bigger ambitions than being personally satisfied with the final result of the recordings. If the people like and enjoy the new album, then we will be more than happy. If not, we will be happy too, just because we are happy with what we did.

Due to the pandemic situation, we had to pause rehearsals. On the other hand, all of us had the time to focus on different things. More time at home was at some point beneficial for the creative process of Ancestral Cult. Some riffs resulted from sitting with a guitar at home and having the time just for that. And yes, it is a conceptual album, as you can see in the lyrics and artwork. We all recorded at **URBAN SPREE** in Berlin except for Kato. He recorded vocals in the studio of our friend Lolo (**Corsarios Studios**) in Donosti. Lolo is an old friend of ours. He already helped us with some other bands which some of our members played in in the past. At that lock-down time, Kato was in the Basque Country, and it was easier for him to record there than to come over to Berlin because of the restrictions we had, etc. We chose **URBAN SPREE** as a friend of ours worked there at that time, and we got the chance to book the studio just for ourselves.

LYRICS

Women play a crucial role in the song texts. Who wrote the lyrics? Which is the main message that you wanted to bring forward? How important are the lyrics for ARDE? Is social engagement a part of the life of the band members? Are the song texts the Crust/Punk roots speaking?

As a conceptual album, we were searching for information about the idea we had in mind, and then Kato was the one to put all these ideas together and transform them into lyrics. We are trying to express a message in the lyrics, call it a political message for us in our way. This time, we try to explain how important it was for our ancestors the female figure and how much respect it deserved. Over time, the female figure was ridiculed, pounded, and exploited to our days, and there is still this thing that many women are fighting against, which is this silly system called patriarchy. In some ways, this album reflects our anger and the wish to destroy it.

ARTWORK

The cover art by BROOKESIA STUDIO matches the lyrics well. How did you get to this result? Did you give detailed instructions on what you wanted, did you give them a wildcard, or did you pick an existing piece?

The alter ego of one of our guitar players, Rubén, is BROOKESIA STUDIO, so everything turns easy to do the designs and artworks that we want to implement in our albums and merchandise. That is a huge advantage.

EUROPEAN METAL SCENE

How does ARDE, as an international band, blend in with the European Metal scene? Do you have a connection with some other bands? What bands do you share the stage with often? What German, Spanish, and Belgian underground Metal bands should we keep a close eye on?

As we mentioned before, we have been playing for many years in other projects as well. We have met kind people and bands who turned into friends. It would be unfair to name some of these bands because we surely would forget some of them. We do, however, have contact with the scene of those countries for sure.

CINDER WELL

The track *Sile* stands out from the other songs because it contains the clean female vocals of AMELIA BAKER from CINDER WELL. How did you come to the idea? How did the collaboration come to being?

Amelia is also an old friend of ours. We asked her since we always like to collaborate with our friends. She was in for the idea of writing a song like that. She performed and recorded it by herself and sent it to us, simply as that. And by the way, we are super happy and thankful for the result. Her song is beautiful and brings an incredible touch to the whole album.

DIY

You cherish the DIY attitude. To what extent does ARDE manage to remain autonomous as much as possible? Which activities are the merit of ARDE? Which activities do you outsource? Is that a conscious choice?

Yes, it is. There is no other way to work as a band. We apply DIY as much as possible. This way, we control all aspects of the music based on decisions taken by all band members. On the other hand, we do not want and have any interest in the mainstream music industry. We are happy where we are now. The independent Punk/Crust/Metal scene is our home.

LIVE

Can we expect ARDE on stage? What shall we expect of an ARDE gig? Do you prefer small clubs, big venues or festivals? Which visual elements do you use to enhance a show?

Yes, sure! After this Covid break, we now have some shows confirmed and hope there will be more in the future. We like to play for sure, and it does not matter the place or location. We started to create some atmosphere at the shows with candles and an ancient ritual altar.

CLOSING WORDS

Anything else you want to get off your chest?

Thanks a lot for having us here and for the interesting questions. We hope we can play live soon in Belgium and we can meet each other.

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Carnation - Interview



The colour of ripped off flesh

CARNATION

DECADE OF CARNATION

This year, CARNATION celebrated its 10th anniversary. How does the band feel about reaching this significant milestone, and how did you celebrate/commemorate it? On Facebook, you were sharing some videos showcasing memories from 1 decade of CARNATION. Which collective memory is the dearest? Which anecdote is most amusing? Which achievement are you most proud of? How has your sound evolved over the years?

We feel very fortunate for all the achievements we made in the past. These things you've only got to realise when you gather together, stop for a moment and look and talk about all these amazing memories that we've shared together.

The dearest memory to us might be performing at the amazing <u>70000TONS OF METAL</u> festival in Miami. That's one of the craziest experiences that we all want to be on.

Talking about an anecdote, we've got many! I'll tell you a small story about our arrival in Brazil. We were about to kick off our Brazilian tour with PESTILENCE. We had arrived in Sao Paulo to wait for the promotor of the tour to pick us up. We were supposed to meet at 12 at noon. We've been waiting until 2pm, and thought it all happened to be a scam. So we went to have something to eat, while we suddenly got a call from the promotor being angry why we weren't at the place to meet each other. We were like WTF are you talking about, coming here two hours too late? What we came to notice further on the tour was that in the end it's actually normal to be late any time in Brazil.

The achievement to be most proud of must have been our very first visit to Japan, back in 2016. We couldn't believe we were able to do all this with only one EP released yet.

Throughout the years we surely experienced with different sounds, talking about everyone in the band. I think we all like to evolve into a better version of ourselves.

OLD SCHOOL DEATH METAL YOUTH

When you founded CARNATION, you were still 'youngsters' yet you were paying tribute to the Death Metal scene that was hot during an era from 'before your generation'. What was it that initially attracted you in this specific musical style? How did you get acquainted with it? Why did you gravitate towards old school Death Metal rather than the more contemporary take on it? Who introduced you in this genre? Your fathers, older brothers, friends? Are you just 'young guys with old souls'? Do you consider this larger-than-life genre a timeless one?

This is something very personal of course but for me (Vincent) I came to notice and listen to Death Metal because of my brother (Jonathan/Founder CARNATION). He was constantly showing new bands to me. What attracted the most at the time was surely the heaviness it brought. We came from listening to Heavy Metal and Thrash vinyls that we found in our uncle's bedroom, so this was something new and inspiring to us. Death Metal has never really been a hype or something but it feels like it's here to stay.

CURSED MORTALITY

Can you provide some insights into the upcoming album Cursed Mortality? On Facebook, you teased about expecting the unexpected and venturing into previously unknown territories. Can you offer a glimpse, lift the tip of the veil or should we really be patient until the release? How is it different from your previous work? Can you talk about the writing and recording process for that album? Any singles and/or music/lyric videos we should watch out for? Will you be playing songs of the new album during e.g. GRASPOP?

We've recently released our very first single, which is the title track of the album 'Cursed Mortality'. In this song we already give away what to expect on the new sound for the band. Give it a listen on streaming or <u>watch</u> our music video on YouTube.



CARNATION – Cursed Mortality

MARIUSZ LEWANDOWSKI

The esteemed MARIUSZ LEWANDOWSKI crafted the cover art on Cursed Mortality. Given the fact that he regretfully passed away in 2022, how did you navigate the process of utilising his art for your album?

We were lucky enough to receive everything before he unfortunately passed away. He still had some people working for him to clear things out in the end.

CHRISTOPHE SZPAJDEL

For Cursed Mortality, you are also stepping away from your initial logo. No one less than CHRISTOPHE 'Lord of the Logos' SZPAJDEL now applied his famous calligraphic skills, introducing a rebranded logo. What are

the reasons behind this change of visual identity, why did you break with the old logo and will the new logo be fully replacing the old one?

For the band it felt like we where entering a new era. This meant we weren't sure if our logo still fits the music and artwork for the new album. We have met CHRISTOPHE SZPAJDEL at a festival in Tokyo, Japan (2016) where he already mentioned that he wanted to re-make our logo some day. Some day came today and he started working on it. We gave him our instructions and so he made this new logo which we are very happy about.

HELLGIUM

SCHIZOPHRENIA, CARNAL DESECRATION, <u>GRIMVILLE</u>, BONES, TRIAGONE, EVIL INVADERS, BÜTCHER, VIOLENT SIN, COBRACIDE, ... Belgium has proven to be fertile soil for passionate, talented, fierce Metal acts with international potential. Some of the members of CARNATION have also been involved in these bands. How do you interact with all these bands, is there (still) a friendly connection? Which upcoming Belgian underground extreme Metal band(s) should we definitely watch out for? How has the Belgian Metal scene influenced CARNATION's music?

Of course it's a friendly connection. All of these bands, including us are doing all this out of passion for the music. Please don't see any of this as a game, because you've already lost then. I think bands such as <u>SCHIZOPHRENIA</u>, CARNAL DESECRATION, BÜTCHER have a lot of potential to grow really fast. EVIL INVADERS is doing this as well, but that's already going on another level.

GRUNTS

Simon, how did you discover you had a talent for such brutal growls? How did you acquire the right technique? How do you practice and refine your skills? Perhaps there are interesting anecdotes or unique methods you can share, such as singing in the shower?

It was something I've always wanted to try some day. I used to sing in a Thrash Metal band where we never used any growls. When we started CARNATION there was finally a chance for me to reveal what I've been practising for years. Some really important things to do before any show or recording are the warm-up routines. There are plenty of ways to do so. I used to in- and exhale the steam of hot water mixed with Vicks Vapor Rub. That's a really good way to warm up because thos exercise opens up your sinuses and chest and helps you breathe better.

RITUALS

While off stage, you all seem very laid back guys, but once on stage, a transformation takes place and you always deliver a very energetic, intense set. What is the source for all that sheer aggression & anger, what inspires you to channel it during your performances? Can you tell us about the inspiration behind the gory horror stage act and how it enhances the overall live experience of CARNATION? How do you compare playing live with recording in the studio or shooting a music video? Are there any songs that take particular pride in or enjoy performing live? What do you hope fans experience when they attend one of your shows?

As we perform music in a quite heavy set and genre we find it important to deliver the emotions behind these more or less aggressive tunes. The aesthetic part of our show plays a huge part in transmitting these emotions to the audience. There isn't much to compare about live, studio or music video experiences. The only comparable part here is the music itself. As said here before, the live experience has both the aesthetic and emotional part. Studio recordings has a particular focus on the emotion and best performance possible. On music videos you go all-in on the aesthetic performance. There is one song that we barely skip at any show we play and that's the very first song ever written for this band called 'Necromancer'. It's a very old-school straight forward tune.

PREDATORY VOID

Vincent, you are also active in <u>PREDATORY VOID</u> now. What should we know about <u>PREDATORY VOID</u>? It is not a Death Metal band. Can you shed some light on the essence of <u>PREDATORY VOID</u> and clarify which Metal sub-genre you are most passionate about? Do you consider <u>PREDATORY VOID</u> a side project of yours or do CARNATION and <u>PREDATORY VOID</u> have the same priority for you? Are you doing this to bring stylistic variation in your creative endeavors?

It's quite difficult to name just one genre that influences <u>PREDATORY VOID</u>. All band members come from a different scene and we all enjoy different kinds of music. You can surely hear a blend inspired by the other bands that we all work for. I would call it equally important as CARNATION and a new chance to develop into something new as well.

NOMEN EST OMEN

CARNATION's name is typically associated with flowers, which may not align with the conventional expectations of a brutal Death Metal band. Can you explain the intention behind choosing CARNATION as a moniker? Were you looking for something more CARNAGE-like, more violent/aggressive, or does the name carry a deeper significance for the band?

The band name came from the Latin language, which translates to: The colour of ripped off flesh.

SEASON OF MIST

How did the partnership with <u>SEASON OF MIST</u> come about? How has this collaboration contributed to CARNATION's growth and exposure?

We had some relations with people working at the record company, who helped us by showing our debut album 'Chapel of Abhorrence' pre-production in the <u>SEASON OF MIST</u> office. It was a huge step forward for the band to be able to release our debut album through this record company.

70000TONS OF METAL

Can you share impressions of your experience playing at <u>70000TONS OF METAL</u>? How does playing on a cruise ship compare to playing a traditional venue? Which memorable pool deck performance did you catch? Any kind/crazy bands you hung out with?

The atmosphere is what makes the difference in playing on a cruise, though we had played the indoor stages there. You might feel a little dizzy when the ocean waves get wild. The cool things of this festival is the fact that you can witness live shows from 10AM to 6AM. Some memorable shows from that festival were performances by THE BLACK DAHLIA MURDER and CORONER right around 3AM on the pooldeck stage. Amazing! We hung out with some people such as MAX and IGGOR CAVALERA and some other bands of course. Always fun to share some good times with these people.

ELPEE

CARNATION has played multiple times at ELPEE. What is your connection with that venue and the fans who frequent it, and what was your experience like performing there? Any memorable moments you can recall?

We love that place! The place has some of the best fans and friends of us of course. We had played the venue a couple times, which we have enjoyed a lot.

ASAKUSA DEATHFEST

Can you shed some light on your live album and split release following your performance at ASAKUSA DEATHFEST in Japan? How do you reflect upon your participation in ASAKUSA DEATHFEST and the overall experience?

The live-album came along after someone at the venue told us he recorded the whole show. We first had released these songs exclusively with the Belgian magazine ROCK TRIBUNE and some songs were featured on a compilation CD released by the festival itself. This experience was hard to believe at first. The fans and bands and overal behavior of the Japanese is so different and very respectful compared to our Western culture. The ASAKUSA DEATHFEST is an underground festival in Tokyo where some of the coolest Japanese bands play. The venue is close to some very nice temples to visit, which is super cool.

SKELETAL REMAINS

How has CARNATION's relationship with SKELETAL REMAINS developed over the years, from your initial meeting at ASAKUSA DEATHFEST to collaborating on a split album? Can you also talk about the guest vocals and joint live performances between the two bands, as well as Simon's guest appearance on SKELETAL REMAINS' Stench of Paradise Burning (DISINCARNATE cover) on the album The Entombment of Chaos?

We first met the guys in SKELETAL REMAINS back in 2015 if I'm not mistaken. When talking to the band, we all had this instant connection through our similar interests. It was amazing to reunite with them back in Tokyo when playing the ASAKUSA DEATHFEST for the first time. We've been good friends with past and current bandmembers to this day. The collaboration was an idea coming from both sides which we had for years.

PROJECT ZERO STUDIO

Yarne, aside of recording CARNATION's albums at your PROJECT ZERO STUDIO, can you highlight which other album recordings are you particularly proud of? What is your preferred activity between playing live with CARNATION or recording/producing albums by other bands?

I've had the chance to work with many great bands and artists. It's hard to choose just a few from this list because they all have their special something which makes it fun working with these bands. There is this amazing feeling when building up something together with a band and let them shine at their best performances. I do love both activities a lot but recording and mixing this new CARNATION album makes me really motivated and proud when now having the end result.

LEISURE

Besides Metal, which other passions/hobbies do CARNATION members have?

Watching sports games such as F1 racing or Cyclo-cross.

FUTURE

Apart from the upcoming album Cursed Mortality, what can fans expect from CARNATION in the future? Are there any upcoming tours you can reveal? Which is your ultimate ambition in terms of performing at specific festivals, venues, or alongside particular bands?

People can expect a new live set-up and vibe according to the new record. We are unfortunately not able to reveal anything about tours. There are still many festivals that we'd love to play.

CLOSING

Anything else you wanted to answer but that I failed to ask?

Nothing to answer but a thankful message to our fans and friends for staying loyal to our music.

Thank you CARNATION!

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Cult Burial – Interview Swith Simon

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NOMEN EST OMEN

CULT BURIAL: what's in a name? Could you tell us more about what the band name signifies?

Literally nothing. There's nothing behind it and there's no meaning at all. It just seemed to fit the music I had written and just seemed to work.



LINE-UP

CULT BURIAL

Consisting of only 3 members, does CULT BURIAL feel complete? Simon takes care of both guitars and drums. Will you always be using session musicians during live performances? Or are you searching for an extra force? How about Felipe Grüber who seems to take care of additional guitars?

It's purely a studio project, so this sort of setup works for me. There's no live playing and I don't plan to, so there wouldn't be the need for studio musicians. Felipe plays bits of guitar that I can't, he's way better than I am! Does it feel complete? It feels as complete as it needs to.

DISCOGRAPHY

CULT BURIAL seems quite productive with 2 EPs ('Sorrow' & 'Oblivion') and 1 full-length in 2 years. Is there any positive impact coming from the pandemic in that sense? Is creativity something that is coming naturally, continuously, and smoothly? Or do you ever face writer's block?

The first releases were written very quickly. It was the first Metal record I made, so ideas came out fast. There wasn't much thought or delving deep to find ideas, it just came out, then vocals went down, then I mixed it and done, on to the next track. The pandemic gave me more time to work on the record ,that's for sure. Writer's block? Yeah, now I do. I want the next record to be grander and more elaborate, and it's taking time.



DEBUT

Your <u>self-titled debut full-length</u> album was received very well. Some even called it the debut album of the year. Did you expect this kind of response? Which goals did you set yourself when unleashing your brainchild to the outer world? How did you get the word out, and how did you promote your work?

No, I didn't expect that kind of response at all. There weren't any goals at the start, I just wanted to release a record. The reviews were great, and the metal community is amazing when it comes to searching for new music, taking the time to listen to it, and then sharing it with people. That really helped promote the record. I worked with a PR company who specialise in underground Metal, and they did an amazing job of getting the record reviewed.

UNSIGNED

So far, CULT BURIAL did not sign to any label yet. Which record companies did you share your material with? How was the response? Which label would be your ultimate dream? How about SEASON OF MIST (Underground Activists)? Would you be interested in signing to a major label and increasing your reach or would you prefer to keep it more underground?

At first, I thought it would be interesting to see if a label would be interested in the record. I sent the record to 15 or so underground Metal labels, but I didn't get any responses. In hindsight, I'm pretty happy about that. CULT BURIAL is a studio project and I guess that makes it pretty uninteresting to labels, but really I am comfortable working entirely as I want without other people being involved. SEASON OF MIST is an amazing label, they have released so much music that I truly love, so to release a record with them would be incredible, but I am not sure that would ever happen. They put quite a few CULT BURIAL on their Spotify playlist, that was a good moment.

LONDON

How do we need to imagine the London Metal/underground scene? Is it alive and kicking? Which local bands do we need to look out for? Do you consider it a network?

I don't really know. I'm not a 'traditionally' Metal person and don't have any ideas on the network. I love finding new bands and searching out new albums though, but I don't do that in London.

INFLUENCES

Encyclopaedia Metallum aka The Metal Archives describes your style as Black/Death/Doom Metal and lists BELPHEGOR as a similar artist. On Spotify, CULT BURIAL fans also like ASHEN, ABSCESSION, BURIAL, DESCENT, FIAT NOX, HELSLAVE, and SULPHUROUS. Can you relate to any of these comparisons? Which bands are your real sources of inspiration? How would you describe your sound yourself?

I've never heard a BELPHEGOR track before, so any similarity is purely coincidental. Same thing on Spotify, I've never heard any of those bands before, but I will take a listen. My heavy inspiration is early SEPULTURA, I love that band. I am more inspired by particular guitars I play rather than any other bands, and the recording process itself.

VISUALS



You released videos for 'Sorrow', 'Dethroner', and 'Disorder'. They look professional and occult. Who are you working with? Which stories would you like to bring with these videos? Also, the art which accompanies your albums and singles is dark yet appealing. How important are these aesthetics? LEGERDEMAIN took care of the artwork of the full-length. How did that take shape? Who did the cover for the Oblivion EP and the Disorder single? Is it a conscious decision to have a logo that is legible?



CULT BURIAL - Oblivion EP

The **LEGERDEMAIN** collaboration was awesome. I wanted to get someone 'proper' to do the album cover and stumbled across work he had done for other bands. I loved it. To me, it was the image on the sound if that makes sense. I sent him a message and he was happy to do an image for the album. After that, it was his ideas purely and he delivered an incredible image to use for the record. Actually, it was **LEGERDEMAIN** that came up with the text/logo for the band as well, before that I was experimenting with different ideas, but now have stuck with what he came up with. It was a very conscious decision to have a legible logo, Illegible logos are cool, but not for this band.



CULT BURIAL – Parasite

COMPOSITION

Simon composes the songs. How does this start? How do other members contribute? Is collaboration happening online or in a rehearsal room? How does the writing process go?

Everything starts with some guitars, either a progression or a riff, but only if it can match to some drums in a way that really makes sense to me. If that works, I'll build the rest of the track around it. There's nothing written or planned, and I've got no musical knowledge beyond "that sounds good", so it's all very impromptu and on the spot. It's very free-flowing, and if it just doesn't work, the idea gets binned.

RITUALS

Are CULT BURIAL's live shows in line with that same identity? How do we need to imagine such a performance? Which visual aids do you apply? What are the tour plans? Which countries will or would you like to pay a visit? Which bands will/should share the bill?

There's no plans to play live. That won't ever happen.

BOOKS

CULT BURIAL appeared in the books MONOCHROMES and RIPPING TONGUES. What kind of coverage is featured?

That's all down to LEGERDEMAIN, the guy who puts those books together asked if we'd like to be included and of course I said yes. It's about the album artwork and includes some quotes from LEGERDEMAIN, talking about his views on the piece.

ENBLOOD

César is also in ENBLOOD. What do we need to know about ENBLOOD?

All you need to know is: they're great, check them out. Brutal stuff.

FUTURE

What are CULT BURIAL's plans & ambitions?

I'm working on a new album. Slowly, but I am doing it. I was planning for a 2022 release but that doesn't look likely, so there's going to be a single of 2 along the way, and I'll aim to release it mid-2023, with a limited edition vinyl release.

Thanks Simon & CULT BURIAL!

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Bindethes - Interview Schith J.



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J. (DINBETHES)

DINBETHES

You already are in both SHAGOR (bass) and WEERZIN (drums), why did you decide to start yet another project? To be able to play the guitars too? Do you consider this a solo or studio project where you got help from befriended musicians or do you consider it a band? 2nd Vocalist P is also in SHAGOR & WEERZIN, so the link is obvious. What is your connection with 3rd vocalist K from GHOST OF MIRACH and drum-beast M (PESTILENCE, CARACH ANGREN, ex-GOD DETHRONED) and how did you motivate/convince

them to collaborate? Why did you opt for 2 extra vocalists instead of 2 extra guitarists? What does the name DINBETHES stand for?

Thinking back at it I think SHAGOR, <u>OSSAERT</u> and DINBETHES were more or less formed at the same time. WEERZIN came years after that when P. recording some more things during the pandemic and I kind of forced myself on the project as his programmed drums were sh!t as always haha. DINBETHES has been a first opportunity to really figure out writing, recording, mixing and mastering a record from start to finish. It would be fair to say that DINBETHES is a solo project but not a solo effort. I cannot emphasize enough that without P, K. and M.'s contributions this record would not be sounding as good as it does right now. I am but a limited songwriter and instrumentalist. My forte is that I have a creative mind. It's one of the things I love about the whole process of making records; collaborating with talented and like-minded people, reinforcing each other's strengths and getting the best end result possible. The connection to P. is indeed quite obvious by now. K. and M. I've gotten to know over the years through mutual friends. Seeing and speaking each to each other mostly at other friends' houses and having shared interests. From that point I started playing with M. here and there, K. helped me out with my clean vocals for a few sessions. Once I asked if they were interested to contribute, neither of them hesitated. I don't even know if they heard the demos beforehand. They just agreed to help out. That still kind of blows my mind. Regarding the vocalists: I believe P. and K. have very different voices which complement the music in different ways. And as I had all the other bases covered myself, there was no need for different instrumentalists except for drums. Which is of course where M. helped out and elevated my arrangements to a whole new level. There is no meaning behind DINBETHES. The first project in Ableton for DINBETHES I wanted to save as 'Dingetjes' ('Thingies') as a working title. But then I got 'typing-typhus' and it ended up as 'Dinbethes'. I found that quite funny and decided to keep it.

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DEBUT: BALANS



DINBETHES – Balans

How proud are you of the debut album 'Balans'? How are the reviews so far? Are you happy with how things are going? The music was written back in between December 2019 & August 2020. Are you patient enough to see your music released only 2,5 years after? Meanwhile, you will have further evolved musically, do you feel 'Balans' is already somewhat outdated because of that or does it still exactly meet your current vision and how you imagined it to sound when you wrote it 2 years ago? How is the promotion going e.g. PR through DEAD MILL MEDIA, single premiere via ADDERGEBROED etc.? How do you select which tracks to release as a single?

Insanely proud. Good or bad reviews will not change too much about that. When I started playing bass when I was 14 the wildest idea was always being able to play and record everything on my own. I guess now 15 years later we've achieved that! Although I must say that I can get frustrated if I read a review peppered with opinion while the reviewer clearly doesn't get what the created product is about. On the other hand a very positive review also makes me very humbled and happy. I am still human haha. 'Balans' is a product that I am wholeheartedly proud of and will always be. Records are a snapshot of the writers' point of view at that point in time. This final product was the best I could achieve at that moment in time. The moment I finished I needed to draw a line in the sand for myself as well. I remastered the damn thing 3 times over and I was sick of it. Done should be done. What comes after that comes after that; just take the experience to the next project and continue. The main question I asked myself at the end was 'Will I regret not doing or changing something later on?' and I can still clearly answer a firm 'I don't' to that question. Choosing singles was relatively easy: 'Balans' was too long and I felt 'Venijn' and 'Geboren' gave the best full picture of what the record is about, both musically and lyrically.

It's a shame that vinyl production is taking forever these days, otherwise 'Balans' would've been released way earlier, I think. On the other hand: I'll gladly show some more patience if that means getting the opportunity to press your own album on vinyl. I can only be grateful for that opportunity

BABYLON DOOM CULT has given me, not everyone gets chances like this. Same goes for the PR through **DEAD MILL MEDIA**; an opportunity provided by **BABYLON DOOM CULT** and I'm very happy I do not have to do all that sluggish work myself this time as we did with **WEERZIN** and **SHAGOR**.

FORMAT

'Balans' will be released on vinyl via collaboration with BABYLON DOOM CULT RECORDS and as CD & MC via SWARTE YSSEL. How would you rank these formats from least favorite to favorite? Are you a collector? In times of streaming, is it difficult to sell physical media? Or is a retro-movement in vinyl making up for that? Do you think that it is especially Metalheads who still prefer physical media? Why would that be?

I do not really have a preference. I'm not that much of a collector (I have maybe 100 cd's and 30 vinyls, few tapes) but friends of me are. The only moments I use vinyls, cd's or tapes is when I'm having a drink with friends. Instead of going online and streaming anything that pops into your mind, read the room and pick something everyone enjoys. And listen through the whole goddamn record instead of just a single song to then move to something completely different the next song haha. I enjoy going through someone's records and getting to know someone's taste that way. It often gives some food for conversation as well. Seeing that also in other styles of music vinyl is booming I reckon it's not only in the Metal community. It is, as it always was, still the most direct way to support the artists you like, I think. Especially in 'independent' or niche communities. I've noticed that since we've been able to play live with SHAGOR again people are very eager to buy merchandise in any format. Whether it's <u>OSSAERT</u>, SHAGOR or WEERZIN; people are showing their support by buying anything. Something I do observe the amount of loyalty and willingness to support smaller or independent artist is enormous within the Metal community. The Metal community has a strong feeling of 'we're in this together', it's a close-knit scene that supports itself mostly.

NLBM UNITY

Can we speak of a Dutch Black Metal scene that has strong ties between all bands/projects? It appears to me that many bands are related. Is this due to some personalities like yourself being active in multiple bands? Is this due to sharing the same stages? Because of the use of the Dutch language? Because of geographical proximity? What is it that makes the Netherlands such a fertile soil for Black Metal?

To be honest: I think there is not one clear answer. On one hand I think the Netherlands has a lot of 'creative hubs', cities where a lot of creative minds cross paths and cross pollinate with each other's ideas and the scene is very strong. On the other hand, I think that there are quite a few 'einzelgängers' or small collectives working on their own islands which can hardly be called a scene. The Utrecht scene for example I would point out as a very interconnected scene. LASTER, anything HAERESIS NOVIOMAGI, TERZIJ DE HORDE, WRANG,

WESENWILLE, GREY AURA and the list goes on. A long list of names and most of these guys have worked with each other, whether sharing the stages, filling in a show or recording with each other. NUSQUAMA is for example a good example of this interconnectedness, featuring members from LASTER, TURIA and FLUISTERAARS. A lot of these people have also simply carved out their own opportunities, but they've been provided the opportunity to develop themselves and showcase their work as well, be it through big festivals like ROADBURN or through small bookers give starting bands an opportunity to play their shows. The city of Utrecht lends itself to it with Universities and Colleges, being very densely populated with creative people. If I look more rural at my own region the Black Metal scene is more isolated. Every city or area has a few guys doing something but to my knowledge nothing very connected or solid. Local culture in these regions lends itself a bit less to these creative outbursts as things tend to be a bit more traditional as opposed to the more urban parts. And whether or not these guys are left-, right-, upwards- or sideways-leaning: my experience has been that this 'young and new' Black Metal part of the scene is very open and supportive. Each time I've reached out to someone in the scene, whether it was with band stuff or label stuff, generally these people have been very supportive and generous in their time and advice. My experience by the way is that this counts for a major part of the Dutch Metal scene in general. From enthusiastic amateurs to settled professionals. People are passionate about what they do and produce and are willing to share knowledge and skills. When you are putting your hours in and show you're serious about your work, this scene is very open to get you on your way. I think the collaboration with K. and M. for 'Balans', musicians I would've never imagined being able to work with a few years ago, exemplifies that.

LYRICS

J, you wrote the lyrics for the album which is baptized 'Balans', a relevant title that stirs interest. The press release briefed that 'Balans' tells the story of hopes and fears. About control and letting go, about trial and error and the balance between these extremes. Is this about how one can suffer & fail to ever be happy when being a perfectionist or a control freak because of the pressure one imposes on oneself this way? And how letting things go can be liberating? Is this about the modern times where burn-outs are widespread? About how important finding the right balance is? Or what else would you like to get across? Is this autobiographical? Are your lyrics therapeutical writing? How important is it to write in Dutch? If music would not exist to write lyrics to, would you write poetry instead?

It's fair to say that these lyrics are quite autobiographical, yes. 'Venijn' about filling the void with and trying to run away from it all through substance abuse, 'Storm' about taking back control of your mental state and stop externalizing feeling, 'Geboren' about trauma which you'll simply have to learn to live and deal with, 'Balans' about, you guessed it, finding the mental balance and persistence to keep going. As you guessed quite correctly, there have been quite a lot of perfectionist mind-f*cks over time. Writing music and lyrics help me analyze and unravel my thoughts. Always feeling like anything you do is never good enough. Not for yourself, nor for anyone else. You're worth nothing and what you do is not even remotely close to mediocre. Be ashamed for even thinking it might be good. The list goes on and on. Which in the end of course is complete bullsh!t, quite comical really if you look at it from a distance; I'm very aware that I'm not completely useless and I am or will be good at whatever I choose to pursue. Yet I've stepped into that doom thinking pit one too many times. Writing in that sense has been quite cathartic. Some of the lyrics only made sense after everything was recorded and done. But you know what really helps with this kind of stuff? Reaching out to a professional and sorting that sh!t out. Really: the best choice I've ever made over the last 10 years has been reaching for a professional when I needed one. Turns out it keeps you from hanging yourself, who would've known? Joking aside though: get help if you need it. It has been one of the main reasons that lets me keep my balance when I'm not able to do it myself. The reason for writing in Dutch is quite simple: I've never done any different. I can express myself best in Dutch and am able to convey my message clearest and most creatively that way. Although I've been working in an international environment over the last 5 years and speak English more often than Dutch during the

week, I remain most comfortable in my native tongue. And poetry isn't usually my cup of tea, so I think I won't be going that direction if need be. Theater plays or something like that more likely.

COMPOSITION & INSPIRATION

J., you wrote the music. TURIA, FLUISTERAARS, ISKANDR, TARDIGRADA, GRUZJA, MORVIGOR, OATHBREAKER are listed as sources of inspiration in the press release. Which are the common ingredients of these bands that attract you? Which is the ingredient that distinguishes DINBETHES from those bands?

Hard to pinpoint what the exact common ingredients are shared between them. TURIA and ISKANDR have been an inspiration in regards of writing simple but atmospheric and creative. I think O. is one of the main reasons I started writing myself. Knowing him through shared work besides making music and seeing him work his way towards the musician he is now has been quite inspirational. It gave me the push that said 'Hey man, if he can do it, you can as well'. MORVIGOR and GRUZJA blew my mind mixing different styles, FLUISTERAARS with their simple yet effective writing,

OATHBREAKER opened a whole range of possibilities in dynamics,

TARDIGRADA's vocals in combination with the insane wall of sound. And to honest: there is are a lot more artists that should be on that list. In the end I

think what I am always looking is closely described as 'Schwung'. All of the records and songs tell stories, they keep moving and keep you interested. Even outside of conventional Metal genres I get inspired all around: AMIGO THE DEVIL's storytelling, LEVEL 42's thumping bass-lines, RIVERSIDE's art of keeping 4 chords interesting for minutes on end, RODRIGO Y

GABRIELLA's bringing together of flow and melody, HOPSIN's flow and rhythm in his lyrical delivery and the list keeps on going: all of these artist know how to keep their listeners attention through their own unique interpretations of their styles and capitalizing on their strengths as creators. I can keep banging on about these amazing artists and acts. I get inspired by that. It makes me wonder; 'why does it flow so well? What makes it interesting to me as a listener? What pulls me in? And most importantly: why do I keep coming back to revisit?' Whether that is with dynamics, excellent musicianship or odd curve-balls within the music; they all are more than simply good songs. They are stories. Musically and lyrically. That speak to me, the listener. Often with an amazing groove I have to say, which is key. And which is something I always look for in music. I will always be a bass player at heart haha.

DIY

J, you wrote the music, you wrote the lyrics, recorded, produced, mixed, and mastered the album. What is the reason for this? Is it because DINBETHES is your brainchild? Is it because you have the experience anyway? Or was it the first time you took care of the production of an album and was it a way to reduce cost? How did you get to learn guitar, bass, drums, and sound engineering? School? Self-taught? Which instrument do you feel most comfortable with? The drums were recorded in ON DUTY STUDIOS, why was that, is that a different ballgame?

It is the first time I've written, recorded, produced, mixed and mastered an entire album on my own. It has always been a dream to be able to be able to completely control the creative process from start to finish and right now I'm at the moment in time where this is actually possible time and money wise. In the end it's nice to not be dependent on a budget for studio costs or any other costs. The main incentive however has always been wanting to be able to do it myself. Sheer interest in how the audio world works and why it works the way it does. Because this way I think I will be able to express myself better in a creative way, knowing all the steps and endless possibilities in the process. P.'s often told me throughout the process 'Just send it to W. Damiaen and let him do it'. Which in turn often resulted in me being stubborn as a mule and telling him to f*ck off haha. And in the end I'm glad I did looking at the result, 'Balans'. The same goes for the instruments I play: it's the inquiry into how to get what I want out of the instrument and being able to use it in the process of creating music. Everything I do up till now has been self-taught and researched with some help and advice from friends here and there. I like to just go for it, see what happens but with a purpose. Most of the songs on 'Balans' were formed that way as well; start playing around on the guitar, find something I like and continue writing from there. Where to go from here? What does the song need? A riff I can't play yet? Practice your @ss off. Make it work through putting effort in. It would be realistic to say that I've really started to learn and understand playing the guitar while writing this record. Of course, I'd fiddle around on guitars before that, but I've never really had the incentive to learn or master the guitar. During the process of writing, I've learned how to use the quitar in a proper manner. It's the way I learn anything really: I have a need for the thing I want to learn, an incentive or motivation. Otherwise I can't be bothered. In turn that also results in me only being able to play the parts I need, my fingers will still be tripping over each other when I need to play anything else. Same goes for the drums in WEERZIN. Was I able to play them when I started? Not at all. So I started practicing for 2 weeks. Can I play much more than that? Barely. Jack of all trades, master of none I suppose. I don't mind. I can express myself the way I want to. In the end the instrument that I think I'm actually any good at and really understand is the bass, the instrument I started out with and am comfortable playing live. The choice for ON DUTY STUDIOS was a simple one: it's M.'s own studio. Renting out a different studio wouldn't make sense money wise. At that time I did not have the gear yet to fully mic a drum kit and make it sound good either so that was the best solution. It gave M. the opportunity as well to record everything in his own setting and his own terms, which resulted in amazing drum parts. For the coming SWARTE YSSEL production, SUOL, however I've also recorded drums for the first time. That result you will hear somewhere in 2023 probably.

LABELS



SHAGOR's 'Sotteklugt' was released through BABYLON DOOM CULT RECORDS. Together with vocalist P (OSSAERT/WEERZIN), you founded the label SWARTE YSSEL. SWARTE YSSEL co-operates with BABYLON DOOM CULT RECORDS for vinyl releases. Rather than competing with each other, there seems to be a click between both labels. How did this collaboration come to being? Since you complete each other not only on the formats (LP vs CD/MC) but also on territory (Belgium vs the Netherlands), how do you value the complementarity between both labels?

Jo from **BABYLON DOOM CULT RECORDS** is awesome. He provided **SHAGOR** the opportunity to be launched into Black Metal land through offering us a vinyl deal back in 2020. The collaboration since then has always been pleasant one so why change then? If things work out well, keep it running. Changing for the sake of change wouldn't make sense and probably be detrimental for both sides. The same goes for the collaboration with P.'s **OSSAERT** and GG from **ARGENTO RECORDS**. Passion rules the game with these people. They are as much fan as they are artists or label owners, which is something both P. and I hold in a very high regard. And like with the musical endeavors we have; these collaborations bring out the best in all parties involved.

VISUALS



J. (DINBETHES)

How did you hook up with ART FROM THE UNDERGROUND? Is the artwork by ART FROM THE UNDERGROUND a litho? How does the artwork relate to the music and the lyrics? What does the image symbolize? Does the logo relate to Yggdrasil? What is the meaning of the logo? Which instructions did you give ART FROM THE UNDERGROUND for both artwork and logo? Where are the photographs by P.'s neighbor taken?

M. from ART FROM THE UNDERGROUND has been playing in bands

with P. from way back. Over time I got to know M. better as well. We have a good click and started hanging out whenever life would allow for it. Besides that, he is an amazing graphical designer clearly. Those 2 combined makes for an amazing and very fruitful collaboration. What I find amazing is that he only needs a few pointers and he has always created something that surpasses my imagination. Fully hand drawn and then digitalized. I believe I gave him 5 words, a few sample pictures to indicate the style and the lyric sheets. I like to let other artists do what they're good at with a limited framework. M. is a master at this. Hence we always gravitate back to him our new **SWARTE YSSEL** productions. Regarding the logo: for me there is no underlying meaning. A product needs a fitting logo. The logo looks nice and representable to what the music is. The photos were taken on the heathland close to Zwolle after some heavy snowfall. As we decided to take pictures for **SUOL**, we decided to do **DINBETHES** at the same time. Effectiveness baby. Not everything has to be complicated haha.

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J. (DINBETHES)

RITUALS

Depending on your answer whether DINBETHES is a solo project, a studio project, or a live band, is DINBETHES ever going to perform live? If so, what would the stage image be like?

DINBETHES has been written as a studio project. I will have to listen to individual recorded stems to figure out some of the partitions in the music were it ever to go live. For the coming years my main focus will be SHAGOR in regards to live shows. If DINBETHES ever goes live I'll figure that out then and there.

FUTURE

What can we expect from DINBETHES, SHAGOR, WEERZIN & your label SWARTE YSSEL in the future? Dreaming wild, what is the ultimate ambition which you have with this project?

Well, after finishing up the SUOL record I'm planning on writing bass lines and lyrics for SHAGOR's second album which has been in the works. There are a lot of ideas for DINBETHES' second record as well. What comes after that comes after that. The creativity well hasn't run dry yet. For me personally it would be nice to take SHAGOR far abroad and play some awesome shows. Besides that it would be nice to see SWARTE YSSEL grow into something that is self-sustainable financially so that I can work on musical projects worry free. Help out other local starting bands make their first steps for example without having to be worried about any finances. Up till now I've taken quite a lot from the community, I hope I'll be able to give back at a certain point.

FINAL WORDS

Anything else you wanted to answer but that I failed to ask?

Nope. My mind went numb after answering all of the above. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to elaborate on my passion!

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Fiat Nov - Interview Swith Desmotes



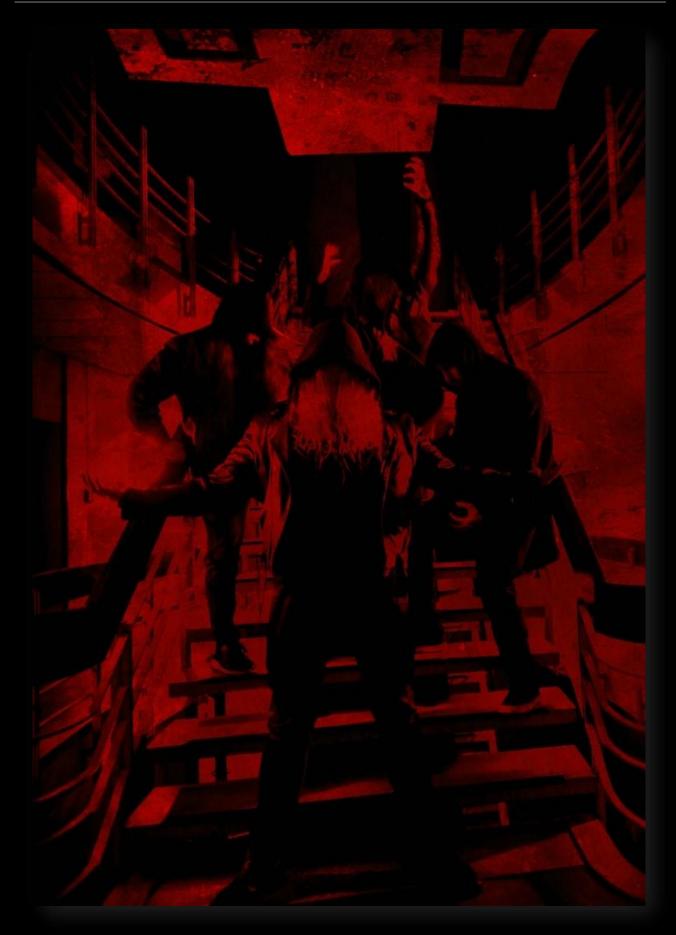
Light the Torches..! Let there be Night..!

NECROGRAPHY

Before FIAT NOX there was ASZENDENT. What was it that killed and buried ASZENDENT? Which spark triggered a new musical/lyrical vision and the formation of FIAT NOX? Which members do ASZENDENT (RIP) and FIAT NOX have in common? How did the four of you get together?

"The only member both bands share, is me. **ASZENDENT** was more of a project than a real band. The line-up consisted of P. (Vocals), Mithras (Bass & Keys) and me (guitars). We wrote a few songs together but only managed to record two of them with the help of an amazing session drummer, namely Giacomo Torti (he was already a beast back then, I wonder what he's doing now...). This resulted in the **STURMBOTEN** demo, which was only released digitally (until we put those songs on the **LIGHT THE TORCHES** demo). Unfortunately, there never was a solid line-up, since we couldn't recruit a drummer for live shows, hence we were practising with a drum machine and never had the opportunity to play a concert."

"I think the moment ASZENDENT died was when I decided to move to another city. The other two members had already lost most of their motivation to continue and were focusing on other projects. However, during the time we were playing together, I already wrote most of the THE ARCHIVE OF NIGHTMARES album and desperately wanted to continue as a musician. In the beginning, I was just looking for a drummer, which would be willing to record the drums for me. It took a while and a lot of different meetings until I met Erebos. We just clicked the first time we met. He understood the style and although he was not that familiar with the music at the time, his input was incredible and a lot of the great nuances, which bring the drums to life, are due to him. Since we needed to practice the songs together for him to learn them by heart, I asked two good friends, if they would be interested in supporting us, so we could already practice for playing concerts. Lógos took over the other guitar and Thousand Eyes played the bass. After a while, everyone contributed some parts to the music I really appreciated and finally they asked to record their parts themselves. I guess, this was the moment which turned us into a real band. We spontaneously recorded the demo in our rehearsal room and started to play some concerts here and there, while simultaneously recording our debut album and the **DEMANIFESTATION** EP."



FIAT NOX

FIAT NOX

What is FIAT NOX's driving force for existence? Aside from its translation from Latin Let there be night, is there a deeper meaning of the band name FIAT NOX and its slogan Light the Torches..! Let there be night..!?

"Black Metal has existed for decades and has evolved in so many, interesting ways. Our approach is to combine everything that makes this genre so unique and fuse it into a coherent piece of transgressing art.

Night itself has a lot of meaning to me. Night means silence, rest, focus and creativity. There's no distraction, no consumption. To me, the slogans basically means: Let all that is unimportant be obscured and conjure your own fire in the darkness."

BLACK METAL

What attracts you to Black Metal, the night, the dark side, negativity?

"I think it's just the effect it has on me, listening to it. For some reason it's either absolutely calming, like a storm, which is raging around you, almost cathartic. On the other hand, it's completely energizing and breathes life into me. It's not the need for negativity but an appropriate soundtrack for all my impressions."

PREVIOUS RELEASES

Can you tell us something more about the previous releases ('Light The Torches' demo -incl. 2 songs recorded for ASZENDENT 'Sturmboten' demothrough WORSHIP TAPES, full-length The Archives of Nightmares, In Contemptuous Defiance EP)? How was the response?

"Considering that we haven't really left the rehearsal room for the last two years and reviews won't necessary represent the reality, I honestly don't know. Our labels obviously like our releases and our close friends do, too. We still like our music and I think this is one of the most important aspects."

DEMANIFESTATION

What are your ambitions and expectations for this EP? How would you describe the album to someone unfamiliar with your music? Now that the result is there, something you regret or would do differently?

"DEMANIFESTATION is basically a conceptional EP, which evolves with its playing time. It starts in a more subtle and melodic way but evolves into a raging chaos the more you listen to it until it culminates in total madness. Think of a mix of the playfulness of bands like Dissection and Sacramentum and the dissonant chaos of Deathspell Omega and Svartidauði."

"Regarding the final result... I realize, I belong to the kind of people, which is never completely satisfied with what he produces. I still love the songs, but I always feel the urge to change something and I'm just not pleased with the sound of the drums and the vocals."

LOCAL SCENE

How is the Black Metal (underground) scene in Bremen and Germany? Which other acts should we check out? Is there a strong connection between the bands? Do you feel part of a scene, or do you consider FIAT NOX a separate force?

"Very incestuous. For a long time, Bremen had a very small scene with just a few people, which played in a lot of different bands. Since it's missing concert locations and pubs that play this music, it feels like the scene is nearly dead. Each of us has a strong, antisocial side. We are definitely not the connecting kind, most of the time, but still, those around us are definitely people we can trust. We got a lot of support from other bands, labels or people and there are a few bands, we are very close to.

You should check out:

Zwielicht – With Love From Sinister

Sargeras – Return Of The Dancing Whores

Laere – Solve

Hallig – A Distant Reflection Of The Void

Cult Of Extinction - Ritual in the Absolute Absence of Light

(and even though they are split-up) Carapax – Murder & Arson"

INSPIRATION

Where does FIAT NOX get inspiration from to write the music you write?

"What I think is that all that you experience shapes you in some way. You can't break it down into some bands, the desire to play an instrument or some words you read, it's more like an outlet for processing all that you go through. Hence, everything can be inspiring."

COMPOSITION

Demanifestation contains some strong structures. How does a song get shaped? Is it still you, Desmotes, who initiates the fundaments at home? How do you get input from the band and work together to come to an end-product?

"Yes, most of it is written at home, where I am able to focus the most. I write the songs until they feel "complete" to me and bring them to the band. Then, everyone adds their ideas. We are on a very similar level so it's rarely the case that I dismiss an idea. Since it's important to me that you're able to stand 100% behind this band, everyone has to be on board with what we produce, it provokes more discussions and heated arguments but it also strengthens the core of the band."

VOCALS

Three out of four band members take part in the vocals. Was this a conscious decision or something that grew organically? What effect would you like to achieve with this?

"I needed at least one additional voice supporting my vocals live and since Thousand Eyes already had a lot of experience with his other bands, it was just self-evident to me that he'll be the second vocalist. Lógos just practised for himself and suddenly presented his skills, ever since he supports us with the vocals."

LYRICS

Desmotes, you write the lyrics, which seem to deal with H.P. Lovecraft, the dark side of man, the downfall of the world, the night, negativity, nihilism, nightmares, chaos. Who/what serves as your muse? Do you enjoy writing lyrics as much as you create music, or is this more something you do because you have to? How important are the lyrics as part of an album in its totality?

"I really hate writing lyrics. They are really important to me and my demands for myself are pretty high and I rarely match them. I take a lot of Inspiration from Lovecrafts use of language, as with Derleth, King or similar authors but also from bands I appreciate. And sometimes it's just my head spitting out random ideas, concepts or sentences. But I'd like to mention that I don't always write all of the lyrics, "The Ophidian Fire" for example, is almost completely written by Thousand Eyes."

MASTERING

Bassist Thousand Eyes mixed Demanifestation. Does he have experience in mixing music other than for FIAT NOX? Patrick W. Engel at TEMPLE OF DISHARMONY mastered the EP. How did you select your partner? How happy are you with the result? What is the role of your label in this?

"Thousand Eyes had mixed some demos before but I think the Archive was his first album. We chose the Temple because he produced a lot of amazing albums, we adore. The master is great and Thousand eyes felt completely understood in his vision of the sound. We took care of it ourselves, at that point we weren't involved with any label."

LABEL

Your live appearance at ODYSSEY TO BLASPHEMY fest seems to have made an impression on the label owner? What do you recall from that performance? Did CRAWLING CHAOS RECORDS approach you soon after that? You went from CRAWLING CHAOS RECORDS to PERSONAL RECORDS and are now back with CRAWLING CHAOS RECORDS. How did that evolve? How does the label support you?

"Holger recalled our concert but he didn't approach us. It was the other way around during the time when we were looking for a label. We already planned the release of the album and the EP, then a message was sent to us by Personal Records. Jacobo asked us whether we were interested in releasing an album on his label. His deal was very appealing, so we settled for an EP. Both labels were involved in the planning of our releases and were more than relaxed about it. We really appreciate the support from both of them, since they enabled us to release a lot in a short time."



FIAT NOX – Demanifestation (artwork by HELLISH VISIONS)

ART

HELLISH VISIONS took care of the cover art, just like she took care of The Archive of Nightmares. I believe that is a friend of yours? What is the meaning behind the image? Did you give specific instructions to HELLISH

VISIONS on what you wanted, did you again just give the lyrics like before, or did you pick an existing work?

"Hellish Visions is an amazing artist, we've known each other for years but are unfortunately not that close. When we needed the cover art for **THE ARCHIVE OF NIGHTMARES**, I sent her the lyrics of the song and in addition to that an example picture, I had in mind. The rest was all her doing and the cover turned out absolutely stunning. For the **DEMANIFESTATION** EP I gave her specific orders because I had this idea in my head for years."

OTHER PROJECTS

How is it going with other projects of some of the band members? Any upcoming releases? How do you combine all? Why do you feel the need to play in more than one band?

"Despite all of them sharing some common ground, those bands still differ a lot from each other. Each one offers a distinct aspect of the music, I enjoy and I take pleasure in playing and singing different genres of music, one band wouldn't be as fulfilling.

FUNERAL PROCESSION is currently practising for a tour, which is finally due in April 2022. Furthermore the band's catalogue is re-released on Millennial Visions on LP/MC and we'll release a new split-album in the near future.

VOREUS is rather inactive at the time but has an upcoming gig in October.

And regarding my little bastard **VOMIT DIVISION**: I've managed to recruit a bunch of amazing musicians, helping me to bring those sleazy songs to the stages! We're currently practising again as well and I'm writing on a new album, which I hope to record in the second half of 2022. At least one new song will be released within the next months."

LIVE

Is FIAT NOX a band that prefers to create music and record an album in the studio, or does FIAT NOX prefer to perform live? How different is FIAT NOX on stage from any other Black Metal band? You shared the stage

with DARKENED NOCTURN SLAUGHTERCULT, URFAUST, HERETIC, GOAT TORMENT, etc. What memories or anecdotes do you cherish?

"I think that differs for everyone in the band. For me it's always great to play live but I almost despise rehearsals. I think, I prefer recording although I feel like I've never touched a guitar before once I hit that REC-Button.

What makes us different is the lack of bullshit. There are no announces, no one talks between the songs and there's no real "show". It's just the music and us enjoying performing it. Of course, there are other bands doing the same but to me it feels like show is getting more and more important these days, as if people couldn't just watch and listen to a band anymore but have to get visually distracted to stay. All the stories I could share, should rather stay away from the public."

WHISKEY

I read that some of you are into whiskey. Are you into blends or single-malt? Do you like peated whiskeys? Do you have any favorites? Any unknown recommendations?

Desmotes: "I just fell in love with GlenAllachie."

Vessel: "Largely single malt scotch. Favourite non-peated ones currently are

Tomatin and Glenallachie, peated ones being Ledaig, Kilchoman and Ballechin, as well as Benromach for a nice middleground in peat intensity." Thousand Eyes: "Single Malt Scotch, preferrably peated.

Bunnahabhain (Especially the peated edition with an octave cask finish), anything from the Kilchoman distillery, Laphroaig, Lagavulin, Ardbeg... the list goes on. Non peated favourites are GlenAllachie, Glen Grant and Glenfarclas."

FUTURE

What is on FIAT NOX's roadmap?

"The next two releases will be EPs, one might be a split. After those two, we'll record our second album, which is almost done, except for the lyrics – of course!

My main objective is to play on the Party.san stage one day."

LAST WORDS

Anything else you would like to spit out?

"Thank you for not asking the same questions like everyone else, I enjoyed this."

"Light The Torches – Fiat Nox!"

25 Jan 2022

Grimville – Interview



GRIMVILLE

Guitarist Kurt founded GRIMVILLE in 2013. I believe that the band was in the freezer for a while. It went through a process of line-up changes. Finally, GRIMVILLE seems to have found its true identity, and the band started a new chapter in this form. Guitarist Kurt & vocalist Steven are the only remaining original members.

Which force drives you to attract kindred spirits as band members? What higher goal does GRIMVILLE have in mind?

The love for the music and the fact that we felt there was a lot of potential in what we are doing, we just needed the right line-up to accomplish this. We just want to make music we love and attract people who feel the same way.

BAND NAME

A quick search on Google leads to a result on Wikipedia. It turns out that GRIMVILLE really exists as it is a community in Pennsylvania. Why did you pick GRIMVILLE as a band name and what deeper meaning does it have to you?

That it exists as a community is just a coincidence for us. It refers as grim being dark and sinister and ville as in a city, a dark community. The band is like a way of escaping the normal trivial world.

OLD SCHOOL DEATH METAL

Is it a fair statement to claim you are influenced by the likes of BOLT THROWER, OBITUARY, BENEDICTION, DEATH, GOD DETHRONED, and HYPOCRISY? How does GRIMVILLE intend to stand out within a saturated retro Death Metal scene? How come this style of music has survived decades already? Why aren't we getting fed up with it?

We are all influenced by Death Metal because we all listen to it in our daily lives. We just want to make music that we would listen to ourselves. Our noses are all in the same direction and there has never been a discussion about the genre or style of music we want to play.

Through the years certain genres have become mainstream. Just look at **GRASPOP**. This is not the case with Death Metal. It remains an honest and underground genre that doesn't want to sell out its soul to reach a bigger audience. It's made of pure love for the music and that is the power of Death Metal.

TRY-OUT

Recently, you did a try-out at BANDCAVE, with MUTANT CHRIST as support. How do you look back at your performance, the crowd, the venue, and the fellows you shared the stage with? Did you expect T-shirts to sell out instantly?

It was a great experience. A full venue, a great audience and the songs were well received by the crowd. We had a lot of stress because we did not know how the audience would respond. As a band you can stand behind your songs but if the crowd doesn't like it, there is nothing you can do about that. T-shirts flew out the door, we never expected that. **MUTANT CHRIST** did a good job warming up the crowd and Wout of the **BANDCAVE** was happy. It was a super day for us. Plus we didn't know that we had so many supportive friends so that's super.

UNDERGROUND

The size and the vibe of the packed venue took me back to the underground days of the nineties. Is today's underground scene still comparable to that era? Do you think there are still people who care enough to discover new bands by visiting small-scaled gigs or did everything become much more mainstream in your opinion? Which Belgian bands do you consider your allies?

The underground scene is still the same. You always see the same people on the same shows. The fans of the 90's still come, but the youth is far less interested in Metal. You can see that when you go to shows. The venues become more scarce. Music is more accessible these days, you can reach a lot more people so you can distribute music more easily. The dark side of the medaillon is that music has become a disposable product.

REVEL IN FLESH @ ELPEE

Soon you will hit the stage of ELPEE (for the second time in your career) to warm up the audience before REVEL IN FLESH. REVEL IN FLESH already earned their spurs. Are you nervous to open up for a bigger band? How are you preparing for this?

We are a little bit nervous to open for **REVEL IN FLESH**. We will try to play the same songs but better and tighter. It is different to play for friends than for a crowd full of strangers in the **ELPEE**. It will be our first great test. We are curious how the people will respond.



GRIMVILLE

logo

No one less than CHRISTOPHE 'The Lord of the Logos' SZPAJDEL drew the logo. How did the collaboration go? Did you provide specific instructions or did Christophe come up with spontaneous ideas? I believe there were 2 variations of the logo. Why did you decide to pick the current one? How does it make you feel that work of the same guy who produced the logo of a.o. EMPEROR is printed on your merch?

The collaboration went very well. We had some instructions of course; but with his experience you can imagine he felt what we wanted and didn't disappoint us. We were very honoured to work with him and it's a great pleasure to see people wearing the merch. We are an oldschool band, so he was an obvious choice and you must admit it looks great.

There was indeed a variation with a goathead on top of the logo but this got eliminated with the final line-up change, something the old garde gladly sacrificed in order to finally secure a stable and stronger line-up than ever.

RECORDINGS

How many tracks did you record so far? How were they shared with a larger audience? Through compilations? To venue owners? Are they still representative of your current style? If I am not mistaken, then your performance at BANDCAVE got recorded. How does it sound? What are the plans to record new stuff?

We want to record an EP. We are now just in the beginning of the recording process. The pilot tracks and the drums are recorded. We are working with Wannes Breyne, the bass player from **FIELDS OF TROY**. It's a learning proces for us both. We want to thank Wannes for the opportunity. The show in the **BANDCAVE** is also recorded and we are happy with the end result.

REPERTOIRE

How many own songs are in your repertoire so far? How do you go about composing new music? How long does it take GRIMVILLE for a new song to take its final shape? Any other covers you play besides HYPOCRISY's *Roswell* 47?

At the moment we have 10 songs of our own. We reworked some old songs and we wrote new songs in the corona lockdown. Kurt and Matthieu wrote the new songs together, Dominique wrote the leads, Frans made the bass lines and Steven wrote the lyrics. It all went very smooth because we're all on the same page. In the future we want to play our own songs, no more covers.

LYRICS

Death Metal song texts usually have very brutal, horror-like titles. Are GRIMVILLE's lyrics larger than life? How important are they to you? Who writes them? What are valuable sources of inspiration? What purpose do they serve? Any specific message you'd like to get across to your listeners?

Absolutely and they are very important to me, they are the soul of the song.

Steven writes the lyrics but some lyrics are a cooperation with other members. We try to incorporate elements of our daily lives. Some lyrics are sinister stories or tales but some are a pure reflection of our personal pain and sorrow. So the most valuable sources would be life and death. Their purpose? Stories are to be told and our own reflections our way to deal with them i guess. Like Mika Lutinnen from **IMPALED NAZARENE** would say: Life is hell and then you die.

FUTURE

What are GRIMVILLE's plans and ambitions in terms of studio recordings and live performances?

We want to record a full album some day. Besides that, we just want to play live and enjoy our songs. Maybe a small European tour if we may dream big, but for now we just want to enjoy ourselves and become better in what we are doing now.

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Belleværder – Interview



Celebrate life, worship death. HAIL HELLEVAERDER!



ROOTS

HELLEVAERDER hails from Heerhugowaard in North Holland and was founded in 2017. Who ignited the fire of HELLEVAERDER and what was the main driver for the birth of this band?

During my education period I had all my classes with Dennis Onsia from the NLBM band **DYSTOPIA**. We found a common interest in making Metal and I had a few tracks ready to rehearse. This led to the creation of **THRONE OF TIME**. After the release of the EP 'Emptiness' we started doing some live shows and I wrote the demo 'Emperor of the universe' (which was released years later). During that writing process I also wrote two tracks in Dutch, 'Heksensabbat' and 'Langs eindeloze paden'.

Being busy with **DYSTOPIA**, Dennis decided that he did not want to continue in a new direction (Black Metal in our native tongue). But his (now ex) girlfriend recently left the Thrash band **MUTATOR** and was seeking something new. After meeting up and talking through some ideas we decided to give it a shot. We asked Rene Meijer and Vlad Tudor from **THRONE OF TIME** to come play for this new project bearing the name

HELLEVAERDER.

How did you come to pick this band name?

Being very close friends with **A.A.W.R.**, I always showcase my newly written music to her. After I wrote the lyrics for 'Langs eindeloze paden' and the instrumental of 'Heksensabbat' we brainstormed together for a name that is original, catchy and would capture what we wanted to say musically. During one of our brainstorm sessions A.A.W.R. spurted out **HELLEVAERDER** and it just stuck with us.

What does Heerhugowaard have to offer besides the huge Waarderhout forest?

To be honest I have never heard of Waarderhout before hahaha, I moved to Heerhugowaard around 5 years ago because of the (relative) cheap housing prices and the small commute to work (only 25 minutes). But I grew quite fond of this place, only a 5 minute walk to a very large dike called 'Oostdijk'. But musically speaking we have the 'JC Kompleks' which is a small venue and that is about it.

I understood it took effort to come to this quintet as a stable line-up?

After Miranda and I invited Rene Meijer and Vlad Tudor we needed a second guitar player. We had just enough for an opening set and really wanted to go live with our music. After a few auditions we came into contact with Noah Zurhaar, which immediately became a success. He has a certain energy that really works well live.

After some gigs we were ready to record the first demo, but after some struggling during recordings and in general we decided to part ways with both guitar players resulting in recording the guitars on that record myself. Not too long after that we came into contact with Bas Cuperus (**JUBAL**, NLBM) and Arjen Kleijss (**INFANTRY**, NL Thrash) and started working on new material.

Two singles (Verloren in de diepte/Gehekeld), two demos (Aan de aarde terug gegeven/Krijgers) which were also released through ZWAERTGEVEGT RECORDS as a compilation tape which was limited to 80 copies, a split with PERFIDE and now the full-length 'In de Nevel van Afgunst' as cherry on the cake. That is quite productive for half a decade of existence. Is inspiration always coming smoothly?

The short answer is: most of the time. Music is my therapy, if every little aspect of my life would be perfect I would not have a need to write it off. For months on end I do not touch my guitar or even think about new music, but some days at the most random moments I have a gut feeling that I MUST play something. I just get in the 'zone' and make a new track instantly. Most of the time if I cannot finish that flow the moment is ruined and it will go to musical limbo.

Was the Covid pandemic a blessing or a curse in terms of writing material?

It was a blessing and a curse. We were just starting to really get into our prime form with this band and then Covid hit the world. The way we operate is that I write a track and the rest of the band can do their thing with it. But to get the final form of a track we play through it many times together just to find the right balance between every part and to make sure we bring forth what deserves to be upfront. During the first lock-down we did not rehearse, that made it really difficult to discuss the tracks with each other.

But if we are talking purely on writing material, it was a blessing. We all had more time to spare during the lock-downs to pursue our other bands/soloprojects and every one of us spent their time well.

Are you still satisfied with all your releases?

We stand behind all our releases! We gave the best we got with our current gear and recording possibilities.

Anything you will approach differently with what you have learned?

Take less time to plan for recording and just do it. We had plans to record this album for a long time but we never had the chance to rehearse for the last three tracks. Rene and I just said f*ck it, bought a cheap microphone set and a multi-track interface and a week later we went to his storage space to set everything up and test it out. After recording one track we both were like, why not continue this and record it all? So a few hours later all the drum tracks were recorded. Even though I never played three of them before on drums at all, we were both surprised it worked out so well!

How did the collaboration with PERFIDE come to being?

Our good friend Alex from **ZWAERTGEVEGT** contacted us with the question if we were interested in releasing a single as part of a split 7" with **PERFIDE**. We always dreamt of being released on vinyl so we instantly said yes!

DEBUT



Your full-length debut is titled 'In de Nevel van Afgunst' ('In the Mist of Envy'). Why should one check it out? What is the red line on this album? Is it a concept album?

If you are searching for raw, pure Black Metal this is an album for you! This album brings you not only something we are all very proud of, it shows our growth over the last few years, as musicians and as persons. We became very good friends with each other, although everyone has a different life, this is the one thing that brings us together and we enjoy working towards a common goal.

The red line throughout this album are the 'Aanbidders van het niets', the worshippers of nothingness. A group of monks who bring the message of death, a constant battle between dark and light. Every track tells a tale about a primal feeling, it being love, death or despair. A battle between good and evil fought internally. All summarized: You are worthless, death is liberating. Nothing can hurt you if your desire is eternal peace, the worst that can happen is death. But what if dying was your goal all along? Celebrate life, worship death.

How is the response so far?

So far we receive many good responses! We are all very surprised how well it went during the album premiere, and are really excited to release this record and bring a new live ritual!

LABEL

Did you self-release the album, was it released through ZWAERTGEVEGT records or kind of both? How did it happen that ZWAERTGEVEGT signed HELLEVAERDER? How is the record label supporting the band exactly?

I met Alex through Dennis during our **THRONE OF TIME** era, and I pitched some demo tracks from **HELLEVAERDER** to him. He immediately was excited and we met up during many concerts in the area, and during our own gigs. We instantly liked working together because we have the same mindset, we do not become rich from this, but let's give it all we have and support the Dutch Black Metal scene.

That being said, during our third release 'Krijgers' Alex asked when we finally wanted to bring our work to a physical release. As I am someone who is very critical about my own work it never felt right. But Alex and I talked it through and we decided to bring everything we released thus far on tape, which brought the 'Discography' release and made the deal that any work from **HELLEVAERDER** will be released on tape exclusively on

ZWAERTGEVEGT.

Alex also offered to release our (no named) release at that time on 12" vinyl. Almost 2 years before we actually would release it, and supported us on every live show and with every opportunity. Our work relation is based on respect and love for the scene. And we became very good friends along the way. We are signed for every kind of release **ZWAERTGEVEGT** will do, as for now it is tape, vinyl and patches.But the moment he will move to another part of the market be sure we will follow! The digipacks will be released through our Bandcamp but even on those we have the **ZWAERTGEVEGT** logo, as to support our friend/partner and thereby the underground NLBM scene.

NLBM

Do you feel part of a Dutch Black Metal scene? Is there unity in that scene? How does that manifest? Which bands/projects would you highlight/recommend? Why Black Metal above all?

We are all part of the scene. There is a big mutual respect between the Dutch Black Metal bands as we all do what we love, and try to give our own spin on the music. I would highly recommend the bands and projects from Floris Velthuis (ASGRAUW, SAGENLAND, <u>SCHAVOT</u>, <u>MESLAMTAEA</u>), in my

opinion one of the greatest musical minds in the Netherlands. Be sure to keep an eye on him for the newest project **STUPOROUS**!

And why Black Metal above all? Along with Death it brings a certain energy. It has a possibility to be atmospheric, emotional, but also can be as fast as lightning and just deliver a raw, primal feeling. There is no other genre with such variety (In my opinion of course).

COMPOSITION

Being able to play both drums and guitars, Daan is writing the songs. How do the other band members contribute democratically?

Every track I write will be critically reviewed by the band. Does it capture the feeling we all would like to bring forth? Are there certain parts that need to be rewritten? Are there parts where something needs to be added or is the general flow of the track good?

We all agree on a single 'main' writer to keep the red line the same. But many, many parts will be changed during rehearsal sessions (and even during recordings). An example: our guitarist Bas had an idea for a different bass line. We tried it and it really added to the song, so it stayed. Vocal lines will be replaced, guitar riffs will have added details. Eventually only the red line of the track will remain but everything else is made our own. Everyone has the freedom to add or remove. We can always try it, review it and work from there on.

RECORDING

Daan also took care of the recording, mix and mastering at his home. Did he have any experience with this before?

I started with recording music when I was 14 years old (28 at the time). It started with basic things like premade midi patterns and playing over that, it was a way to express myself. After years of practice with that I started a sound engineer degree, but dropped out after three years because I could not get motivated to make music myself anymore.

Some time after that I started working for a steel manufacturer and my passion for music came back. So a long story short: I have some experience, but it was mainly all trial and error. Just trying new things, deleting entire projects and starting over again with new ideas.

LYRICS

It seems vital to HELLEVAERDER's identity that the song texts are in Dutch. What are the primary reasons for this? According to Metal Archives the themes deal with 'Anxiety, Darkness, Death, Occult, Philosophy, Spleen'.

HELLEVAERDER's motto is 'You are worthless, death is liberating. Celebrate life, Worship death. Hail Hellevaerder!'. Again it is Daan who produces the words. What is it that makes Daan write about the dark side? Are the lyrics fictional or drawn from life itself? Which message would you like to convey?

To speak in our own tongue gives an extra dimension to our feelings we bring into the music. In our daily lives we converse in this language and it just feels more personal to express ourselves like this. The Dutch language also has very nasty sounding pronunciations. Like how we use 'ch' or the letter G, it brings a nasty vibe to the music which we all love.

The lyrics are a reflection of my life. Everything that happens shapes certain visions and ideas. I translate those new ideas to lyrics fitting the story of the Worshippers of nothingness. So they are part fiction, part real life. They follow philosophies and the everlasting debate between both sides of those thoughts.

The biggest message I try to bring forth is that your life means nothing compared to the universe. You are but a speck of dust on a big rock floating in space. Your life means nothing, death is eternal. Everything you do and will be doing is just a small reflection of the vast nothingness. You are worthless, death is liberating.

VOCALS

Whereas female vocals are the rule in Symphonic Metal, they are still rather the exception in Black Metal. Miranda stands her ground with mean, grating shrieks. How did she start this? How did she evolve from Thrash vocals in MUTATOR to ending up doing Black Metal screams for HELLEVAERDER? How are those vocal cords trained? How does she take care not to damage them during an hour-long live performance? How do you like other female fronted Black Metal such as ASAGRAUM, ASTARTE, DARKENED NOCTURN SLAUGHTERCULT, OPERA IX/CADAVERIA? Anyone who served as an example?

I was 15 when I started listening to Metal. The bands I listened to were all very different from each other. It was not only Black Metal bands like **MAYHEM**, **DISSECTION**, **HELLHAMMER** & **ENSLAVED** that I liked. I was listening to different Metal genres, I also was a fan of **TYPE O NEGATIVE**, **DEATH** and **TOXIC HOLOCAUST**. I was 17 (2009) when I discovered I could scream & grunt. I will never forget how excited and shocked I was. At that time, there were not many girls that could scream/grunt. After that discovery I was busy practicing my screams/grunts. My throat never hurts, I can do it for hours. The sound is also not coming from my throat, more from my diaphragm, I think. It's always hard to explain where it exactly comes from. When I got older, I started in 2014 as a vocalist in **MUTATOR**, a Thrash Metal band. This was my first band. I was excited. In the beginning it was fun, but after a while I noticed that it wasn't quite my thing. I also had a different view/vision compared to the rest of the band, so I decided to quit.

After that time I started to delve into the Black Metal/Doom Metal scene. I discovered bands that changed my life, that changed me. (Bands likeEMPEROR, MGLA, BATUSHKA, SUNN O))), PALLBEARER,ELECTRIC WIZARD & SLEEP) I was so captivated by the raw, dark atmospheres and sounds that I discovered; this is my world. This was the music I wanted to do something in. At that time I came in contact with Daan, our drummer. We clicked right away. In 2017 HELLEVAERDER was born. I immediately felt comfortable in this band. I could be 100% myself and I got the space to grow, not only musically, but also as a person. At this same time I made a life changing decision. I ended my relationship after 6 years, we sold our house and I started a new and better life for myself, somewhere else, on my own. But this time was also very dark for me. I was dealing with a lot of sadness and anger. I used those feelings for my music. In our song 'Zee van Dromen', I do a huge, powerful, almost desperate scream, exactly like the way I felt. When I listen to that part of the song, it still gives me chills. (Starts at 6.05)

During my time in **HELLEVAERDER**, people compared me sometimes to **OATHBREAKER**'s vocalist; Caro Tanghe. I see that as a huge compliment, her vocals are very powerful and I think their music is amazing. This was also the time that I started to delve into female vocalists in the Black Metal scene. To be honest, I had never compared myself to anyone. I never had an example in the Metal scene. I was always very focused on myself and on my own. I also think I am very different from al the other Black Metal woman. I like their music and how they look, with the corpse paint and clothes. It really has some raw, abstruse and old school atmosphere. But it's not something for me. I do have favorite female vocalists, like **KRISTIN HAYTER (LINGUA**)

IGNOTA), **CHELSEA WOLFE**, **KRISTINA ESFANDIARI** (**KING WOMAN**). But they don't make Black Metal. It leans more towards Doom. They reach my feelings and thoughts with their dark, gloomy music.

INSPIRATION

The press release described HELLEVAERDER as for fans of DARK FUNERAL, HATE FOREST, EMPEROR, DARKENED NOCTURN SLAUGHTERCULT. Can you relate to this comparison? Which other bands serve as inspiration? What or who else can be seen as HELLEVAERDER's muse?

All the bands above were somehow compared to us in the past. To be honest I think this is a very hard question. I always did what I liked myself, I am a big fan of **HATE FOREST**, old **IMMORTAL** (till 'Sons of Northern Darkness' that brought me into making music myself), **BELPHEGOR** and **1349**. They all have certain moments in their music which gave me new visions on my own music. The opener for our new album ('Je Bent Niks Waard') is a salute to **HATE FOREST**'s 'Our Fading Horizons', as well as many more works of **ROMAN SAENKO**. All the bands I mentioned somewhat gave me a feeling of power. And many more bands give inspiration to make new music.

I can honestly not answer the question who could be seen as our muse, give our music a spin and make your own conclusion!

VISUALS

With photography by ROEL DE ROOIJ, artwork by A.A.W.R., and a logo by VIRAL DESIGNS I imagine that HELLEVAERDER values the aesthetics alongside the music. How important are these cosmetics indeed? How did you select your partners? Did you give any specific instructions on what you had in mind or did you let the artist act rather freely? Which visual art movement is closest to HELLEVAERDER's music?

Music is a form of art, every sense needs a certain stimulus to complete the picture. We are the bringers of your deepest feelings. We wanted to tell the story of the worshippers of nothingness and do so in the best possible way. A lot of bands perform as themselves, which is perfectly fine. But we all had the feeling our music needed the extended visuals to complete our vision. What better way to tell a story than to act it out?

We all brainstormed over what our aesthetic should be, but we agreed on the worshippers as a red thread throughout our music. Miranda is the storyteller, the victim, the conqueror and the light bringer of this tale. And we are all the worshippers of nothingness.

VIRAL DESIGNS is the work of **BENNO MEIJER**, I found him on Instagram during the search for a logo for **THRONE OF TIME**. He did such a great job that I asked him immediately for a logo and icon for **HELLEVAERDER**, which he nailed on the first try! He also did the logo for my solo project **DUINDWALER**.

A.A.W.R. does all our artworks, as she is always a ghostwriter for the band. She came up with the name and still makes some lyrics for the band. Her work is performed on the tracks 'Heksensabbat' and 'Donder dwalen' from our newest release. For artworks we always brainstorm together on ideas I have for a release, but with lyrics she goes her own way. Her writing themes fit perfectly with the vision of **HELLEVAERDER**.

ROEL DE ROOIJ is a very good friend of mine with a lot of experience in photography. He always supported our music and gave very good critical responses to demo's I sent to him. And a good critic is vital to getting better, as someone like him hears different things than our own band does. And he is someone who is well spoken enough to talk in musical terms, he has a big part in the mixes I made and I will continue to work together with him to make music which is even greater than before!

For the photo-shoot of the new image for us we talked through some ideas, he gave some tips and tricks to really get what we want. Although he has a very busy life, he always makes some time to help us out. He is a great person and one of our greatest assets to our band!



RITUALS

What can one expect both musically and visually from HELLEVAERDER on stage? Which past live performance stands out so far and why?

On our previous shows you can expect some very fast noise, melodic pieces and a shrieking lady who tears through your soul! The essence is there, only the visuals could be better. We stand there as ourselves, as bringers of death, noise and despair. Our greatest shows were both live recordings during Covid times, namely live @44NEXTDOOR(a very cosy setup, in an extremely small container). But our best live recording so far is on Youtube under the name HELLEVAERDER – Live in Leiden, a show we performed in Leiden in the GEBROEDERS NOBEL venue. We played some of our new tracks and our favorites from older releases.

Our new live image is all about the worshippers of nothingness. We will perform as the worshippers and the storyteller of light. Dressed in black robes and Miranda in a white dress. We will not speak a single word with the audience; we just bring a hellish soundscape for over 50 minutes. We want to give people something to think about...you are worthless, death is liberating.

OTHER PROJECTS

Some members are also active in other projects i.e. THRONE OF TIME, DUINDWALER, WHORE OF THE UNDERWORLD. Can you elaborate on those projects? Do you consider all projects including HELLEVAERDER equally important or which project has priority? Why do you feel the urge to express yourself in multiple projects?

THRONE OF TIME was the beginning of **HELLEVAERDER**, it will always have a special place for me. But due to differences with Dennis I do not wish to continue further with it. We had a live show as a sort of comeback

but that was that. Expect no other releases from it, and if I will continue it, it will be under another name and lineup.

DUINDWALER was my Covid project, one of my biggest inspirations **HATE FOREST** released their album 'Hour of the centaur' and I just wanted to make similar music with my own touch to it. So became the EP 'Landloper'.

WHORE OF THE UNDERWORLD was a similar kind of project but started as a homage to the mighty **BELPHEGOR**. A re-release is in the making with a live lineup to complete it. So expect more of that soon!

HELLEVAERDER is my child, it is the showcase of my musical growth. And to work with such fine musicians is a great thing. We support each other's projects and works, but **HELLEVAERDER** is something special. It dives deeper in the primal feeling we all share. The one thing that brings us together as people.

Arjen has his own band **INFANTRY**, which is Thrash Metal with Death Metal influences, he is doing really well with it and we support his band fully, go check them out soon! Also he is working on a project called **DRAECK** which I can recommend! Check his work out on Youtube!

Bas is also very busy with his band **JUBAL**, check out his previous release 'Archaic Discipline' and keep an eye out for his new upcoming album! He is a very talented musician and I expect great things from him in the future.

NORMALITY

What do your family, non-Metal friends & colleagues think of HELLEVAERDER?

We all get a lot of support from our family. Even though it may not be their preference, we get all the support to do what we want. Many of our colleagues think it is a bunch of noise but respect the amount of work and time we put into our music. It is not music for everyone, but we all feel very supported in our cause!

What are your professions?

We all work in very different fields. Miranda is a shift leader in a mental hospital, by nature she is very caring and it suits her well. Rene works as an electro technician for Liander, which is a company that runs the power network for the Netherlands. Arjen works for a television company as an A/V technician and Bas works as a Marketing Intelligence consultant for a software company. I work as an operator and quality inspector on a slitting line for a steel factory.

Any special pastime outside Metal? Favorite drinks?

Besides our music we all like to go to restaurants, visit other countries and just live an average life. We all like to see movies and enjoy some special craft beers. Nothing too special!

FUTURE

What are HELLEVAERDER's ambitions? What should we watch out for?

We aim to perform at least once a month live, and we continue to write new music and perform our live rituals. For this album we aim on going international with it, we want to tour across Europe and maybe even further!

You should watch out for the upcoming works of **INFANTRY**, **JUBAL**, **DUINDWALER** and **WHORE OF THE UNDERWORLD**. As well as keeping an eye out of further releases from ourselves!

FINAL WORDS

Anything else you would like to spit out?

Celebrate life, worship death.

HAIL HELLEVAERDER!

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Ossaert – Interview Schith P.



Abandon all hope ye who enter here... OSSAERT is a pitch Black Metal project originating from the Dutch lowlands whose 2020 debut 'Bedehuis' was received well. Now that <u>ARGENTO RECORDS</u> is about to release OSSAERT's second offering 'Pelgrimsoord', <u>DEAD MILL MEDIA</u> kindly offered and facilitated getting some more background by P, the mind behind OSSAERT. P took his time to *spit his bile* and let us look deep into the black soul of OSSAERT. Grab a stout, take a seat, sit back, put on 'Bedehuis', and enjoythe long read about arsenic, toasting to life, ants, and Romanesque!



OSSAERT – Bedehuis (art by Reuben Sawyer)

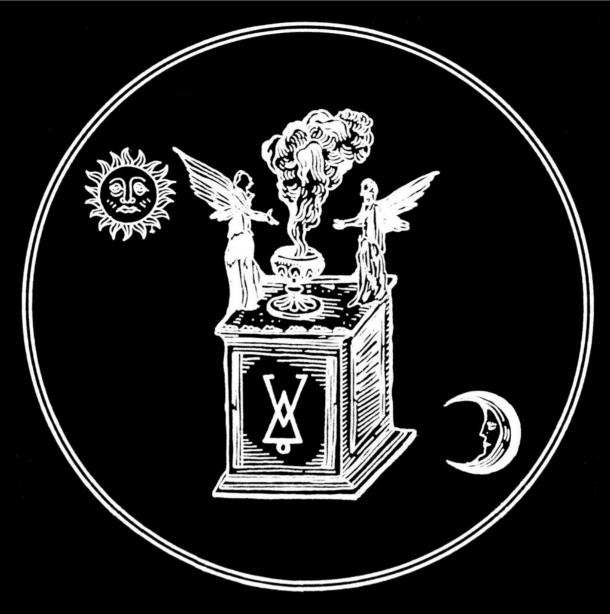
Bedehuis

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P. (OSSAERT)

How do you look back on your debut 'Bedehuis'? Did any events open certain doors for OSSAERT?

When I wrote 'Bedehuis' in early 2019, I never expected this record to be released. My original intent was to make a demo for some of my close friends. At the time a lot was going on in my personal life which I did not really know how to deal with and **OSSAERT** became a great outlet. This is how 'Bedehuis' was formed. Several people who I showed it to pressed me to do something with the project. And so I did. It has been interesting for me to see how people reacted to the album. It was such a personal project and that made it a little scary to throw it into the world, but it all worked out. **ARGENTO RECORDS** saw something in the **OSSAERT** project and they opened the doors for me to create more **OSSAERT** releases, like 'Pelgrimsoord'.



OSSAERT – Pelgrimsoord (art by Reuben Sawyer)

Pelgrimsoord

You are about to release 'Pelgrimsoord'. Do you feel you are surpassing 'Bedehuis' with 'Pelgrimsoord' and on what level?

There was not a lot of time between me finishing the writing of 'Bedehuis' and starting with what would become 'Pelgrimsoord'. 'Pelgrimsoord' is in many ways an extension of 'Bedehuis', so I find it hard to say if it surpasses. Especially because to me it feels like a different entity, a more conceptualized product. I do not know if I could compare the two; it's like comparing apples to oranges. Of course, I can look at straight facts like production, recording tracks, and choices in drum sound, and from that perspective, I would say that I find 'Pelgrimsoord' to have a more dynamic sound. But I also wonder if that sound would have fit with 'Bedehuis'. In the end, I think not.

Catacomben Studios

I wanted a "roomy" but oppressive and haunting mix for **OSSAERT**, which is muf ed but also bright

P. (OSSAERT)

Just like for 'Bedehuis', you also recorded 'Pelgrimsoord' and <u>SHAGOR</u>'s 'Sotteklugt' at <u>CATACOMBEN</u> <u>STUDIOS</u>, so I take it you are pleased with their work. What kind of sound is it you are aiming for and how does CATACOMBEN STUDIOS manage to accommodate for that?

For years I have been a big fan of the majority of W. Damiaen's (owner of **CATACOMBEN STUDIOS**) work. That is why I approached him to transfer my programmed drums into real drums and then to mix and master. I wanted a "roomy" but oppressive and haunting mix for **OSSAERT**, which is muffled but also bright. Fun fact: As I write this, I am listening to the band **LASTER** which W. Damiaen plays in.

Intro / Outro

To me, this is poison in the minds of men. It makes people externalize responsibility

P. (OSSAERT)

Can you tell us a bit more about the sources of the intro (organ/choir) & the outro (speech) on 'Pelgrimsoord'?

The intro is an old recording of a hymn. The hymn describes that no mortal being can claim victory by itself, only God brings victory in the broadest sense of the word. I found this a good start to the album because it showcases the absurdity of the concept of "Man born into sin". Within that way of thinking you can never do right as a human because you are evil to the core because of sin. Only God/Jesus can save you from eternal damnation. To me, this is poison in the minds of men. It makes people externalize responsibility: everything that is bad comes from Satan while everything that is good comes from God.

Nothing comes from themselves.

The outro of 'Pelgrimsoord' continues that theme. The segment is from a speech of a sect leader from the 50s and 60s. He says that Satan is a detachment of God. With that, he means that God (through Christian teachings) created all and that Satan is also a creation of God. In the Bible, Jesus and Satan are both referred to as 'Morningstar'. Maybe good and evil are the same? Maybe they cancel each other out? Maybe it is all a human construct to explain our failings.

Duality

I hear a sense of duality in your music, part of which is aggressive, part of which is melancholic. How do they rhyme?

Melancholy and aggression lie close to each other. Grief can turn into anger and vice versa. I find they also strengthen each other. Both are emotions I am well acquainted with and have had to find my way in. That is also why they rhyme; they are from my own base, the same source. **OSSAERT** is a release for both melancholy and aggression.

Press

OSSAERT is featured in <u>ADDERGEBROED</u>'s book '2011-2021 and beyond'. Which bands in the book do you feel affiliated with? What does it mean to you that OSSAERT is part of the limited selection out of over 200 interviews? Did you ever expect you would end up among the top albums of 2020 on <u>ZWARE METALEN</u>?

It is so cool to be featured in the **ADDERGEBROED** book next to bands that I love to listen to. **AKHLYS** for example: amazing! That enormous wall of sound that blows you right over is phenomenal. Also bands like **DUIVEL**, **BEZWERING** and **MESLAMTAEA** are great. Not in the least because of their Dutch roots. Black Metal in my own language will always have a leg up for me. I am honored to be mentioned alongside them in the book. Another surprise was being in **ZWARE METALEN**'s top albums of the year list. I really never expected that.

Response

Did you get any international appreciation? From which countries outside Europe are you getting the most feedback?

To be honest I never kept track of where all the people who wrote about my music were from. From what I can recall now: Germany, the US, Australia, Belgium, Poland, Italy, and Israel. I believe there were some more but I have not paid close attention to it.

Live

I read that you consider OSSAERT a one-man band, but that you do not exclude ever performing live. What would you require a live performance of OSSAERT to look like? I cannot imagine you would ever perform at a festival in broad daylight?

Never say never, but there is a big chance that I will never perform this live. If I ever do move it to a stage, I would never do it in the daylight. The ideal setting would be an old chapel with nothing but candlelight and then playing 'Bedehuis' and 'Pelgrimsoord' from beginning to end. Pretty cliché, huh? I guess for now you will just have to do with a record player in a dark room with some incense and candles.

ARGENTO RECORDS

How did you get signed to ARGENTO RECORDS? Who contacted who first? How is the collaboration going? How many records did you sign for?

After people convinced me to release my music, I approached a very select group of labels. **ARGENTO RECORDS** responded very positively. We went for some drinks and now, here we are. The collaboration consists of a lot of text messages toasting to life. How many albums will be released with **ARGENTO RECORDS** was never decided upon upfront. But for now, we are all happy with how it is going.

Vocals

You mix Black Metal screams with clean vocals. Imagine that you would lose the ability to do both, which one would you be ok to give up on, the screams or the cleans? Why?

If I had to choose: cleans. I can put so much emotion in my screams that I would not want to miss it. Also, I just like screaming the most.



P. (OSSAERT)

Kindred spirits

OSSAERT refers to a water spirit from a folk's tale. D'N OSSCHAERT is also the name of the Dutch front-man of Belgian Black Metal band <u>GOTMOOR</u>. <u>KLUDDE</u> is another Belgian Black Metal band and refers to a water spirit as well. Are you familiar with GOTMOOR and/or KLUDDE? How do you like them? Which newcomer bands in the Black Metal scene of the Belgian/Dutch lowlands are worth checking out in your view?

To be honest, I'm not familiar with either **GOTMOOR** or **KLUDDE**, so I do not have an opinion, but, I will be sure to check them out!

DE GEVREESDE ZIEKTE is a newcomer band certainly worth checking out! It is amazing!

Lyrics

Your lyrics are written in Dutch, with some Latin. How important is it for you to write in your mother tongue? Would you consider writing in another language other than Dutch & Latin? Which? The texts have a poetic touch, albeit one with a morbid edge. Are you inspired by any specific writers? The song titles on 'Pelgrimsoord' are consistently mentioning pairs, was that for aesthetic reasons or are they revealing a lyrical concept?

I used to play in other bands where we mainly wrote English texts. I do not enjoy that as much, because I can express myself a lot better in Dutch than in English. When I write in Dutch it is easier for me to be more poetic. As for inspiration by specific authors, I do not really have any. At least, not on the poetry side. I think the fantasy writer Terry Pratchett is a great writer, but he's not an influence on **OSSAERT** lyrics.

As for the title choices, it was mainly aesthetic but also I thought it described the album as a whole. The songs are all intertwined and this way I was able to bring it all together in one album.

Identity

What was it that triggered you to found OSSAERT? What drives you to go on? Which external, non-musical factors do you draw inspiration from? What makes OSSAERT unique?

As I mentioned, I started writing to make a demo for some friends and that escalated quickly. I still continue because I still see enough around me that gives me negative emotions and I would rather translate those into something more useful than depression.

Pandemic

Did the Covid-19 pandemic impact OSSAERT in any way?

It hasn't affected **OSSAERT**, besides the delivery delay of the vinyl. It mostly has not affected **OSSAERT** because I am writing for some other projects at the moment.

Nature

You grew up in the Veluwe. What is your connection with nature, if any?

I could walk from my childhood home and be in the forest in 3 minutes. Throughout my life, I have felt a strong connection to the woods and stretches of heathland. These are the places where I have my oldest childhood memories and the places I retreated to, to think in absolute solitude. Or just to enjoy the smells of a forest. Or to get intensely angry when I got stung yet again by an ant.

Art

Which painting movement would you associate the music of OSSAERT with?

I find it hard to say which movement is most like **OSSAERT**. I lean towards 'Romanesque painting style' because this style is quite 2D but touches on very deep subjects. A more appropriate art form I think is Medieval etchings: Usually low perspective (2D), black and white, and casual everyday scenes mostly with details to give a deeper meaning to the work as a whole.

Visuals

The arsenic symbol is also incorporated in my new logo

P. (OSSAERT)

<u>REUBEN SAWYER</u> took care of the artwork, <u>AINUL IBLIS</u> drew the logo. How did you discover their work? Why did you change the logo? To what level did you give them instructions on what you wanted? Which deeper meaning do the symbols & visuals have to you?

I told **REUBEN SAWYER** that I wanted an altar on the album art with the symbol for arsenic on it, like on the 'Bedehuis' artwork. With 'Pelgrimsoord' the symbol is on the altar. The idea behind it is simple: religion is

poison. The arsenic symbol is also incorporated in my new **OSSAERT** logo because I find it exemplifies **OSSAERT**. It catches the essence of why I started the project. That is also why I wanted a different logo; I wanted to personalize it and connect it to the vibe that **OSSAERT** gives. **ARGENTO RECORDS** sent me a list of artists that I could approach for a new logo, including **AINUL IBLIS**. His style really spoke to me and so I went with him.

The old logo was made for me by a friend, JAN RAP, many years ago before

OSSAERT really even had fully formed. I have been toying with the idea of a Black or Death Metal project since 2015/2016, at that time with another band member. That never worked out, but the name and logo intrigued and stuck with me. When I started this project in 2019, **OSSAERT** was just the most logical name to choose.

SHAGOR

The feeling of total creative freedom is fantastic

P. (OSSAERT)

You also lend your voice & guitar skills to the band SHAGOR. How is the 2020 album 'Sotteklugt' being received? In what sense do OSSAERT and SHAGOR complement each other to fulfill your creative cravings? Do you feel at home on Belgian label <u>BABYLON DOOM CULT RECORDS</u>? Any other bands you were/are active in?

'Sotteklugt' was received incredibly well, which makes me very happy! 'Sotteklugt' is the first serious Black Metal record I (mostly) wrote somewhere in 2018 together with bassist 'J.'. It took a long time for it to be released because we wanted to make a band of **SHAGOR** and not just a studio project. If we had never started **SHAGOR**, and I never had got annoyed at how long it took to find band members, I would have never started **OSSAERT** I think. I just had so much inspiration to write but did not want it to be for **SHAGOR** because there was already a record that we couldn't release yet. And with **OSSAERT** I can do what I please. The feeling of total creative freedom is fantastic. On the other hand, I have noticed in the last couple of years that it is very nice to have others collaborate and think with you about what you have written and with their support bring it to a higher level, like all members of SHAGOR did. They made the parts their own and gave their own twist to it to really make it their part. As **SHAGOR**, we did sign to **BABYLON DOOM CULT RECORDS**. I think Jo is a nice guy to work with. He trusts us as musicians and we trust him as a record boss.

I'm also involved in some other bands/projects. Since this year I, together with **SHAGOR** bassist J., founded our own record label/platform because we have too many projects and didn't want to outsource all of them. We wanted to do more things ourselves. The label is called <u>SWARTE YSSEL</u>. We have vinyl, CDs, tapes, and merchandise of our projects for sale and there will be new projects released under this banner. As **SWARTE YSSEL** we are working closely with **BABYLON DOOM CULT RECORDS** for the vinyl releases. Like J's solo project **DINBETHES** for which I recorded the high screams, which will be released somewhere in the coming year with Babylon Doom Cult. But also for other projects, we plan to check with Jo if he is interested in the vinyl release. There will be a Punk/Black Metal project called **WEERZIN** and a more pagan (I think?) Black Metal project called **SUOL**. Besides that, I am working on a (for now) nameless project, also Black Metal but more aiming towards the 'raw Black Metal' genre. By the way, **OSSAERT** will remain with **ARGENTO RECORDS**.

Black Metal

It is "the stranger in our midst"

P. (OSSAERT)

Black Metal is existing for decades now. Is Black Metal here to stay? Why is it that the first and second wave of Black Metal still appeals to new generations?

What is the strength of Black Metal? What is it in Black Metal that attracts you? If I am not mistaken, your musical preferences are not limited to Black Metal.

Why did you opt to play Black Metal above all with OSSAERT and SHAGOR? Which other style would you prefer to play next?

I think Black Metal being "different than usual" (whatever that may be haha) attracts people to this kind of music. And with that, I mean that Black Metal is a music genre, which by song structure, production, and use of instruments really differentiates itself from all other genres and even all other sub genres of metal. It is "the stranger in our midst". At least that is why I was fascinated by it at a young age and the reason why I wanted to make it myself. I never had musicians around me that wanted to make that too. But since a couple of years, I've found those like-minded folks (like **SHAGOR**) and of course, I do it by myself with **OSSAERT**. I don't really have another style I want to make after this, although I would like to make a Heavy Metal record just for the sake of it with a friend of mine: **GERBEN**.

Goals

I want to spit my bile and throw some dissonant noise over it

P. (OSSAERT)

Dreaming big, what is OSSAERT's ultimate musical ambition? What will the future bring?

I have no ultimate musical ambition with **OSSAERT**. I want to spit my bile and throw some dissonant noise over it. And as far as I can see, it has worked!

Final words?

Thanks!

Likewise!

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Schavot – Interview Swith Floris



SCHAVOT



Floris (SCHAVOT)

You are active in ASGRAUW, MESLAMTAEA, and SAGENLAND. Why did you feel the urge to start another project? What separates SCHAVOT from the other bands? Why solo? Which project is your priority?

When I started **MESLAMTAEA** in 1998, there were no other Black Metal musicians for miles around. The only choice was to go solo. Sometime later I accidentally met Arjan, who lived a village away. We founded **SAGENLAND**. Other bands ended in disappointment though, and I lost interest in playing with a band. Until I joined **ASGRAUW** in 2012. A friendship has developed and the band has a strong drive. **ASGRAUW** is the only band I play live with at the moment. Meanwhile, **MESLAMTAEA** has expanded and we are a trio now. Also, **SAGENLAND** became active again. But there is always a strong need to create music on my own. **SCHAVOT** is again a solo project like how it all started in 1998.

BLACK METAL

What drives you to play Black Metal? The need to create/express? The need to channel emotions? What do your family, friends & colleagues think about it?

What other form of art would you choose to create if music would not exist?

Can/will Black Metal get exhausted? Is any other extreme Metal genre yet to be invented?

Black Metal is a style in which I can express emotions, despair, and anger, but also give voice to a feeling of tranquility. The sound of the forest, whispering trees. That is the beauty of Black Metal. It is diverse. Most family and colleagues do not know that I am active in Black Metal music. Most would not understand.

Every style of music can get exhausted if new generations are not interested. If there is no innovation, there is no progress. That is why I like the current experimental movement with bands like **LASTER, GREY AURA**, and **TEITAN**. A movement that I also include my band **MESLAMTAEA**. On the other hand, I adore the classic albums and new bands that play in the oldschool tradition.

What is it that attracts you in the 90s Scandinavian Black Metal which you cannot find in today's Black Metal?

90's black metal from Scandinavia, especially Norway, had a special atmosphere and a mysterious vibe that is hard to find in current black metal. It is difficult to reproduce. I cannot keep up with today's Black Metal and I do not understand most of the hypes. There are several new quality bands though and now and then I am excited about a new release.





SCHAVOT – Galgenbrok (art by Johan Prenger)

How did you shape 'Galgenbrok'? What higher purpose does it have for you?

The only purpose that my music has, is personal expression. But of course, I think it is great when other people like my music. That is a bonus! As said, **SCHAVOT** originated from the love for the 2nd wave Scandinavian black metal. Atmospheric bands such as **EMPEROR**, the first two **DIMMU BORGIR** albums, **OBTAINED ENSLAVEMENT**, or **ULVER**. But also the fast work from **SETHERIAL**, **DARK FUNERAL**, and **MARDUK**. In my attic room, I have access to all kinds of instruments and studio equipment. I record all layers of music from a click track. Guitar, bass, keyboards, drums, and vocals. With **SCHAVOT** it was a spontaneous process and the music is more stripped-down than I am used to playing.

LABEL

Is there another reason other than the different media (vinyl/CD...) that 'Galgenbrok' is being released on 3 different labels i.e. VOID WANDERER PRODUCTIONS, WAR PRODUCTIONS, and RABAUW? Why not on a label that released material for your other projects?

I have been asked this question more than once. I am in contact with a few befriended labels and have brought **SCHAVOT** to their attention. I hate to beg for a release and they did not bite. I am okay with that. The scene is saturated and to release a new name is a risk. **VOID WANDERER** (The Netherlands) on the other hand was immediately enthusiastic! I grabbed a deal with both hands. It is an upcoming label that has some great names on its roster. Void often collaborates with their partner in crime: **WAR Productions** from Portugal. Together they will release a digipack CD on October 1st. Then **Rabauw** from Belgium spontaneously applied for a limited vinyl. That was a surprise because there were only a few short sound clips online. This vinyl will probably be released in winter 20/21.

Studio

TUIANTI STUDIO took care of analog mastering. It is not the first time you work together. Why is it your obvious go-to?

TUIANTI STUDIO is run by Arjan, with whom I have been doing projects for over twenty years. Arjan has an old skool approach to black metal music and has a clear opinion of how it should sound. For example, he does not participate in the current loudness war. A production should retain some air and dynamics. Mastering is a special profession that I, unfortunately, do not eh... master. I have two engineers at the moment that I work with. But because **SCHAVOT** had to have that old-school nineties vibe, **TUIANTI** was the obvious choice. Arjan suggested doing mastering using analog tube equipment instead of digital plug-ins. This turned out to sound perfect!

Pandemic

Did the Covid pandemic have any positive/negative impact on your inspiration & productivity?

I heard a lot of bands complain about the lockdown. Some have even pulled the plug. But if I speak for myself, social isolation had a very positive impact on my music. I got more time to completely lose myself in my music. And I was able to use my home studio very effectively in the lost hours between work. For years we could not finish a Sagenland record. And there suddenly it was! A new **MESLAMTAEA** album has been recorded as well. Unfortunately, we could not rehearse with **ASGRAUW**. But the time has effectively been used to record some new tracks. We are currently doing the finishing touches on the upcoming album. After many hours of recording and mixing, I still had the urge to record new material. That is how **SCHAVOT** was born.

LYRICS

Nowadays more and more bands in the Dutch Black Metal scene opt to write lyrics in the mother tongue. Which of these bands would you recommend? Is there a friendly connection among all those bands? Who would you like to collaborate with? Which Black Metal band would have been the first to introduce Dutch lyrics? What is the response from non-Dutch-speaking countries?

I can express myself better in Dutch than English because it is my mother tongue. Moreover, it leaves to the imagination for Non-Dutch listeners. That is one reason why I do not publish lyrics. Dutch is a rich language. A band like **MURW** has a great poetic quality. Also, several bands use a local dialect. For example, Kjeld (Frisian, which is a language rather than a dialect) and our project Sagenland (Twents dialect). Bands like Grafjammer are very creative with old and almost forgotten words.

I do not remember the first band I heard with Dutch lyrics. Might be **COUNTESS**. The Dutch scene is fairly fragmented. I do have contact with some bands and musicians though. We help each other and together we make a stronger scene.

INSTRUMENTS

How did you teach yourself all these instruments and when did you start with this? What ignited this? How do you keep motivated? Keyboards are often frowned upon within Black Metal. Do you understand that view?

Due to a lack of fellow musicians to play Black Metal with, I just started playing everything myself in the midnineties. Drums are my primary instrument. Then I started playing guitar, (fretless) bass, and keys. Just a matter of plugging in an instrument and see what happens. I am not a mega-talented musician at all. But I am 100% passionate and dedicated about making music and I can play well enough to create what I have in my mind. I understand why keyboards were hated in Black Metal. When used excessively it sounds like kitschy haunted-house music at the fair. But when it is applied subtly, I think it adds much atmosphere. I love to use keys myself.

Johan Prenger

Johan Prenger painted the cover by hand. How important are the visuals to you? Do you consider it the final piece of the puzzle in achieving an old-school vibe, alongside the analog mastering and the style of Black Metal? Besides being a painter, Johan Prenger also owns Reflection Records. Do you know him personally? How did you get in touch? What kind of instructions did you give him on your expected outcome?

I do not know Johan personally, but I have been following him on social media for a while and his work appeals to me. Cover art has more meaning when it is tailor-made for an album, instead of some Google image. Johan's work reminds me of **KRIS VERWIMP**'s: an artist who has provided covers for many classic albums that I have on the shelves. Johan is familiar with extreme music because of his label. He also listens to black metal himself, so he knows what art such music needs. All the puzzle pieces fell into place and it had to be that Johan would make the cover art. Fortunately, he responded enthusiastically! We discussed some themes and he said he wanted to paint 'de Jufferboom'. I was surprised by the result!

ADDERGEBROED

Out of a limited selection of over 200 bands, MESLAMTAEA is featured with an interview in ADDERGEBROED's book '2011-2021 and beyond'. Does this kind of recognition make you proud?

You bet I was proud! The **ADDERGEBROED** website from Belgium is one of the very few that I keep coming back to read honest and sincere interviews and reviews. They go in-depth and have a lot of knowledge. They

only deal with bands that they find interesting themselves. That is why it was a big surprise to see a very positive review of **MESLAMTAEA**'s latest record 'Geketend in de Schaduw van het Leven. When an interview request came we felt honored. That is was printed in the **ADDERGEBROED** book was the icing on the cake! The Belgian scene is flourishing at the moment and there are some great bands, websites, and labels there.

Photography

You are heavily into photography. Is this your profession or a hobby?

Editorial freelance photography for magazines is a part-time job alongside my day job. It is difficult to live from photography though. The heyday of magazines is over and many 'zines I used to work for are gone. The appreciation for printed media seems to be declining, due to the Internet. People want to get information easily and for free. Also, the attention span is getting shorter and shorter. People can no longer read amounts of text. This unfortunately is a parallel I see in the music business.

Motorbikes

You are a photographer & writer for several international magazines about motorbikes. Which motorbike(s) do you own? Which is your most memorable motor trip? Which trip are you dreaming of? Already done Norway?

I am just interested in custom build motorcycles like choppers and cafe racers. I also ride custom bikes myself. Unfortunately, my schedule is too full to ride much nowadays. If you ask me, Sweden and England are the places to be for custom-bike fans.

Passion

Which is your biggest passion: Black Metal, nature, photography, writing, or motorbikes? Where do these activities come together?

I am interested in too many things and I go far in every passion that I have. Time management is always a major challenge in my life and I often have to slow myself down. What the emphasis is on, varies from moment to moment and it also depends on the season. At the moment, music takes up a lot of time.

Nature

I read that you take inspiration from landscapes when composing music. Do you have a house with a view? How do we need to imagine? Are you going for a hike in 'de Boshuizerbergen' or so, get home with newborn melodies that were haunting your mind, and then start composing? When you travel, what countries do you go to, do you seek nature abroad too? Do you go hiking or motorbiking? Floods, forest fires, extreme seasons, ... are you worried that global warming will take apocalyptic proportions one day?

Nature is a major inspiration for my music. On the one hand, the beauty of nature. And the flip side, mankind is destroying it. The cities, the concrete, ugliness. It sounds boring, but I am not a traveler and I enjoy nature close to home. I like to go fishing at sunset and enjoy the forests and ancient trees that we have here. When the head becomes empty, it is automatically filled with fresh musical ideas. That earth is being destroyed is certain and of course, I am worried about that. The day when there is no turning back is not far ahead.

Legends & Sagas

Where nature inspires your music, your lyrics take influence from legends & sagas, which in their turn might have been inspired by some phenomenons of nature themselves. What do we need to know more about song titles like 'Witte Juffer', 'Galgenbult' and 'Droglicht'?

Many folktales have been told to explain natural phenomena. And there is often clear moral in it. Good and evil. Some stories had to frighten people. Maybe to prevent them from doing stupid things. I think they are great stories that say a lot about the people of the past. I delved into folk tales and for this album, I opted entirely for Dutch tales. 'Witte Juffer' is about a female ghost figure that lived in a hollow tree. 'Droglichten' are will-o'-the-wisps that lured travelers into the swamp at night. And 'Galgenbult' is a true story about the most notorious murderer in Twente. He was put in a restraint chair for 114 days, after which he was broken on the wheel alive. In terms of folk tales, I am far from done so who knows, there may be more music from **SCHAVOT** to come.

Future

What is the future bringing for any of your projects?

I am not consciously planning music and I let it come to me. For now, however, the energy and inspiration are peaking and undoubtedly a lot is going to happen. As mentioned, new albums by **Meslamtea** and **Asgrauw** are on the way. I am going to do a project with a very talented guitarist. And with one of my bands, we are planning a split album. I cannot say much about that and we will see!



Floris (SCHAVOT)

Final words

Anything else you still want to voice?

I am quite blown away by the good response to **SCHAVOT** and the great support from the scene. I did not expect that and I want to thank fans, the enthusiastic record labels, and **DEAD MILL MEDIA** for that!

Thanks Floris & SCHAVOT!



Floris (SCHAVOT)

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Serpents Dath — Interview With Tes Re Oth



Live by the rule of Fang and Claw, Survival is the highest Law

The Eternal City lies in ruins and the broken bodies of the Host are scattered through the rubble. A trail of blood and ichor leads through the scene of smouldering desolation and desecration to the holiest of holies, to the very throne of God. And there, while a bereft creation screams in anguish, sits the Exiled One returned, the forsaken son, the Morning Star, the Adversary... Lucifer, Satan, the Lord of Hell and Prince of Darkness...now King of Heaven. Sated on the rich wine of vengeance and angelic tears he gazes through the shifting smoke and improbable flames at the kneeling seraphim in chains. He looks upon the dawn of a new era, a new beginning, a new universal order. He looks upon his kingdom and he sees that it is good...

Forged in the black flames of absolute dedication and total commitment, **<u>Revelation</u>** is the third album from Belgian Black Metal force, **SERPENTS OATH**. Step beneath its forbidding portal and discover riffs of excoriating violence that seethe in a grand chalice of blasphemous atmosphere and blood, hear words of dark wisdom and unholy obeisance, enunciated with venomous intent. Feel the unimagined power of drums that thunder like the onset of war and bear witness as meticulously crafted songs are unleashed, rampaging through the ether in a glorious celebration of rebellion and triumph. When **SERPENTS OATH** open their veins in supplication they bleed the very essence of the black metal art, pure and undiluted, undiminished by the passing decades. From the chilling 'Invocatio Genesis', when the first tendrils of delicious terror curl about your heart, through the adamantine resolve of 'Blood Covenant', the bewildering incisions of 'Drakonian Gnosis' and down the twisting 'Path Of The Serpent', **Revelation** is a storm-tossed passage through black oceans, an engulfing experience that will leave the willing listener transformed, reshaped and reborn on the steps of 'Pandemonium'.

Following in the bloody footsteps of two preceding, acclaimed albums – Nihil and Ascension – and with **SERPENTS OATH** now allied with **ODIUM RECORDS**, a label of dark renown and forbidding reputation, the time is right for **Revelation** to march on to unprecedented triumphs. Swathed in the magnificent artwork of **NÉSTOR AVALOS** (**DARK FUNERAL**, **ROTTING CHRIST**, **VARATHRON** etc), a towering image depicting a victorious Satan upon the throne of a vanquished God and recorded to exacting standards by

YARNE HEYLEN (CARNATION, NERVOSA etc) at PROJECT ZERO STUDIO, the album's armour is impregnable. On November 24th the horns of war will sound as SERPENTS OATH take to the field of conflict and death will ride with them.



NECROGRAPHY

SERPENTS OATH's Line-up: Tes Re Oth – Vocals | Mørkald – Bass | Baelus – Guitar | Daenum – Guitar | Draghul – Drums

What is SERPENTS OATH driving force for existence? What was the spark that ignited attracting kindred spirits to create this band?

SERPENTS OATH started as a new creature comprising 3 adepts of Belgium's extreme metal scene. As soon as we met up and started creating together, we realised they were establishing a very different entity. Hence we decided to leave the past behind and give birth to this new Beast.

As this unholy trinity we unleashed our debut album 'Nihil' through

SOULSELLER RECORDS in 2020 to much critical acclaim. With its relentless and unforgiving version of nihilistic Black Metal it took the world by storm.

Since then, we have expanded our line-up to five sworn in members. Working and recording on our sophomore album as a full band brought a new dimension to the record that is recognizable from the first listen. "Ascension" saw the light of day in 2022 and this opus brought only crushing riffs, pounding drums and terrorizing screams.

Now in 2023 we have joined forces with **ODIUM RECORDS** to unleash our third album "**Revelation**" upon the hordes. A distinct step forward both in song writing and production, this latest opus is showing that the Flame burns brighter than ever.

The vision behind the band is one of transformation. This shines through first and foremost in the lyrics and is carried through in the cover art and other visuals. The transformation is that of an individual striving to become transhuman with the ultimate goal of beating even Death. This is the ultimate rebellion as even Death is not accepted as a given.

NIHIL/ASCENSION

How do you look back at your first 2 albums? Are you still satisfied with them? How was the overall response? How would you compare both albums? Which one are you most proud of?

When the 3 of us started creating this infernal music together, there was no set direction it would have to take, apart from it being Black Metal. The songs we felt that pushed us as individuals and as a unit were allowed to make the cut. That is how we ended up with our own relentless and unforgiving version of nihilistic Black Metal on the debut album. Reactions were extremely positive, and it shows that listeners pick up, on a conscious or subconscious level, the true intent that one puts into the music.

As the aim always was to perform our music live, we embarked on a search for a full line up as soon as the first album was recorded. We went through a lot of candidates to find Baelus and Mørkald. It is always tricky since you are looking for members that are not only technically up to the challenge and into the music but stand firmly behind the vision of the band. When you then find the individuals that bring this spirit to the table (and believe me, we had a lot of candidates that were not up to the challenge) it gives the band extra fire. The addition of new members gives another evolution to the original entity. In the end this then results in an output that is even more devastating than before, the first steps one could already hear on "Ascension".

REVELATION



SERPENTS OATH – Revelation

What should we know about the new album, which is due November 24th 2023 via ODIUM RECORDS? I read you are considering the album to be a major step up in quality. What makes you believe so and given the high quality on the previous releases already, how did you achieve further progress? Was it a spontaneous writing process? How do the band members contribute democratically? Is creativity something that is coming naturally, continuously, and smoothly? Or do you ever face writer's block? Anything you will approach differently with what you have learned? Would you do certain things differently if you could re-record? By the time you read this, how are the reviews so far?

Daenum, our guitar player from day one, brought the majority of the music to the table. On the first album he then brought those ideas into the rehearsal room where, together with Draghul on drums and myself on vocals, we shaped these into the songs you hear on the album. We had already started the same process for the next album and had about 5 songs ready. The new members then contributed more in the final 3. However, having then the possibility to play the first batch of songs with a second guitar and a bass in the rehearsal room, you start to already add some extra layers and fine tune ideas that you couldn't do before. Hence even those songs were brought to the next level.

The fact that we live in the vicinity of each other and get together several times per week to play music and discuss a variety of topics has had a major influence as well. It has meant that we have established a unique bond as we have become more than the sum of our parts. It also meant that musically we got aligned very quickly and could test out new ideas immediately and keep new music flowing. Spending that much time together not only means that you get attuned to each other but also that you keep pushing each other to constantly improve. Our vision of transformation also applies to that: tomorrow you should be a better version of yourself than today. Just like the Serpent that sheds its skin, and a new version emerges, so have we evolved and that evolution you can hear on the new album "**Revelation**".

PROMOTION

I've received press releases from <u>IMPERATIVE PR</u> and <u>AGAINST PR</u>. Any other PR agencies you involved? What was the reason for hiring such services? Was that a conscious decision to outsource promotion to specialised agencies in order to be able to focus on the music rather than having to go for a full DIY approach which would eat time away from your core musical activity? Is the fact that you are engaging with PR agencies a sign of your ambition? How do you make use of social media to get the word out, how important do you find this and how much time do you invest in this yourself?

This is the direct result of now working with **ODIUM RECORDS** as these are the PR agencies they use. Regarding social media, this has become the modern day equivalent of old school tape trading, be it in a less personal manner. Hence we use it for what it is, a tool to get our message out and it serves its purpose. As with all things, the medium itself is great, it just depends on what you do with it. It is great for a band to be able to reach out and connect to so many people all over the world. On the other hand, every man and his dog feel inclined to use it and voice their opinion on every subject imaginable. With the advent of social media, we see that this has become the new opium for the masses, so discriminate with care.

CONCEPT

There are 3 chapters i.e. "Genesis", "Apocalypse" & "Resurrection" which symbolise "an initiate's transformation into an adept" and "mirror the spiritual and personal evolution, exploring themes of breaking boundaries, de-identification, and rebirth. Each chapter offers a unique perspective on the subject, capturing the essence of fire from various angles – as the spark of life, the destructive force, and the inner flame of enlightenment". Can you elaborate on this lyrical concept? The line "Live by the rule of Fang and Claw, Survival is the highest Law" does not ring a bell, did SERPENTS OATH come up with this and how do you practice what you preach?

The album describes the journey from initiate to adept divided into 3 chapters. It all starts with the first step on your own path, symbolised by the Genesis chapter. In order to progress however, one has to break down the taught barriers and go through a process of de-identification, symbolised by the Apocalypse chapter. Only then can one be reborn, symbolised by the Resurrection chapter.

The three chapters thus look at a similar subject from different angles. If we look at fire, from a genesis perspective, we see it as the spark of life or the spark of an idea. From an apocalypse perspective, it is the all consuming fire devouring everything in its path. From a resurrection perspective, it is the inner flame, the Black Flame of spiritual enlightenment when one finds the Source within oneself. In summary it shows the transition of first nurturing your Inner Flame to eventually deploy it in order to devour everything that stands in your way with an all consuming inferno.

"Live by the rule of Fang and Claw, Survival is the highest Law" is part of a specific Oath of Fealty. To commit oneself to that requires dedication to its fullest.

OCCULT

Obviously, you draw inspiration from the occult and Luciferian concepts. What triggered this interest? Any particular books & authors you would recommend in this area?

The involvement in the Dark Arts has been just as long as my involvement in Extreme Metal music. Over decades I have walked on my own individual path and that obviously has formed me as a person. Hence it feels only natural to use that in my lyrics as it is deeply personal. I approach the Dark Arts in a very practical manner and use it in my everyday life. The aim is for my work on the Nightside to leave footprints in the Day. To summarise this in a couple of lines isn't possible but suffice to say: test everything, believe nothing!

As explained above the vision behind the band is one of transformation. Symbolically this is also represented in the Band's logo, where the Serpents form the basis of life (the dragon that is visible even in a DNA strand, the building block of all life). Those Serpents also represent the connection with the source within oneself. The eye in the middle represents the awakening of the third eye, essentially awakening the Inner Self and thus your **Ascension** to become your own God.

As you can imagine, striving for basically Immortality doesn't happen over night and is approached from 2 sides: the Night- and the Dayside.

From a Dayside perspective the aim is to not physically die. This is very much rooted in the advancement of science prolonging life to the point where we live long enough to witness the day where dying of old age is no more. The first successful clinical tests of reversing the decay of cells have already happened.

From a Nightside perspective the aim is to not need a physical body. This is rooted on the astral plane where you train in order to be first aware and later control your astral body.

Both aspects are cemented in doing, not in believing, so it is a very practical approach.

COLLABORATION

French dark orchestral band MELEK-THA is responsible for the "invocations". MELEK-THA & SERPENTS OATH have the Luciferian concept in common. MELEK-THA & Tes Re Oth collaborated before. Can you tell us more about how this collaboration came to being and how it nurtures both bands?

We have been in touch with **Ludo "Evil" Lejeune**, the creator of **MELEKTHA** for a long time as we connect both on the spiritual and musical level. Hence when we started **SERPENTS OATH**, we asked him to contribute his specific blend of occult hymns. As it really suits what we envisage, that cooperation is still going strong 3 albums in.

On the one hand, on a very practical level, it gives the listeners some breathing space before catapulting them into the rest of the punishing songs. On the other hand, like any magical work, this divides the album into several chapters, guiding the listener through its workings.

ARTWORK

How did you get acquainted with the works of NESTOR AVALOS of BLACK ARTS? Given the fact that the cover for <u>Revelation</u> is "a continuation of Lucifer's rebellion from the previous album. Now he has claimed the Throne of God for him to reign from", I would imagine you gave specific instructions? How many tuned versions passed to you for review?

I have known **Nestor** for a long time and there was an instant connection from day one. Apart from being a great artist, he is also very familiar with the occult workings, so when giving him a brief he immediately understands what we are looking for. We are really looking to have our vision made into to flesh and **Nestor** is the perfect artist to do that.

On the first album, the vision of rebellion is represented in the cover art. It shows the UR rebellion, Lucifer that leads the War in Heaven. Only this time the outcome is different and the rebellion succeeds, visualised by Lucifer casting out the Arch Angel Michael and therefore a perfect representation of the ultimate victory of free will.

The next artwork showed the next chapter of that rebellion. Lucifer has now stormed the Throne of God only to find it empty and thus ascends to become his own God. The title 'Ascension' referred to that journey of becoming your own God.

The third album shows him having claimed that Throne and being firmly seated in it, to openly reign over all creation.

STUDIO

What made you decide to work together with <u>CARNATION</u>'s Yarne Heylen from PROJECT ZERO and how did it go?

As this is the third record, we realised we had to challenge ourselves. Not only did we switch labels, but we also went to a different studio. The goal was to capture the energy that our live performances have and combine that with a pulverising sound. At **PROJECT ZERO STUDIO** we achieved exactly that goal.

We had already worked together with Yarne on the video clips from our previous releases and that always was a great cooperation. When he then opened up his new studio, we deiced to pay him a visit. During that visit it became clear that he understood what we were trying to deliver and convinced us that he would be the right guy to achieve the result. Now we are very glad we took that chance as Yarne pushed us to our limits when recording and then assured the mixing and mastering delivered that skull crushing result.

LABEL

What was the reason to shift from SOULSELLER RECORDS to <u>ODIUM RECORDS</u>? How pleased are you with the collaboration and support of both labels?

After recording our debut album, we started looking for a label to see who would be interested. With **SOULSELLER**, we had a mutual friend who introduced us. From the first listen, they knew they wanted to work with us. From our side, we were honored to team up with **SOULSELLER RECORDS** and join the home for bands like **GORGOROTH** and **SVARTTJERN**. Beyond that when we looked at the passion and respect they put into rereleases like **ANCIENT RITES** and **ROTTING CHRIST**, we knew this would be the right label to work with. Since then, this impression was only been reaffirmed and it felt really good to work with such a professional team that respects our artistic vision and gives us the freedom to take everything we do to the next level. From their part they were really satisfied about the performance of our debut album as they offered us a new deal for the second album in the first month following the release.

However, since the release of our first album we were in contact with Shadow of Odium Records. From the beginning it was obvious that we shared the same vision on what Black Metal should be, so when it became time to look for the right label for our third release, it was clear to us to switch to <u>ODIUM</u>. We are honored to team up with an elite underground label that has released material from bands like OFERMOD, BEASTCRAFT, ACHERONTAS, VARATHRON or BLACK ALTAR.

The most important aspect was that they put quality before everything else. This attitude is carried forward in the products themselves and this for example has led to the release of the limited edition wooden box set.

On top of that their promotion has been really good as they have made sure that, if you are into Black Metal, you will know about this release.

BLACK METAL

What is your definition of Black Metal? What drives you to perform this style? Which bands inspire you?

Black Metal isn't just about tremolo picking, blast beats and high pitched screams. It is all about the intent that is put behind it. It is not meant to be safe or easily digestible, rather the contrary, it was always intended to go against the stream.

Right from the start we just played the music that we wanted to play and have a strong connection to. The source of that is probably situated in 90's Black Metal since we experienced it first hand in that period. So although we aren't directly influenced by any particular bands, the fact that we create music that harks back to that same era, probably means that it is bound to be fast. It isn't just about speed however, we always look for intensity in the song, even if the tempo is slower. In the end it needs to be pure and deliver a punch in the face.

HELLGIUM

What do you think of the <u>Belgian Metal</u> scene? How do you think it evolved from the time when you entered the scene until today? Which bands would you recommend? How do you get along with other Belgian bands? Which ones do you look up to? Which young bands are promising? Do you feel more connected to the Belgian or to the international Black Metal scene?

Trying to discuss the evolution of decades of the local Belgian Metal scene in a single paragraph and our view on it might be a bridge too far. In the end the geographical origin of the band is secondary for us. A band has to deliver music that leaves a mark, no matter what its origin is. It needs to have true intent in order for it to have any impact. That is the essence which will capture the attention of the listener rather than where the band lives. For us as well, it was never about carving out a spot in Belgian Black Metal, rather than establishing **SERPENTS OATH** in Black Metal in general.



SERPENTS OATH: Tes Re Oth – Vocals | Mørkald – Bass | Baelus – Guitar | Daenum – Guitar | Draghul – Drums

PROJECTS

Tes Re Oth, you are also the vocalist of INSANITY REIGNS SUPREME. Is the band still active? When can we expect new work in the future? Is it my perception that SERPENTS OATH is way more popular? What could be the reason behind? Baelus is also active in NYRAK, DARK PALACE, DEVOUR THE VOID & TEMPLE OF ACHERON. What should we know about these bands? Is SERPENTS OATH the band every member gives priority to?

We all have long histories in the Extreme Metal scene and have played in several bands throughout the years. However, from the start we decided not to name drop any of those bands, as we wanted people to listen to

SERPENTS OATH with a fresh pair of ears and an open mind, not because we played with such and such bands. The past doesn't matter anymore as it is the road ahead with **SERPENTS OATH** that is our total focus.

Pledged in Blood, Will and Power.

Commit totally from this very hour.

VIDEO

You shot a video for Blood Covenant. As the track covers various aspects of the album, would you also consider it the best track? Who are you, blood brothers, pledging allegiance to with this blood oath? Lucifer? Did/will you record any other videos for tracks from <u>Revelation</u>? How many singles can we still expect prior to the album release?

During the ritual of ancient covenant making, the two parties involved would divide an animal in half, and stand together in the blood, with their right hands clasped, and swear a mutual oath binding them to each other. In some cases, each party would cut their respective hands, bind them together with the other party, allowing their blood to mingle. The resulting union of this blood oath was never to be broken. In effect, the two participants in the covenant would become "blood brothers" and thus become one flesh. Visually we have tried to translate this bond, that is present within the band, with fitting and striking images in the video.

A second clip for "Purification through Fire" has been unleashed and a third one for "Pandaemonium" will follow soon.

RITUALS

How do you look back at your live rituals such as passages in HARD ROCK FEST AVELGEM, MASS DEATHTRUCTION & ALCATRAZ METAL FEST? Do you feel you evolved playing live? What was the highlight so far? Did any events open certain doors? When you read this, you will also have hit MEXICO BLACK METAL CHAOS. How is the Mexican audience? Which venue(s)/festival(s) is/are a goal of yours? Just like the aesthetics in an INSANITY REIGNS SUPREME performance are important, you also spend a lot of efforts on the visuals for a SERPENTS OATH live ritual too. Can I therefore conclude that the idea comes from Tes Re Oth? Do you dream of going even further in that imagery? Which ingredients would complete your ultimate stage act? How much do bands like WATAIN & BELPHEGOR influence SERPENTS OATH in this?

Every time we play, we give our all. We also make the venue we play our own

Temple and invite the listeners/viewers to take part in the desecration that is **SERPENTS OATH**. Hence all of our performances bring different memories with them, connected with the audience that were there that night. We tend to not rate them as they all have their unique experience. There are still a lot of festivals where we want to play, more than there is room on this page to list.

Bringing our vision to life on stage has always been our aim. The energy that we receive from the audience has been immense. It is what keeps you pushing for more and as such becomes part of that transformative process. In the end that is what the aim of extreme music is, to be played live with an audience that loses themselves, as that is what lifts you to another plane. Nothing compares to that. Take all the live streams or live recordings you want, they cannot capture that energy. You have to be present in order to experience it. How else can you smell the incense, taste the blood in the air and feel the warmth of the flame on your skin? Only in a live environment does this music truly come alive!

FUTURE

What is on SERPENTS OATH's roadmap? What can we expect next?

The next milestone is of course the release of our third album "**Revelation**" at the end of this year. In 2024 we then want to support it by playing live as much as possible. Come and join us!

Yours is my flesh and my spirit

CLOSING

Anything else left you would like to spit out?

We are proud to be able to share our new album "Revelation" with the world.

Thanks for the support, this interview and giving us the chance to share our Vision with others. For the readers, be sure to check out our music and prepare to be bound by the **SERPENTS OATH**.

Test everything, believe nothing!

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SERPENTS OATH - logo

Many thanks! - THE THRONE OF ABSENCE (October 14th 2023 - November 15th 2023)

Aleternam – Al Dassam

(Self-Released – 27 March 2020)



9 tracks – Duration: 44 min. 49 sec.

Early 2020, together with some 30ish other survivors, I had the absolute privilege to get to listen to the premiere of 'Al Qassam' in Viking Crown Lounge of the Independence of the Seas during 70,000 Tons of Metal. Goosebumps!

The audience just loved it at first sight – err, hearing. Later on, I enjoyed their epic pool deck set under the Caribbean full moon at 5 o'clock in the morning, something they already pulled off back in 2018. Little did I know that it would be one of the last memorable concerts of the year. Thanks, but no thanks to Covid-19. 'Al

Qassam' means 'The Oath' and is the 4th full length of this Canadian Oriental Metal outfit. The debut 'Disciples of the Unseen', the soldout 'Moongod' and the fantastic 'Ruins of Empires' preceded this release.

These passionate & friendly musicians successfully set up a crowd-funding campaign on Indiegogo to be able to self-release this album. Fun fact: end of April they shipped my digipack copy... I received it 3 months later (I guess due to being stuck in customs and Covid-19 delays). It was all well worth the wait though. The silver disc has been spinning on repeat ever since.

'Al Qassam' produces the ultimate blend of crushing brutality and melodic guitar lines. Achraf effortlessly alters from growls to supreme clean singing (sometimes in Arabic). The catchy melodies get stuck in your head and haunt you for days. Don't be mistaken, despite the sense of melody, this is ferocious & fast. What I like most about this album is the balance, the variation.

The opening track and title track 'Al Qassam' immediately sets the tone and delivers Aeternam's typical trademark: Oriental Metal which conjures the dead with deafening blast beats, aggressive vocals while cleverly combining this with addictive, magical melodies & skilled cleans. The same duality is maintained throughout ' The Bringer of Rain'. 'Lunar Ceremony' brings shivers down your spine with clean vocals only, majestic harmonies, and particularly pounding drums, fittingly accompanied by Mahafsoun's belly dancing in the video clip. 'Ithyphallic Spirits of Procreation' opens with some light Arabic acoustics to burst out into one of the more brutal tracks of the album, while still respecting the art of songwriting by not continuously pushing the pedal, but also lowering the tempo and letting the guitar leads flow through. 'Palmyra Scriptures' steps on the break with a mix of Arabic and English dreamy chants coming Achraf's vocal cords. The epic 'Hanan Pacha' immerses you in the atmosphere of 1001 Nights yet fierce double bass drumming and blast beat salvos never render this mellow. The heavenly leads of 'Celestial Plains' take you into higher spheres. 'Ascension' is no different: the contradictory symbiosis between peaceful tunes and outbursts of violence is constant. 'Poena Universi' is a heroic sounding song, complete with choirs, for fans of Septic Flesh.

Several guest musicians add an extra dimension with the use of classical, exotic instruments and even some choirs.

It is a pity that the lyrics are not included with the album, they really seem interesting -they were enthusiastically elaborated about during the sneak preview- and are dealing with rituals, mythology, and the occult. You can find a brief summary of each song text on this page, as shared on their Instagram page. Demons are summoned at your own risk while singing along!

The icing on the cake is the smashing artwork of Eliran Kantor, who is known for his cover art for a.o. Testament, My Dying Bride, Hate Eternal, Bloodbath, Ex Deo, Kataklysm, Fleshgod Apocalypse, Sodom, Incantation, Havok, Krisiun.

Highly recommended for fans of Melechesh, Nile, Orphaned Land, and Septic Flesh. If you don't believe me or if you are not yet familiar with this band, then what are you waiting for, I made it easy for you, check out the links on this page to their work now! Mark my words, these guys are going to make it. Labels, make sure to be the first to sign this band, hurry up. Everyone else, prepare to get hooked!

9.5 out of 10 skulls

17 Aug 2020



9 tracks – Duration: 43 min.

The death bell tolls. Thick thumping strings of doom keep reverbing. The seven-headed beast of revelation -as depicted on the logo by Italian artist Roberto Toderico and the dark cover art by Manuel Tinnemans (Comaworx)took possession over INCANTATION's frontman John McEntee. Like a demonic oracle, he utters the deepest bestial growls you could ever imagine. BEAST OF REVELATION instantly demarcates the terrain with their trademark of sinister and intense Doom Death Metal during the opening track called 'Legions'. If you were

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looking for blast beats, tough luck: you can count the beats per minute on the fingers of one hand. The band of former ASPHYX and BEYOND BELIEF members A.J. van Drenth (guitars, bass, backing vocals) and Bob Bagchus (drums) slowly but surely drag you further into the abyss with 'The Great Tribulation'. Next up is 'The Cryptic Void', which would suit well on an INCANTATION album. 'The Fallen Ones' is a monster on which John demonstrates some of the deepest gutturals in the history of Death Metal.

'Beast VI' is a short instrumental intermezzo. The filthy 'The Days of

Vengeance' sickens you with its heavy riffs and rabid snarls. The title track 'The Ancient Ritual of Death' keeps it simple, but there is a doomy guitar solo that makes this one interesting enough. The lead guitars on 'The Unholy Roman Empire' reminisce of the old PARADISE LOST, as if Gregor Mackintosh himself was taking care. The instrumental outro 'We, the Lord of Chaos' concludes the descent into the depth with a pinch of melody and melancholy. Stay away from this if you want your metal fast since this is total old-school Doom Death Metal worship. Don't hesitate to buy this rotting piece of ultra-heaviness, however, if the latter is your cup of tea. I am digging this for sure.

8.5 out of 10 skulls

22 Aug 2020



(Self-Released – 6 November 2020)



9 tracks – Duration: 43 min.

Uncomfortable. That is the sensation I experience when listening to the selftitled full-length debut from the surprising Blackened Death Doom Metal combo CULT BURIAL, which is hailing from the London underground (no, I am not talking about the subway). When I state uncomfortable, I mean that as a compliment. One gets used to the extreme, brutal sound of Black or Death Metal throughout the years, and the shock effect becomes an exception. Only once in a blue moon, a band succeeds in sounding as eerie as the first time you heard DEICIDE or the nauseating MAYHEM when you probably still were a teenager. In that sense, CULT BURIAL makes some more recent ensembles turn pale.

Imagine an obscure noise, say early BELPHEGOR, BLISS OF FLESH,

ARKHON INFAUSTUS, BEHEMOTH, and TEMPLE OF BAAL. CULT BURIAL pre-dominantly conjures early BELPHEGOR from the *Blutsabbath* era. The possessed growls largely contribute to this perception. The lead guitars are impending, desolate, and even spacy as you would hear it on old PARADISE LOST. A sporadic doomy pace evokes INCANTATION. Skilled solos lighten up the overall obscure atmosphere. The repetitive cadence of the percussion produces a hypnotizing effect.

A blazing demon is lurking on the front (courtesy of Brian Sheehan from Leger Demain Art) and tricks you into this nightmarish soundtrack. Song titles are to the point with just one keyword each.

Don't expect any happy tunes. This record is not for the faint-hearted, but if you are ready to get immersed in a grim ambiance, then you could discover a rough diamond. This newcomer who only formed in 2020 delivered some pretty sick stuff with *Cult Burial*! 8.1 out of 10 skulls

21 Dec 2020



(Self-Released – 29 November 2020)



6 tracks – Duration: 28 min.

The corpse-painted & motivated Germans of DEN OF INIQUITY emerge from the Cologne underground and tag themselves as Black/Death Metal. In my opinion, they are more on the Black Metal side of the spectrum than on the Death Metal side. I would label them as atmospheric/melodic Black Metal.

Their *Legions of Sin* debut EP is an introduction of half an hour. On the title anthem, the harsh, scraping, and understandable death rattle of Deimos immediately strikes me as sounding close to the phlegm of ANCIENT's Lord Kaiaphas. Imagine EVOL's Prince of Agony shrieks too. The lead guitars even remind me of ANCIENT during *The Cainian Chronicle* era. The overall atmosphere exhumes my memories of the nineties' melodic Black Metal

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sound (remember MACTÄTUS?). That is no different on the second hymn *Sekhmet*. DEN OF INIQUITY does not go full throttle all the way but cleverly plays with tempo variations. *Proclamation of the Beast* fires off fiercely with raw screeches, applying some subtle EMPEROR *Ye Entrancemperium* alike chords. The bass is audible throughout the record, and it goes particularly well together with the outburst of thunderous drums on *Legacy*. It is not just about sheer aggression either: they also introduce a sufficient amount of six-string melodies, as DARK FUNERAL would employ them – listen to *The Reckoning*, for example.

The basic black front portrays a red snake, ready to attack, below the white logo in genuine doctor's hand-writing.

Are you feeling nostalgic yet? Why don't you check them out and find out for yourself! Support the underground!

7.6 out of 10 skulls

30 Jan 2021



(Tentacle Industries – 6 June 2020)



8 tracks – Duration: 28 min. 8 sec.

This Florida Death Metal ensemble, which is featuring MONSTROSITY guitarist Matt Barnes in its ranks, was founded in 1997. DIABOLIC pulled the plug back in 2004 and stood up from the dead in 2006. 'Supreme Evil',

'Subterraneal Magnitude', 'Vengeance Ascending', 'Infinity Through Purification', and 'Excisions of Exorcisms' are full-lengths that belong to the collection of each self-respecting Death Metal addict. After a decade of silence, aside from a split with COMATOSE in 2019, DIABOLIC finally strikes back with 'Mausoleum of the Unholy Ghost' (containing a couple of songs which already appeared on the split). The album was recorded in

Metal Fanzine Est. 1995

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DOW Studios where fellow Death Metal giants MORBID ANGEL and NILE immortalized some memorable sounds as well. I'd describe DIABOLIC as a cross-breed of MORBID ANGEL and ANGELCORPSE.

DIABOLIC does not need any intro or sample but instantly goes full throttle on 'Atmosphere of Dread'. As if they never took any (black) sabbatical, ghastly growls resonate from the grave and are backed up by ripping guitars and screeching solos. Aantar 'Blastmaster' Coates lives up to his name with an unearthly amount of beats per minute. DIABOLIC does not give you time to breathe on 'R*ped of All Sacred', which pursues the scorching pace of the opener with merciless Death Metal frenzy.

Just like its predecessors, 'Useless Saviour bulges of double-bass drum assaults, manic vocals, and savage solos. The title track 'Mausoleum of the Unholy Ghost' throws some lightning-fast solos and further double-bass salvos at you while Paul Ouelette conjures the Unholy Ghost, while also fulfilling of bassist in his dual role. Even if 'Insanity Mastered' is a tad slower at one point, you can forget about a ballad. Instead, desolate vibrato leads sometimes remind me of the atmosphere on OBITUARY's 'The End Complete'. Also 'Infamous Legacy' consists of the known ingredients: ravaging percussion, chaotic leads, and mad snarls. DIABOLIC takes no prisoners on 'Passageway to Enchantment' either with its fast and mean old school vibe. Dissonant organs prelude 'Spoken Spite', which makes a misleading slower impression due to the vocal part, however, the drums still rush through the background insanely. There is no room for peace & quiet on this disc, it flashes forward at warp speed, even the last tunes do not just fade out but end the record rather abruptly.

No Joe Petagno cover-art this time, however, DIABOLIC hired a worthy replacement in none less than Zbigniew M. Bielak, who is notorious for his works for among others WATAIN and POSSESSED. The fiery front reflects the album title well with the Unholy Ghost and demons taking possession of a woman at a mausoleum. Lyrics are not included, at least not in the digipack version.

In a nutshell, the Old School Death Metal veterans from Tampa -fertile soil for qualitative Death Metal- don't disappoint. 'Mausoleum of the Unholy Ghost' is a bulldozer of an album that will melt your face off and during which

DIABOLIC showcases a marriage of brutality and technicality with experienced musicianship. Is it my favorite DIABOLIC release? Maybe not. Does this blast? Definitely! Too bad it barely lasts half an hour, but this release will knock you out anyway. Buckle up! 8.5 out of 10 skulls

20 Sep 2020



(Wolves of Hades May 28th 2021)



4 tracks – 36 min. 37 sec.

The Swedish/Dutch atmospheric/melodic Black Metal outfit DÖDSRIT returns with its 3rd full-length baptized 'Mortal Coil' (WOLVES OF HADES), after first having issued the self-titled debut 'Dödsrit' (ALERTA ANTIFASCISTA

RECORDS) and the sophomore 'Spirit Crusher' (PROSTHETIC RECORDS). 'Mortal Coil' consists of 4 extended compositions, which span over 9 (!) minutes on average, which typifies combos similar to WIEGEDOOD.

Despair filters through the opener 'The Third Door' with weeping harmonies and chords in minor, contrasting with ferociously lashed skins. The screeching, torn vocals comprise a Post Black Metal version of AT THE GATES' Tomas Lindberg during 'With Fear I Kiss the Burning Darkness' and 'Terminal Spirit Disease'.

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The second and my absolute favorite opus 'Shallow Graves' is such an epic hymn that will blow you away with its mesmerizing, majestic, and melancholic melodies in the vein of DESTROYER 666's 'I am the Wargod', SPECTRAL WOUND's 'Frigid and Spellbound' or AFSKY's 'Tyende Sang'. Emotional lead strings contrive to convey the same somberness like INSOMNIUM, AT THE GATES ('Terminal Spirit Disease'), and GOD DETHRONED ('The Somberness of Winter'). Goosebumps guaranteed!

The title track 'Mortal Coil' initiates slightly more destructive, crushing, and

crunchy melodic Black Metal the Swedish way (think DISSECTION,

NECROPHOBIC, SACRAMENTUM, and the Germans of THULCANDRA), where a solo subtly builds a bridge towards the fragile finale.

'Apathetic Tongues' concludes the album and fires off with an adrenalizing axe assault which is revisiting NAGLFAR's 'Diabolical' epoch and is supported by a blistering blast beat blizzard and fades out in gloomy resonances.

The recording, production, mixing, and mastering is the outcome of a joint venture between the professional skills of E-Sound Studios, Nailvillage, and Atomic Garden Recording Studio.

The lyrical path DÖDSRIT is treading is one of Weltschmerz, hurt, demise, guilt, and depression. They are words that cut deep through the flesh, bone, and marrow, right to the soul. It all mirrors the music well.

ARTEM GRIGORYEV's classy grayscale front illustration conjures the etched works of Gustave Doré.

DÖDSRIT does not fit in one geographical box and blends the best elements of atmospheric Post Black Metal across the globe pleasing devotees of

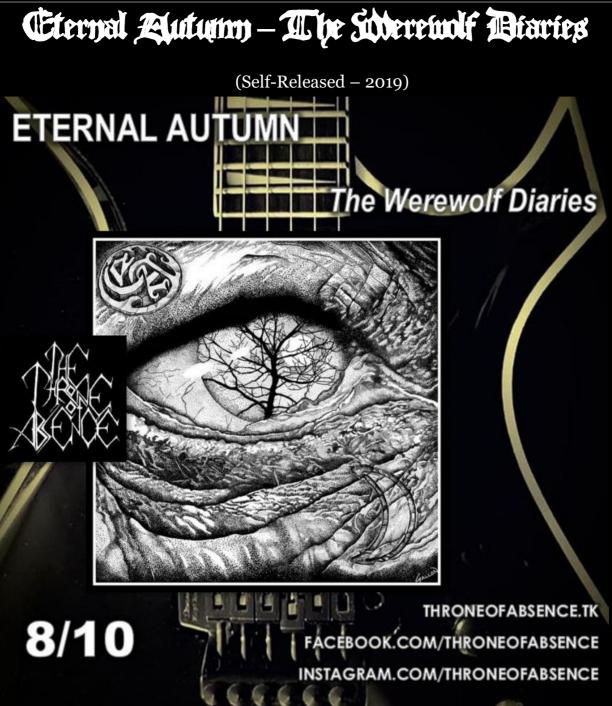
WINTERFYLLETH, WODENSTHRONE, MISÞYRMING, AUðN, NAðRA, DOWNFALL OF GAIA, SUNKEN, AARA, HARAKIRI FOR THE SKY, WOLVES IN THE THRONE ROOM, AGALLOCH, UADA, and FLUISTERAARS.

With 'Mortal Coil' DÖDSRIT delivers a top-notch melancholic & atmospheric Black Metal album that holds you in its grip till the end with its mind-haunting earworms. Don't miss this one, you will not be disappointed!

9 out of 10 skulls



23 May 2021



4 tracks – Duration: 20 min.

This band goes way back in time. In a distant past, I review ed ETERNAL

AUTUMN's 'The Storm' (1998). That album contained the killer track 'Autumn Opus No 1', which really blew me away back then – and it still does to this date. The fifth printed edition of 'The Throne of Absence' (1999 – damn, I am old) also contained an **interview** with this Swedish melodic Death Metal combo that formed in 1993. As an answer to one of the many -admittedly not so original- questions, John indicated he was not so fond of name dropping, however, you will soon see I cannot resist doing so myself... After the release of their second full length 'From the Eastern Forest' (2000), the band split up in 2001, but they resurrected in 2017 (RETURNAL AUTUMN! *ba dum tsss*).

The line-up was reduced down to two members. I always admire how a duo (also think ROYAL BLOOD) can build a wall of sound like that on their own, impressive.

'The Werewolf Diaries' is an EP consisting of 4 enjoyable & balanced compositions. It kicks off with 'Behold the Dead'. The opening riff triggers a similar adrenaline rush as when listening to SLAYER's 'Evil Has No Boundaries', BATHORY's 'Hades' or 1349's 'Sculptor of Flesh'. DESASTER meets AT THE GATES ('Terminal Spirit Disease' era) in the barking vocals.

Whereas the first half of the song is quite aggressive and fast, having an almost Black/Thrash sound in the vein of DESTRÖYER 666 & BEWITCHED yet cleaner & way more polished, the second half evolves into a hybrid of melodic Death Metal and traditional Heavy Metal, complete with pinch harmonics, mesmerizing leads and skilled solos.

The first 15 seconds of 'Midwinter Rage' are reminiscent of IMMORTAL's 'At the Heart of Winter' era, after which the gas pedal is released and the song continues at a relaxing cadence with a dreamy tune & some keyboard strokes that could have come from WINTERSUN or AMORPHIS. A threatening piano intermezzo announces a couple of fascinating guitar solos, and as a grand finale, John shouts 'We Shall Return!', followed by an explosion of instruments, just like you would hear them at the end of a good, sweaty concert.

'Shadowride' very briefly threads the path of DISSECTION's Metal of Death, and gradually hypnotizing melodies fully gain control over the song once again, alternating between riffs to bang your head to and melancholic leads, supported by mid-paced drum beats, including some double-bass kicks.

In the middle of 'The Sixth Hour', there are some seventies hard rock riffs like

GHOST B.C. would produce them nowadays. This track is stuffed with ETERNAL AUTUMN's trademark harmonies and flashing solos as well.

Plenty is happening in each song, serving the purpose of variation, while never turning too hectic, thanks to well-composed structures and controlled pace. ETERNAL AUTUMN plays melodic Swedish Death Metal with NWOBHM

influences, however, do not expect the typical Swedish melodeath sound or a shameless clone of DARK TRANQUILLITY, THE CROWN, GATES OF

ISHTAR, or SCHEITAN, as they genuinely do have their own style in which melody is key yet still having a rough enough edge,

As a finishing touch, the book 'Varulven i svensk folktradition' by Ella Odstedt served as inspiration for the lyrics on this EP, and Henrik Gallon, a Swedish tattoo artist, took care of the stylish black & white frontside, on which a tree is reflecting in the eye of a dragon (?). Classy!

To conclude, instead of wasting your time reading this lousy review, in which I am trying hard to compare an uncomparable & refreshing band with the aforementioned bands, you'd better listen and judge for yourself. 'The Werewolf Diaries' is a tasty release, which is worth 20 minutes of pure & honest entertainment that makes you crave for more. I do look forward to a full-length in the future (and 'Autumn Opus No 2'). Good wine needs no bush.

8 of 10 skulls

7 Sep 2020



THRONEOFABSENCE.TK FACEBOOK.COM/THRONEOFABSENCE INSTAGRAM.COM/THRONEOFABSENCE

2 tracks – Duration: 11 min. 32 sec.

8.6/10

Swedish melodic Death Metal outfit ETERNAL AUTUMN is rooted in the nineties. They were once a duo, but now they are a quartet and recorded this new EP as the successor to *The Werewolf Diaries* EP from 2019. Jocke Rydbjer mastered *To Tame the Impaler* at Wolfden Studios in 2020. ETERNAL AUTUMN starts where they left off on the previous EP. As a result, you might catch similar references like in the **review for the predecessor**.

The title track, which spans over 7 minutes and which is my favorite one of this EP, is as epic and majestic as IMMORTAL's *Tragedies Blows At Horizon* (sic) and repeats the same BATHORY-like addictive riff (*A Fine Day to Die*) over and over so that the hook nests deep into your subconscious. The grating vocals have that typical

Swedish grain and meet between AT THE GATES, GATES OF ISHTAR, THE CROWN, THE EVERDAWN, NECROPHOBIC, and

DISSECTION. ETERNAL AUTUMN delivers its business card with a succulent traditional Heavy Metal solo. From catchy rhythm guitars over a clean intermezzo to dueling leads, the varied arrangements and the structured compositions blend adrenaline & melancholy and evoke EDGE OF

SANITY's *Crimson* and DARK TRANQUILLITY's *The Gallery*. The tune builds up to a finale yet fades out quite peacefully. Spot on!

The Eminent Grey extends on these ingredients with a mid-tempo riff to bang your head to, impending drums of war with some double-bass kicks, melodic strumming, an apt solo halfway through, all accompanied by John's barking.

L'éminence grise clocks off at less than 4 minutes with a twin guitar lead as the outro.

Like on the previous EP, tattoo-artist Henrik Gallon hand-crafted the theatrical, macabre cover art with a finegrained, black and white illustration of a skeleton with a human mask – quite fitting for this pandemic era.

ETERNAL AUTUMN confirms the formula of their re-invented and recognizable sound, which was already audible on *The Werewolf Diaries*, on *To Tame the Impaler*. Fans of melodic Death Metal, will dig this EP for sure, but with a complete line-up in place, what we need is a full-length album, and if they manage to pack that with songs with this level of quality, it potentially could become an instant melodeath classic.

8.6 out of 10 skulls

24 Jan 2021

Fiat Nor – Demanifestation: Hymns Of Destruction And Nothingness Gp

(Crawling Chaos Records January 22nd 2022)



3 tracks / 30 min. 03 sec.

Die Bremer Stadtmusikanten? No, not really. This quartet hailing from

Bremen, Germany, performs Black Metal and dubs themselves **FIAT NOX**, which signifies as much as 'Let there be Night'! This EP is the successor of the

debut full-length album The Archive of Nightmares and the EP In

Contemptuous Defiance. Do not be misled: even though this is an EP with only three tracks, you still get half an hour of music on your plate. Let's take a moment to dive deeper into this material marketed as recommended for fans of DISSECTION, Mgła, Svartidauði.

A pure and subdued melody preludes *The Enshrouded Gateway* as silence before the storm, just like EMPEROR's *Al Svartr (The Oath)* rides in like a Trojan horse into *Ye Entrancempyrium*. Suddenly, a surprise attack of distortion and furious blast beats take over. When around 3 minutes have passed, a catchy riff kicks in. It commemorates DISSECTION and OUTLAW. Blistering blast beats (think Vyl on KEEP OF KALESSIN's *Armada*) accompany the whole. Two minutes later, you can gasp for air again. Twin harmonies follow. The vocals vary from fierce cries to heroic chants. When 8 minutes clock

in, one reminisces BEHEMOTH's *Chant for Eschaton 2000* from the *Satanica* era. After a dynamic journey, the tune fades out with again those twin harmonies. This robust composition tells a story and is my preferred track -a modest masterpiece- of this EP. Epic!

Spacy synths on *Cosmos into Chaos* announce a black hole of obscure, sinister & malicious riffs, death growls, and hypnotic, repetitive drumming. The ambiance is oppressive and nightmarish, like AKHLYS manages to forge, particularly when striking strings with atonal patterns. It gets under your skin. Occasionally, it is as if Nergal is assisting with his characteristical demonic commands. With this poisonous piece, FIAT NOX shows a different face. One needs to be in the mood for this. A whole album in this unsettling fashion would be demanding to chew and digest, but this track is the odd one out on this EP. Luckily, like no other, FIAT NOX comprehends how to bring the vital variation to an album.

Dissonant strings, marching battery, and death growls intrude the sound of a crackling fire on *Demanifestation* as a feverish, delirious nightmare. The blend of riffs and the heroic, conjuring chants in the vein of Nergal again recollect BEHEMOTH. After all the violence, we get treated with a melodic lead and its melancholic air as an interlude. Through an outburst of pummeling doublebass drums, fast riffing, and acclamations, *Demanifestation* builds up to the climax with a sudden ending.

H.P. Lovecraft, the dark side of man, the world's downfall, the night, negativity, nihilism, nightmares, and chaos serve as an inspiration to the lyrics. HELLISH VISION designed the bloodred cover artwork, as was the case for the debut album *The Archive of Nightmares*. Patrick W. Engel at Temple Of Disharmony took care of the mastering.

Due to its layered and complex nature (EMPEROR and KEEP OF KALESSIN), you might not love this EP at first hearing. Admittedly, this is far from easylistening, yet the compositions are balanced and varied. *Demanifestation* might require multiple hearing sessions, but there is a treasure to discover. This EP is such an album that grows on you. Structured compositions and tight musicianship bear witness to the fact that FIAT NOX masters the craft of solid songwriting. This piece of music is not quite your next-door Black Metal, but rather intelligent, next-level Black Metal instead. Therefore, I smell potential, and I am pretty convinced we will hear more of this qualitative Black Metal revelation in the future. By the way, stay tuned for an *interview with Desmotes* (guitars/vocals)!

8.6 out of 10 skulls

22 Jan 2022

Braceless - Schere Schuttures Know Your Manne

(Raw Skull Recordz – 27 March 2020)



8 tracks – Duration: 45 min. 37 sec.

This Dutch Death Metal band first got introduced to me during their show with ENTRAILS and REJECT THE SICKNESS at Muziekcafé Elpee Deinze, Belgium. I always had a weak spot for Dutch Death Metal, so their nononsense and raw sound convinced me in no time. Even though the band from Leiden in the Netherlands only formed in 2016, the old school style evokes the golden era of the early nineties. The debut full -length 'Shadowlands' and the split EP with GROND 'Endless Spiral of Terror' went ahead of 'Where Vultures Know Your Name'.

'Lugdunum Batavorum' are the first two words Kreft harshly growls on the threatening and sluggish opener which has some leads in the vein of the mighty BOLT THROWER and which fades out with slowly pounding drum beats. The catchy 'Retaliation of the Wicked' shifts a gear up with slightly faster drums and it has a chorus with aggressive and somewhat Glen Benton alike dual vocals ('Revocate the Agitator') and a high sing-along (or should I say grunt-along) factor.

Aside from the vocals, 'Commander of Christ' too reminds me of BOLT

THROWER with its introductory lead, which is throwing you back straight to 'The IVth Crusade' and 'For Victory', and its mid-paced riffs and double bass drums. On ' Nine Days of Mourning', after a long intro brought you in a trance of melancholy, you gradually get immersed in swallowing dark, intense emotions like only CELTIC FROST (am I detecting some resemblances with 'Ground'?) /TRIPTYKON manages to convey. 'Here Be Dragons' has that crunchy GOREFEST groove, teleporting you to the glory of 'False'. The title track 'Where Vultures Know Your Name' surprises with a calm piece of piano, followed by PARADISE LOST ('Lost Paradise' period) /ASPHYX infused doomladen riffs. The next 5 minutes invite you to bang your head on the fastest track of the album 'Warpath', whereas the gloomy ending 'Embrace the Rain' leaves you behind in despair.

The magnificent cover art made by Alex Tartsus finishes it off nicely.

This album has everything I love about Death Metal. The balanced song-writing guarantees the vital variation. This is pure and honest material that will make you lick your thumbs and fingers.

9 out of 10 skulls

21 Aug 2020

Grave Masma

– Ælbyss Of Scorathful Beities

(Dark Descent Records/Sepulchral Voice – 14 May 2021)



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9 tracks – 52 min. 51 sec.

GRAVE MIASMA is a dark, occult Death Metal trinity hailing from England's capital city. Following a demo, 3 EPs (*'Endless Pilgrimage'* being the latest one), and the debut full-length *'Odori Sepulcrorum'*, members D, Y, T, and special guest guitarist R strike back with *'Abyss of Wrathful Deities'*, a slab of cavernous, blackened Death/Doom Metal, which got released May 14th, 2021.

To fit the theme, it could have been traditional throat singing, yet they are ghastly growls escaping from Tibetan tombs and come forth from a bastard breed of the gutturals uttered by ASPHYX, MORGOTH, PESTILENCE, GORGUTS, and SKELETAL REMAINS.

Don't expect your typical crunchy chainsaws as you would get to hear in the work of yet another Swedish Death Metal copycat, it does not sound anything like that at all. While by far not as omnipresent as in the work of PESTILENCE, ATHEIST, or SUFFERING HOUR, the six strings sometimes dare to make subtle jazzy jumps, with slight dissonant/atonal patterns – I am wondering if they would be played in a Tibetan scale? The mystical ambiance is somewhat uncomfortable and despondent. Fingerlicking leads and desolate tremolo solos in the vein of old OBITUARY catapult you to scorched, apocalyptic landscapes, or rather forsaken, snowy mountain tops in GRAVE MIASMA's case.

GRAVE MIASMA is not showing off technical skills or does not abuse excessive blast beats on this record, instead, instruments are treated to serve the purpose of the song -and the song only. The drums are sensibly beaten and sound organic. If the pace is calm, so are the drums. Double-bass drums kick in at the right timing only.

GRAVE MIASMA is not your average Joe. The arrangements are refreshing and vary in velocity, sometimes the locomotive at full or moderate speed brakes to

introduce impending, sluggish doom-laden chords to summon the likes of

INCANTATION, FATHER BEFOULED, SPECTRAL VOICE, or DISMA. 'Abyss

of Wrathful Deities' offers you way more than merely a collection of repetitive riffs, instead, indulge yourself in GRAVE MIASMA's dosed instrumental combinations and composed (de)compositions. Variation is key on this record, there are tons to discover. Musically, it is not all about amplified violence: besides R's acoustic 'Interlude', Y even fittingly employs sitar/saz on 'Rogyapa' and 'Kingdoms Beyond Kailash', just like bands like NILE or MELECHESH blend Metal with ethnical passages.

The song titles are intriguing, to say the least: 'Rogyapa' refers to the 'body breakers' who disassemble the bodies of the deceased in Tibetan sky burial rituals before they are left to decompose and to be devoured by the vultures on a mountain top. That mountain might be mount Kailash in Tibet, where Shiva resided, as in 'Kingdoms Beyond Kailash'.

Even though PEDRO FILIPE from ARS MORIENDEE crafted the traditional cover art with earth colors, the illustration evokes a demonic effigy and abyssal visions.

The recording, production, and mastering at ORGONE STUDIOS sought the perfect balance between a clean professional sound and an obscure underground vibe with sufficient rough edges.

This shamanic ritual is best listened to solitarily in a candle-lit room aromatized with some burnt incense. Death Metal addicts can safely order without regrets. With the obscure litanies on 'Abyss of Wrathful Deities', GRAVE MIASMA transcends the mediocrity of Death Metal sprawl and is highly recommended for fans of CRUCIAMENTUM, DEAD CONGREGATION, NECROS CHRISTOS, SONNE ADAM, MORTEM, and DAMNATION.

9.3 out of 10 skulls

14 May 2021



(Argento Records June 4th 2021)



4 tracks – 41 min. 06 sec.

Abandon all hope ye who enter here... Besides a folk tale's water spirit,

OSSAERT is also a one-man sinister Black Metal project from the

Netherlands, the land of windmills, tulips, cheese, peanut butter, Joppie sauce, ánd... qualitative Black Metal! Jack-of-all-trades P. takes pity on the voice, guitars, and bass while producer W. Damiaen from **CATACOMBEN STUDIOS & LASTER** stands in to sit and hit behind the drumkit. P. is active in the Dutch Black Metal band **SHAGOR** as well. This 'Pelgrimsoord' is **OSSAERT**'s sophomore offering, the debut being the well-received 'Bedehuis' from 2020. Four long-stretched compositions await you.

Disturbing choirs accompanied by creepy, ghastly, and distorted organs lure you into the black hole of hopelessness that is 'De Geest en de Vervoering' (which translates as 'The Ghost and the Rapture'). Lo-fi Black Metal guitars fade in slowly but surely and force the choirs into oblivion. Double kicks support dissonant Black Metal noise. P. combines destructive, scraping Black Metal screams with heroic and lamenting clean singing, which reminisces of

Ihsahn (EMPEROR/IHSAHN), ENSLAVED, ICS Vortex (ex-DIMMU BORGIR), Niklas Kvarforth (SHINING), and BORKNAGAR. Then that epic riff. All ingredients are present to make this Black Metal recipe a delightful one. Probably the strongest tune on this long play.

'De Val en de Beroering' (meaning 'The Fall and the Turmoil') takes off rather stereotypical with raw & primitive Black Metal, however, as soon as P. applies those haunting cleans and repetitive & monotonous riffs, **OSSAERT** captivates you once more in its wicked web of eternal damnation.

A slower start distinguishes my second personal favorite 'De Nacht en de Verdwijning' (or 'The Night and the Disappearance') from the previous track, building up to mid-tempo. The vocal variation is enormous: gruesome growls, savage shrieks, you name it. The atmosphere becomes more aggressive and fast.

Special credits go to the sublime sorrowing singing which guides you through. Then again more epic & harmonic. Somewhere in the middle, a melodic interlude follows, which briefly even evokes **EDGE OF SANITY**'s 'Crimson' for me (weird association admittedly), to end hypnotically.

The final track 'De Dag en de Verschijning' (Dutch for 'The Day and the

Appearance') starts with a bulldozer of a bassline and triggers a recollection of

JUDAS ISCARIOT's hypnotic strumming. Furious in-your-face malicious Black Metal at times, melancholic moaning at others. Indulge yourself in an ambiance similar to that of **SHINING**. The outro speech by Lou De Palingboer, a Dutch sect leader during the 50s & 60s, brings shivers down your spine.

Throughout the entire album, Jekyll & Hyde is being honored with an emotional duality that shifts between revolting aggression and 'tristesse', provoked by both the minor key strings and not in the least the alternating vocal cords. That hellish marriage of rage and despair and those exceptional, torn chants are adding disharmonious value and differentiate **OSSAERT** from other Black Metal acts, in my humble opinion.

Although the Dutch (and sometimes Latin) lyrics are reasonably poetic, they are far from romantic. Rather they are dark, eerie, despondent, nasty, and disgusting. The morbid & "bile-spitting" pen of P. might make one frown. Even if a "stranger in our midst" by design, **OSSAERT** will blend in well in the

blooming Dutch Black Metal underground scene with kindred acts such as

FLUISTERAARS, WEDERGANGER, BEZWERING, and VERWOED.

Just like its predecessor 'Bedehuis', 'Pelgrimsoord' was recorded at

CATACOMBEN STUDIOS, where P. intended a "roomy but oppressive and haunting mix which is muffled but also bright".

REUBEN SAWYER etched the sober yet macabre cover art, which resembles a medieval engraving with alchemical and occult symbols, arsenic being one of them.

'Pelgrimsoord' is neither for the weak-minded nor for the faint-hearted. No fun, no happy tunes, no party metal. Prepare to get overwhelmed with sinister and filthy grimness. **OSSAERT** is a poison that gets under your skin with expressionistic, nihilistic, and nauseating Black Metal. 'Pelgrimsoord' is that type of record that grows on you, as if it were an addiction. Now hurry up to get your hands on this extremely & strictly limited material

through **ARGENTO RECORDS**, **WOLVES OF HADES**, or **SWARTE YSSEL**, spin that record, and check out the **interview with P.** for more background!

8.5 out of 10 skulls

5 Jun 2021



5 tracks – Duration: 20 min.

Yes, this is it! From the first seconds, you realize that SCHIZOPHRENIA from Antwerp/Belgium is passionate, old school Death/Thrash Metal, the way it was meant to be. You sense the hunger of these four musicians like you can feel it with retro acts such as CARNATION and EVIL INVADERS. It is no wonder that this EP sounds so brutal: Bert Vervoort, guitarist in CARNATION and owner of Project Zero Recording Studio, and Yarne Heylen, the bassist in CARNATION, were responsible for the recording, mix, and mastering. In the 8-page booklet, there is a photo of the band members wearing shirts of DEICIDE, MASTER, VENOM, and MORBID ANGEL and are backed up by Marshall amplifiers. So you know what to expect, buckle up your seatbelts!

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The five tracks rage like a short but fierce storm, leaving nothing but ravage behind. The first track 'Structure of Death' is an instant outburst of Death/Thrash violence giving you an adrenaline rush with fast (sometimes double-bass) drums, aggressive & raw vocals, and thrashy guitar riffs and frenetic solos. 'Perpetual Perdition' does not give you time to breathe either with its speedy instrumentals, there is just a brief moment of headbanging groove and a solo towards the end of the song, to end with a SLAYER-esque riff. The guitars on 'Mortal Sin' start a tad slower but the tension builds up and the drums reveal that the intention is not to make this a slow track either and before you know it, everything thrashes away. 'Schizophrenia' starts with thrashing guitars and double-bass drums announce yet another piece of aggression, maintaining the same style of the previous tracks, but without getting boring. No, 'Beyond Reality' is not ending the album with a ballad: full speed ahead in a time machine back to the early nineties.

Roberto Toderico's hands crafted the dark cover artwork which has a nostalgic nineties look & feel.

Hopefully, Covid-19 will be beaten by March 2021, because then they will hit the stage together with VADER, TANKARD, and ALTAR at Metalworks Fest in Kuurne, Belgium – I expect a lot of energy. As for 'Voices', I am loving it, I cannot wait for a full-length. It is an absolute must for fans of DEMOLITION HAMMER. Check them out!

9 out of 10 skulls

20 Aug 2020



(Self-Released – 21 October 2017)



9 tracks – Duration: 36 min. 14 sec.

THEOPTIA is a Swiss progressive Death Metal one-man project which is said to be influenced by GOJIRA, MESHUGGAH, and TOOL. For some reason, early OPETH (*Orchid & Morningrise*) comes to my mind too. THEOPTIA's debut album *Horeb* got recorded at the Carnivore Studio in 2015 - the sound is topnotch- and got released in 2017. The record consists of 9 tracks, 2 out of which are instrumental.

Intriguing sitar-passages reminisce of the way NILE, MELECHESH, ORPHANED LAND, and AETERNAM would cleverly deploy ethnical instruments. One can only admire how Emmanuel

technically controls a Swiss army knife of music instruments with Swiss precision. Instruments are ranging from guitar, bass, sitar, percussion to synths – just impressive! His vocals alternate between understandable growls, slightly GOJIRA-alike grating screeches, and spoken words & whispers. The guitar section is groovy and contains few chugga chugga MESHUGGAH riffs, melancholic leads, and acoustic interludes. At times you even get submerged in dosed atonal, weird, jazzy, experimental passages.

The lyrics deal with depressive thoughts and the divine. The former is wellreflected in the often despondent air of the music, yet let it be music that heals the soul. The sober cover art portrays the mountain Horeb, also known as Sinaï, on which Moses received the Ten Commandments.

Open your mind for some rather unique and varying Prog Death. Head over to **THEOPTIA's website** if you would like to obtain your copy of the diverse *Horeb*. Do make sure to participate in the IndieGoGo crowdfunding campaign to support THEOPTIA recording the new album *Undead Gods*. Smell the potential? Nów is the right time!

7.8 out of 10 skulls

28 Dec 2020

Herdoemd - Howling Mountain

(Self-Released – 11 January 2021)



8 tracks – Duration: 37 min.

DAMNED. That is how the Dutch word VERDOEMD translates into English. VERDOEMD is a solo blackened Death/Thrash Metal project which hails from the Flemish fields of Haaltert in Hellgium, which became fertile soil for retro Thrash Metal class acts like EVIL INVADERS, BÜTCHER, and SCHIZOPHRENIA in the meantime. The artistic mind behind VERDOEMD gained proficiency in acts such as KOSMOKRATOR, SERPENT MASS, and EVIL SHEPHERD, which perhaps sounds more familiar to you. Last year, VERDOEMD already spawned forth '*The Black Heresy Will Prevail*'. That

makes two releases in 2 years. Once again, the Covid-19 pandemic era at least seems to be fruitful in terms of creativity.

Glenn describes his brainchild as Death/Thrash Metal and unveils to be inspired by the likes of SODOM, DESTRÖYER 666, DESASTER, NIFELHEIM, NOCTURNAL GRAVES, and AURA NOIR. With that knowledge, it will be no surprise that VERDOEMD serves some raw & dirty old-school Black/Thrash Metal, with the emphasis on the latter. I cannot think of Black/Thrash without evoking ensembles like ABSU, SUMMON, and USURPER, but VERDOEMD

sounds more European (duh!), and then again, still considerably different from the rest of the continent (e.g. NOCTURNAL BREED). Forget all about easylistening, *Howling Mountain* is wayward, and far from fashionable. While being more destructive and without boasting technique or having any jazzy edges, there is an experimental and unconventional side about VERDOEMD which creates a similar twisted atmosphere that bands like CORONER, SADIST, SADUS, and ATHEIST achieve.

Either you will love or hate the rabid, piercing, and rather inaccessible Thrash vocals. They might not be as powerful, but do have that sick, nasty and nonconform attitude as those of Maurice Swinkels (LEGION OF THE DAMNED, formerly known as OCCULT), King Fowley (DECEASED), Corporate Death (MACABRE), Lord Sabathan (ex-ENTHRONED), Mille Petrozza (KREATOR during 'Extreme Aggression' era), John Connelly (NUCLEAR ASSAULT), Bobby Blitz (OVERKILL), Sataniac (DESASTER), Joe (EVIL INVADERS), Stephan Gebédi (THANATOS), or Paul Speckmann (MASTER) to name just, well, quite a few. The screams are mean, aggressive, yet understandable.

The guitar section, however, is what VERDOEMD excels at with frantic leads and whirling, jumping & rolling riffs in the vein of NIFELHEIM, and DESASTER. The sporadic dissonant guitar patterns play a prominent role in this inconvenient and awkward sensation. Add just a handful of discordant chords like EMPEROR would dare to apply them in their typical trademark style (*'Ye Entrancemperium'*).

As with many one-man bands, no real drums were hurt during the making of this record. Instead, they were skillfully programmed, without abusing any of the inhuman speed capabilities.

The fact that 'Maes' even catered for the recording and the mix himself bears witness to motivation and the will to be in control.

Vocals, guitars, bass, drum computer, recording, mixing... there was one aspect that VERDOEMD did outsource: the artwork. MORDIGGIAN-ART fittingly visualized the album title and its soundscape on an appealing piece of digital cover art.

Despite my futile attempts, VERDOEMD is damned (pun intended) hard to compare, which testifies of a certain authenticity. Hope you agree that someone who manages to pull off recording two albums on his own in merely two years deserves nothing but our full respect. If you have a soft spot for Black/Thrash Metal, underground, one-man Metal musicianship, and/or a healthy dose of DIY-mentality, the least you can do is to go and have a listen to VERDOEMD, dammit!

7.8 out of 10 skulls

15 Apr 2021

Kelease Bates

Date	Artist / Band	Album Title
?? ??? 2024	CANINE	Perception
?? ??? 2024	EXILED HOPE	Apocrypha
15 Mar 2024	DRAGONFORCE	Warp Speed Warriors
15 Mar 2024	LUTHARO	Ruthless Bloodline
08 Mar 2024	BEYOND THE HATE	Darkest Times
08 Mar 2024	JUDAS PRIEST	Invincible Shield
08 Mar 2024	SKELETAL REMAINS	Fragments of the Ageless
01 Mar 2024	MINISTRY	Hopiumforthemasses
01 Mar 2024	SUICIDAL ANGELS	Profane Prayer
23 Feb 2024	FRAGMENT SOUL	Galois Paradox
16 Feb 2024	IHSAHN	Ihsahn
09 Feb 2024	INFECTED RAIN	Time
09 Feb 2024	SPIRITUAL DECEPTION	Semitae Mentis
08 Feb 2024	IN VAIN	Back to Nowhere
02 Feb 2024	MASSER	The Forlorn Path
02 Feb 2024	TROY THE BAND	Cataclysm
26 Jan 2024	ALMOST DEAD	Destruction Is All We
26 Jan 2024	BLOOD RED THRONE	Nonagon
26 Jan 2024	COGNIZANCE	Phantazein
26 Jan 2024	HYLOXALUS	Make Me The Heart Of
26 Jan 2024	KALT VINDUR	Magna Mater
26 Jan 2024	MIDJUNGARDS	When Empires Fall
25 Jan 2024	TANIN'IVER	Dark Evils Desecrate
24 Jan 2024	JENNER	Prove Them Wrong
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19 Jan 2024	DISCONNECTED SOULS	Fragments of
19 Jan 2024	HORRORGRAPHY	A Knight's Tale

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19 Jan 2024	NATURE OF THE BEAST	Radio Hauntings	
19 Jan 2024	SOVEREIGN	Altered Realities	
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15 Jan 2024	SARDONIC WITCHERY	Barbaric Evil Power	
12 Jan 2024	GOTHONY	Gothony	
12 Jan 2024	RYUJIN	Ryujin	
07 Jan 2024	ULTIMATUM	Among Potential States	
05 Jan 2024	AT THE PLATES	Omnivore	
05 Jan 2024	MORGUE TERROR	Morgue Terror	
03 Jan 2024	BLACKFIN	Into the Deep	
22 Dec 2024	CHALLENGER DEEP	The Path	
22 Dec 2023	DESCENT	Far From Glory	
22 Dec 2023	LOCUS AMOENUS	t Gloem Heil	
21 Dec 2023	MALEVOLENT	Malevolent	
20 Dec 2023	SERPENTS OATH	Revelation	
19 Dec 2023	FUNERAL VOMIT	Monumental	
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04 Aug 2023	MOOSE CULT	Moose Cult
04 Aug 2023	NO DIVINITY	Generation of Pain
03 Aug 2023	BALROGATH	We Bring Calamity
01 Aug 2023	CORNERS OF SANCTUARY	Taking Cover

03 Aug 2023	CROWN SOLACE	Animus EP
01 Aug 2023	KÖRGULL THE	Built to Kill
04 Aug 2023	TEMPLE OF KATHARSIS	Macabre Ritual
31 Jul 2023	DENIAL OF DEATH	Warriors of Steel
31 Jul 2023	SKELETON	Our Way
28 Jul 2023	ACID BRAIN	The Lust Murders
28 Jul 2023	ARCH BLADE	Kill the Witch
28 Jul 2023	BLACK SORCERY	Deciphering Torment
28 Jul 2023	CONTRARIAN	Demos & Oddities: 1995
28 Jul 2023	DEAD FIELDS OF	Dead Fields of Woolwich
28 Jul 2023	EAVE	Fervor
28 Jul 2023	THE GLORIOUS DEAD	Cemetery Paths
28 Jul 2023	HOOKER SPIT	, Krötch Splitter
28 Jul 2023	SADISTIC VISION	Destroyer of all Dreams
28 Jul 2023	SAM MOORADIAN	Bad Brain
28 Jul 2023	SPELLSWORD	Night of the Grail
28 Jul 2023	TAKALAITON	Mindfection
28 Jul 2023	WILL THE THRILL	Take it Sleazy
28 Jul 2023	ZIVAR	Permeteg
27 Jul 2023	THE HELL BEYOND	First
27 Jul 2023	IPCC	Impact Adaptation
26 Jul 2023	FLOR DE LOTO	Lines of Nasca
24 Jul 2023	L.A. PROJECT	Electric Life
21 Jul 2023	INHUMAN CONDITION	Panic Prayer EP
21 Jul 2023	KAPITUR (FEATURING	Covered in Dust
21 Jul 2023	NUCLEAR WINTER	Seagrave
21 Jul 2023	ONYRIA	X
21 Jul 2023	RANNOCH	Conflagrations
21 Jul 2023	VOIVOD	Morgöth Tales
20 Jul 2023	CULTIC	Seducer
18 Jul 2023	DETERIOROT	The Rebirth
17 Jul 2023	NATTSJÄL	l Marors Djup
15 Jul 2023	BRAY ROAD	Focused, Fierce,
15 Jul 2023	ENCEPHALIC	Wrapped in Suffering
14 Jul 2023	A DARK HALO	Omnibus One
14 Jul 2023	AETHERIAN	At Storm's Edge
14 Jul 2023	AMONG RUINS	Land of the Black Sun
14 Jul 2023	ASCEND THE HELIX	Spiral of Reflection
14 Jul 2023	BROKEN CALLING	Virus
14 Jul 2023	CALLIGRAM	Position / Momentum
14 Jul 2023	CAVERN DEEP	Part II — Breach
14 Jul 2023	ELEINE	We Shall Remain
14 Jul 2023	EVILE	The Unknown
14 Jul 2023	EXSANGUINATION	Burial Rites
14 Jul 2023	INHUMED	Feasted Upon Like
14 Jul 2023	LANZERRATH	Metagalactic Domination
14 Jul 2023	PROGENITOR	Eldritch Supremacy
14 Jul 2023	QUIET MAN	The Starving Lesson
14 Jul 2023	THE SPECTRE BENEATH	The Ashen Child

14 Jul 2023	VALLETTA	Come Alive
14 Jul 2023	WHALESONG	Leaving a Dream
11 Jul 2023	DIRTY AUDIO MACHINE	Only Fury Remains
11 Jul 2023	PURTENANCE	The Rot Within Us
07 Jul 2023	ANOMALY	On the Cursed Wings of
07 Jul 2023	BLACKBRAID	Blackbraid II
07 Jul 2023	CALLOUS HANDS	Trapped in Animated
07 Jul 2023	FEN	Monuments to Absence
07 Jul 2023	GUTSLIT	Carnal
07 Jul 2023	JAODAE	Nest of Veins
07 July 2023	LYCANTHROPY	On the Verge of
07 Jul 2023	NEXXT	Spiritual Survivor
07 Jul 2023	PUTRIDITY	Greedy Gory Gluttony EP
07 Jul 2023	ROCKIN' ENGINE	Altered by Evil EP
07 July 2023	THE SCARS IN PNEUMA	Woebegone, Raised by
07 July 2023	SERVANT	Aetas Ascensus
07 Jul 2023	TORTURED	Genetically Engineered
07 Jul 2023	VOIDMILKER	Labyrinthical
07 Jul 2023	WIDOW'S PEAK	Claustrophobe
07 Jul 2023	WIZARD MASTER	Ablanathanalba
05 Jul 2023	ALVABLOT	Phobias from the Past
05 Jul 2023	SCENT OF DEATH	Into Everlasting Hate
04 Jul 2023	EIGENSTATE ZERO	Machinery of Night
03 Jul 2023	SUPAYNIYUX	Genocidio Infernal
01 Jul 2023	MICTLANTECUHTLI	As Eagles Descend
01 Jul 2023	RISE OF THE WOOD	Sleep
30 Jun 2023	AVDAGATA	The Faceless One
30 Jun 2023	BONE OF ELK	A Whisper out of Range EP
30 Jun 2023	FLAVIEN	
30 Jun 2023	GRAFVITNIR	Into the Outer Wilderness
30 Jun 2023	GRANADA	Like Wars
30 Jun 2023	KAPNAS	Kapnas
30 Jun 2023	OFNUS	Time Held me Grey and
30 Jun 2023	ORELISK	The Underworld
30 Jun 2023	OXBLOOD FORGE	Cult of Oblivion EP
30 Jun 2023	RISE ABOVE	For Better for Worse
30 Jun 2023	THE RIVER	A Hollow Full of Hope
30 Jun 2023	SMERDEAD	Мёртвый лес (Dead
30 Jun 2023	WURGILNŌ	, De Doden Rusten Niet In
29 Jun 2023	GRAVEFIELDS	Tetragrammaton
27 Jun 2023	AVULSED	Extraterrestrial Carnage
27 Jun 2023	IN THE KINGDOM OF	Decay/Rebirth EP
25 Jun 2023	INHUMAN DEPRAVATION	Servants of Supremacy
25 Jun 2023	KHNVM	Visions of a Plague
24 Jun 2023	DOE'S THEORY	
24 Jun 2023	MISERERE LUMINIS	Ordalie
24 Jun 2023	SACRENOIR	Comme des Revenants
24 Jun 2023	TRÉPAS	Les Ombres Malades
23 Jun 2023	THE ANCHORET	It All Began With

23 Jun 2023	CREPITATION	Monstrous Eruption of
23 Jun 2023	GANGS OF OLD LADIES	Death Magic Volume
23 Jun 2023	HELLDRIFTER	Lord of Damnation (vinyl release)
23 Jun 2023	KRIGSGRAV	Fires in the Fall
23 Jun 2023	MEMBRANCE	Undead Island
23 Jun 2023	MENTAL CRUELTY	Zwielicht
23 Jun 2023	SNORLAX	The Necrotrophic Abyss
23 Jun 2023	SOUL GRINDER	Filth Encrusted
23 Jun 2023	TSJUDER	Helvegr
23 Jun 2023	VACANT VOICE	Cathartic Beauty
23 Jun 2023	SCULFORGE	Intergalactic Battle
23 Jun 2023	SOLAR FLARE	Solar Flare (remastered)
23 Jun 2023	WILT	Huginn
21 Jun 2023	LITHIK	Geomorphology
21 Jun 2023	OFERMOD / ACHERONTAS	Drakonian Elitism
21 Jun 2023	SALAMAN ISKU	Voyage Nocturne
21 Jun 2023	SWORN	A Journey told through
20 Jun 2023	FORGED IN BLACK	Lightning in the Ashes
20 Jun 2023	TEMOR	My Sorrow's Rage
16 Jun 2023	DIESOMNIA	Pray for the Flood
16 Jun 2023	ELDER DEVIL	Everything Worth
16 Jun 2023	HELLERUIN	Devils, Death and Dark
16 Jun 2023	IRONWRATH	Master Storyteller
16 Jun 2023	LANAYAH	I'm Picking Lights in a
16 Jun 2023	MATANZICK	Pandemonium
16 Jun 2023	ORCHID'S CURSE	The Decay
16 Jun 2023	RISE TO THE SKY	, Two Years of Grief
16 Jun 2023	TRIP THE WIRE	Trip the Wire
16 Jun 2023	UNDERNEATH	Machiavellian
16 Jun 2023	WOODEN SHADOW	Eternal Land of Wrath and Mourn
16 Jun 2023	WORLD EATER	An Insidious Remedy
14 Jun 2023	FALLING MEAT	Falling Meat
11 Jun 2023	COLOSSO	Zero
10 Jun 2023	JUSTIFIED GOD KILLING	The Overthrow
10 Jun 2023	THE SOILED DOVES	Revenant Spirits
09 Jun 2023	ALL LIFE ENDS	Miscreation
09 Jun 2023	AODON	Portraits
09 Jun 2023	THE ARCANE ORDER	Distortions from
09 Jun 2023	THE BLEEDING	Monokrator
09 Jun 2023	CARRY THE TORCH	Delusion
09 Jun 2023	CLAUSTRUM	Claustrum
09 Jun 2023	THE BISCUIT MERCHANT	Phobia
09 Jun 2023	KING HOWL	Homecoming
09 Jun 2023	THE SPECTRE BENEATH	ForsakenWe All Fall
09 Jun 2023	VORTEX	The Future Remains in
06 Jun 2023	A DAY IN VENICE	IV
06 Jun 2023	HÄDANGÅNGEN	Likfärd
06 Jun 2023	HUMAN GROWTH	Lube Factory
06 Jun 2023	PYREXIA	System of the Animal 25

06 Jun 2023	TROM	Liber Mud
03 Jun 2023	DOG TIRED	The Red Verse
02 Jun 2023	AKILLA	The Gods Have Spoken
02 Jun 2023 02 Jun 2023	HILLS LIKE WHITE LIONS	Meander
02 Jun 2023	KILLHALL	
		Skullsplitter
02 Jun 2023	MIDNIGHT TRIPPER	Paranormal
02 Jun 2023	MYON	Height of Decadence
02 Jun 2023	OMNIUM GATHERUM	Slasher EP
02 Jun 2023	TO DESCEND	Mindless Birth EP
02 Jun 2023	THUS	Inhale the Ash
01 Jun 2023	BLÅÅDPALT	Martyrdom 101
01 Jun 2023	CADAVER CARNIVORE	Devouring Eclipse of
01 Jun 2023	GRIMVILLE	demo
01 Jun 2023	OWLS & EAGLES	Patience Vol. 1
31 May 2023	DEMENTED HEART	Frantic Epidemic
31 May 2023	WRETCHED	Self EP
30 May 2023	3XPERIMENTAL	Cosmic Tales
29 May 2023	CORPSESSED	Skeletal Grotesquery
29 May 2023	TOMBSTALKER	Age of Darkness EP
27 May 2023	PHLEBOTOMIZED	Clouds of Confusion
26 May 2023	A PRETEXT TO HUMAN	Endless Cycle of
26 May 2023	ETHEREAL VOID	Gods of a Dead World
26 May 2023	GAMERRA	Tedium
26 May 2023	GHOST IN THE MACHINE	Electric Rodeo
26 May 2023	IMMORTAL	War Against All
26 May 2023	INHERUS	Beholden
26 May 2023	itSELF	The Absence
26 May 2023	JASON ASHCRAFT	My Vengeance is
26 May 2023	KOSTNATĚNÍ	Úpal
26 May 2023	LEGION OF THE DAMNED	The Poison Chalice
26 May 2023	LIGHTCHAPTER	Time to Obey
26 May 2023	LOOSE SUTURES	S@do S€x for Dummies
26 May 2023	ONDFODT	Det
26 May 2023	SULLY	The Tony Demo
26 May 2023	TEITAN	In Oculus Abyss
26 May 2023	TRAILIGHT	Mirrors
26 May 2023	VERMILION WHISKEY	Crimson & Stone
26 May 2023	VEXING	Grand Reproach
26 May 2023	VOMITORY	All Heads Are Gonna Roll
26 May 2023	WALK WITH TITANS	Olympian Dystopia
26 May 2023	THE WAY OF PURITY	The Order of the Deep
26 May 2023	WHYTHRE	Impregnate My Hate
25 May 2023	BLIND RIVER	Bones for the Skeleton
25 May 2023	ORYAD	Sacred & Profane
24 May 2023	PARACRONA	Sun God
22 May 2023	FLESH MECHANISM	Chasms of the Past
22 May 2023	PORTAL TO OBLIVION	Butterfly Effect
19 May 2023	AMNESIAK	Amnesiak EP
19 May 2023	FROZEN SOUL	Glacial Domination

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27 Apr 2023	HISTORIAN	Total Resistance
27 Apr 2023	LE SCIMMIE	Adriatic Desert
21 Apr 2023	ARGENTHORNS	The Ravening
21 Apr 2023	ASTRAL SLEEP	We are Already Living in the End of Time
21 Apr 2023	AVGMNT	Seqvences
21 Apr 2023	BELL WITCH	Future's Shadow Part 1: The
21 Apr 2023	CAEDEOUS	Malum Supplicium
21 Apr 2023	EDKH	Conspirash!t
21 Apr 2023	FALL OF EARTH	From the Ashes
21 Apr 2023	GYRDLEAH	Spellbinder
21 Apr 2023	INCANDESCA	Destronomer
21 Apr 2023	KOUTA	Kaarnaköydet
21 Apr 2023	PESTIFER	Defeat of the Nemesis
21 Apr 2023	PREDATORY VOID	Seven Keys to the
21 Apr 2023	SIGNS OF CHAOS	Bindsided
21 Apr 2023	SKINHER	Heartstruck
21 Apr 2023	TRAPPED IN THOUGHT	For Those Who Never
21 Apr 2023	UNDRASK	God Emperor
20 Apr 2023	FRENZY	Of Hoods and Masks
17 Apr 2023	FAMINE	Annihilate these Lambs
17 Apr 2023	JAUE	Cantos del Sur Salvaje
14 Apr 2023	ALASE	A Matter of Time
14 Apr 2023	DEIMOS' DAWN	Anthem of the Lost
14 Apr 2023	DØDHEIMSGARD	Black Medium Current
14 Apr 2023	HOLY MOSES	Invisible Queen
14 Apr 2023	IMPERATORE	Imperatore
14 Apr 2023	INFECTING THE SWARM	Pulsing Coalescence
14 Apr 2023	LUCIFER STAR MACHINE	Satanic Age
14 Apr 2023	METALLICA	72 Seasons
14 Apr 2023	OVERKILL	Scorched
14 Apr 2023	PATTERNS OF DECAY	Patterns of Decay
14 Apr 2023	SABATON	Stories from the Western
14 Apr 2023	ŪKANOSE	Šiaurum Vėjum
12 Apr 2023	ATTRACTIVE CHAOS	The Fire Between Us EP
08 Apr 2023	THE LAND OF THE SNOW	As Within, So Without
07 Apr 2023	ARCHED FIRE	Trust Betrayal
07 Apr 2023	EXDESTRIER	Glorious Barbarism EP
07 Apr 2023	ABIURO / FALSE GODS	Split
07 Apr 2023	CHILDREN OF THE	Heavy is the Head
07 Apr 2023	CURSEBINDER	Drifting
07 Apr 2023	DEVANGELIC	Xul
07 Apr 2023	HEALTHYLIVING	Songs of Abundance,
07 Apr 2023	HERETIC PLAGUE	Context is a Stumbling
07 Apr 2023	I MISS YOU, C	Catalina
07 Apr 2023	IMPERIAL DEMONIC	Beneath the Crimson
07 Apr 2023	MAUDIIR	Soliloque EP
07 Apr 2023	MEDEVIL	, Mirror in the Darkness
07 Apr 2023	OSSAERT	Offerdier EP
07 Apr 2023	RAIDER	Trial by Chaos

07 Apr 2023	SAVIORSKIN	Invicta Mori
07 Apr 2023	SOMETIME IN FEBRUARY	There Goes
07 Apr 2023	UTILITARIAN	Gaslights
07 Apr 2023	VASS/KATSIONIS	Cynical Silence
07 Apr 2023	VOID KING	The Hidden Hymnal
04 Apr 2023	HEMPLIFIER	The Stoner Side of Doom
31 Mar 2023	AARA	Triade III: Nyx
31 Mar 2023	ANGELIC DESOLATION	Orchestrionic Abortion
31 Mar 2023	DECORPSETATED	Human Words
31 Mar 2023	DEMONICAL	Into Victory EP
31 Mar 2023	DEMONSTEALER	The Propaganda
31 Mar 2023	GRAFHOND	In Harmonie met de Dood
31 Mar 2023	HALIPHRON	Prey
31 Mar 2023	INVICTA	Triumph and Torment
31 Mar 2023	KLUDDE	De Horla
31 Mar 2023	MILANKU	À l'Aube
31 Mar 2023	NECRONOMICON EX	Necronomicon Ex Mortis
31 Mar 2023	NERVOCHAOS	Chthonic Wrath
31 Mar 2023	OF SPITE	Riddle Redemption
31 Mar 2023	OUTLAW	Reaching Beyond Assiah
31 Mar 2023	ROTTEN SOUND	Apocalypse
31 Mar 2023	THRON	Dust
31 Mar 2023	UNPURE	Prophecies Ablaze
31 Mar 2023	WÜLFSKOL / HEXELLA	Burn With Us split
30 Mar 2023	NEVBORN	Alkaios – Part I –
29 Mar 2023	SETTLER	Settler EP
24 Mar 2023	AUTUMN TEARS	Guardian of the Pale
24 Mar 2023	BLACK RABBIT	Hypnosomnia
24 Mar 2023	CATEGORY VI	Firecry
24 Mar 2023	CHOIR	Songs for a
24 Mar 2023	KEEP OF KALESSIN	Katharsis
24 Mar 2023	KRISHNA	Headless
24 Mar 2023	KUOLEMAN GALLERIA	Pedon Synty
24 Mar 2023	METASPHÆRA	Metasphæra
24 Mar 2023	MUSTAN KUUN LAPSET	Suruaika EP
24 Mar 2023	MOOR	Glava I
24 Mar 2023	NACHTMUSE	Darker Skies EP
24 Mar 2023	WHORE OF BETHLEHEM	Ritual of Homicide
23 Mar 2023	SHORES OF NULL	The Loss of Beauty
21 Mar 2023	USELESS SPACESHIP	Expelled from a Parallel
20 Mar 2023	BARZAKH	In a Meaning the Note
18 Mar 2023	NEVER REBORN	Ashes of our Past
17 Mar 2023	ANCESTORS BLOOD /	Ancestors Blood /
17 Mar 2023	ARDENT NOVA	Ardent Nova EP
17 Mar 2023	BRED FOR SLAUGHTER	Here You're Born Here
17 Mar 2023	CONTRARIAN	Sage of Shekhinah
17 Mar 2023	DOWNSHOT	Endgame
17 Mar 2023	EMBRYO	A Vivid Shade on Misery
17 Mar 2023	IKARIE	Arde

17 Mar 2023	NECROVESCENT RUINER	Untouchable Faith Decay
17 Mar 2023	NIGHT DEMON	Outsider
17 Mar 2023	ÚLFÚÐ	Existential Distortion
15 Mar 2023	HYPERDONTIA	Deranged EP
10 Mar 2023	NAKKIGA / ARDE	Split
10 Mar 2023	DEPRAVED MURDER	Unethical
10 Mar 2023	FLUISTERAARS	De Kronieken van het
10 Mar 2023	GORGONCHRIST	Fish in a Mountain
10 Mar 2023	HOLYROLLER	Swimming Witches
10 Mar 2023	INGRAVES	Human Abyss EP
10 Mar 2023	IT'S ALWAYS SUNNY IN	Say Nothing EP
10 Mar 2023	STARCRAZY	Another Day, Another
10 Mar 2023	THE HUMAN RACE IS	Cognitive Dissonance
10 Mar 2023	THE LANCASTERS	Standard Family Size
04 Mar 2023	ARRIVER	Azimuth
03 Mar 2023	CARRION	Morbid Nailgun Necropsy
03 Mar 2023	COLPOCLEISIS	Elegant Degradation
03 Mar 2023	ENSLAVED	Heimdal
03 Mar 2023	LITTU	Accolti da Antiche Radici
03 Mar 2023	NOMAD	The Mountain
03 Mar 2023	TEMPTRESS	See
03 Mar 2023	UNIVERSAL THEORY	Collapse
02 Mar 2023	MORTALITAS UK	Mors Vita Est
01 Mar 2023	BAGORAH	The Art of
01 Mar 2023	LAWRENCE WALLACE	Shred Compilation
01 Mar 2023	NACHTFALTER	Abschied
01 Mar 2023	WASTELAND OV	New Word Order
01 Mar 2023	WHERE THE DEAD	The
28 Feb 2023	AGARWAEN	Channel: Lunacy
25 Feb 2023	GREAT COLD EMPTINESS	Immaculate Hearts
25 Feb 2023	MAMMOTH CARAVAN	Ice Cold Oblivion
25 Feb 2023	SIL KHANNAZ	The Madness of Fear
24 Feb 2023	ASYLENCE	Endanger us all
24 Feb 2023	ATROCIOUS FILTH	OVV
24 Feb 2023	BODYFARM	Ultimate Abomination
24 Feb 2023	HEIDEVOLK	Wederkeer
24 Feb 2023	INSOMNIUM	Anno 1696
24 Feb 2023	KING ABYSS	Snake Oil
24 Feb 2023	MOLITOTH	You
24 Feb 2023	MORPHETIK	World Wide War
24 Feb 2023	MORTALUS	We Are Human
24 Feb 2023	THEY GRIEVE	To Which I Bore Witness
23 Feb 2023	CROWN OF MADNESS	Elemental Binding EP
23 Feb 2023	MERLOCK	Onward Strides Colossus
18 Feb 2023	TELOMYRAS	Telomyras EP
17 Feb 2023	TRYGLAV	, The Ritual
17 Feb 2023	CAPRICE GLAIREUX	Full Santi Mental
17 Feb 2023	CORNERS OF SANCTUARY	This is Metal EP
17 Feb 2023	DUSK	Spectrums

17 Feb 2023	GRAVEHUFFER	Depart From So
17 Feb 2023	HORRIBLE EARTH	Weakened
17 Feb 2023	LAST LEGION	Metall, Blod & Aska
17 Feb 2023	SARPA	Mauta Tala EP
17 Feb 2023	SIEGE OF POWER	This is Tomorrow
17 Feb 2023	WINDS OF TRAGEDY	Hating Life
17 Feb 2023	WIZARDS OF HAZARDS	Supernatural
16 Feb 2023	MORDKAUL	Feeding the Machine Part 1
16 Feb 2023	PHLESH	The Decomposing
11 Feb 2023	THE LAST REIGN	Endangered Pieces
10 Feb 2023	AD OMEGA	Aphelic Ascent
10 Feb 2023	CARNOSUS	Visions of Infinihility
10 Feb 2023	SERMON	Till Birth Do Us Part
07 Feb 2023	SCHIZOPHRENIA	Chants of the Abyss EP
05 Feb 2023	NEKROMANTAS	Hades of the Unseen
03 Feb 2023	BLACK WATER SUNSET	Engraved Spectral Aeons
03 Feb 2023	ELDERSEER	Drown in the
03 Feb 2023	FOREVER AUTUMN	Crowned in Skulls EP
03 Feb 2023	MEMORIAM	Rise to Power
03 Feb 2023	MITHRIDATUM	Harrowing
03 Feb 2023	NOTHING SACRED	Leviathan
31 Jan 2023	JUPITER ZEUS	Frequency Prison
31 Jan 2023	NEMESISM	Nemesism EP
27 Jan 2023	ALACRÁN	Luzifer
27 Jan 2023	APOLLO	A Divine Comedy EP
27 Jan 2023	ABLAZE MY SORROW	The Loss of All Hope EP
27 Jan 2023	ANACHRONISM	Meanders
27 Jan 2023	CANCERVO	11
27 Jan 2023	DISMAL	Via Entis
27 Jan 2023	DUST PROPHET	One Last Look upon the Sky
27 Jan 2023	FLIDAIS	Pathogen
27 Jan 2023	GRANDIOSA MUERTE	Egregor
27 Jan 2023	MALICE DIVINE	Everlasting Ascendancy
27 Jan 2023	METHANE	Kill it with Fire
27 Jan 2023	NEPHILIM'S NOOSE	Blood Chants of Impiety
27 Jan 2023	OMINOUS SCRIPTURES	Rituals of Mass Self-
27 Jan 2023	SCHAVOT	Kronieken uit de Nevel
27 Jan 2023	SEQUESTRUM	Pickled Preservation EP
27 Jan 2023	SORROWFUL LAND	Faded Anchors of the
27 Jan 2023	SUPERTERRESTRIAL	The Fathomless Decay
23 Jan 2023	TOTAL INVASION	Invasion Zone EP
23 Jan 2023	VISCERAL EXPLOSION	Malevolent
20 Jan 2023	DEIQUISITOR	Apotheosis
20 Jan 2023	DYING LIGHT	Shallow Grave
20 Jan 2023	IMPERIUM DEKADENZ	Into Sorrow Evermore
20 Jan 2023	OUR LAST CRUSADE	Death Wins
20 Jan 2023	SABATON	Heroes of the Great War EP
20 Jan 2023	SCARLATA	Skatepunk EP
20 Jan 2023	UNDERNEATH	Nothing Here is Held

19 Jan 2023	OBLIVION GATE	Flowers in the Wreckage of Dreams
19 Jan 2023	HELLEVATE	The Purpose is Cruelty
13 Jan 2023	ABSTRAKT ALGEBRA	Abstrakt Algebra (reissue)
13 Jan 2023	ADMIRE THE GRIM	Rogue Five EP
13 Jan 2023	ANTIMOZDEBEAST	Vision
13 Jan 2023	GYAOS:DIABOLICAL	In Accordance with the Prophecy
13 Jan 2023	HEE HEE SHAMONE	4 Good Reasons 2 Punch
13 Jan 2023	GRÁ	Lycaon
13 Jan 2023	HØSTSOL	Länge Leve Döden
13 Jan 2023	IMMORTALIZER	Born for Metal
13 Jan 2023	OBITUARY	Dying of Everything
13 Jan 2023	SAMTAR	King's Charade
13 Jan 2023	WEDINGOTH	Five Stars Above
06 Jan 2023	CONCRETE AGE	Bardo Thodol
06 Jan 2023	HONEYBUNCHES OF	Honeybunches of Death
06 Jan 2023	THROAT LOCUST	Dragged through
02 Jan 2023	DREAMS OF GRAY	The World After EP
30 Dec 2022	PAGAN RITES /	Split
26 Dec 2022	OUIJA	Fathomless Hysteros
16 Dec 2022	DUNGEON CRAWL /	The Side Quest
16 Dec 2022	PERCUSSOR	Ravenous Despondency
16 Dec 2022	THE CRIPPLER	l'm Just Gonna Let
15 Dec 2022	BURIED SOULS	Whispers
15 Dec 2022	ROTTING CHRIST	The Apocryphal Spells
12 Dec 2022	XYGRBRYRX	Cunning Punts EP
09 Dec 2022	A L'OMBRE D'HÉMÉRA	Saison de Déceptions
09 Dec 2022	HIGHLORD	Freakin' out of Hell
09 Dec 2022	IMPERIAL EXECRATION	Commanding
09 Dec 2022	LEGENDARIUM	Death's Hand in Yours
09 Dec 2022	STABBING	Extirpated
02 Dec 2022	DYSTOPIA A.D.	Doomsday Psalm
02 Dec 2022	HERON	Empires of Ash
02 Dec 2022	NIHILIST DEATH CULT	Death to all Tyrants
02 Dec 2022	SHINING WIZARD	Tournament of Death
02 Dec 2022	VIS MYSTICA	Celestial Wisdom EP
29 Nov 2022	REVOLTING	Born to be Dead
25 Nov 2022	A LA CARTE	Soup Dejour
25 Nov 2022	ALIENATÖR	Regrets
25 Nov 2022	ANOMALY	Somewhere within the Pines
25 Nov 2022	ARCHETYPE X	Regression
25 Nov 2022	(ECHO)	Witnesses
25 Nov 2022	GRAVE WITH A VIEW	Grave with a View EP
25 Nov 2022	HIGH FELLS	Catharsis Taka a Soat
25 Nov 2022	JADED TRUTH	Take a Seat
25 Nov 2022		Play Stupid Games, Win
25 Nov 2022	KNIM	When a Star Falls
25 Nov 2022	SAASTA	Crucial to None
25 Nov 2022	THE WOLVES OF AVALON	Y Gododdin Nag Skrider Natten Sort
23 Nov 2022	DJEVEL	Naa Skrider Natten Sort

22 Nov 2022	THINE INNER SANCTUM	In Silence, I Wept
20 Nov 2022	ULTAR	At the Gates of Dusk
18 Nov 2022		Prodigal
18 Nov 2022	BLOOD OF THE WOLF	IV: The Declaration of
18 Nov 2022	DESECRATE THE FAITH	
18 Nov 2022	FIELDS OF REGRET	Fields of Regret EP
18 Nov 2022	KORROSIVE	Toxic Apokalypse
18 Nov 2022		The Summoning
18 Nov 2022	SCARS OF THE FLESH	In Darkness Alone
18 Nov 2022	SNØGG	Meltdown
18 Nov 2022	THIS IS THE LAST TIME	Acclimation
18 Nov 2022	WHEN THE LIGHT DIES	Into the Unknown EP
11 Nov 2022	CASKET ROBBERY	Rituals of Death
11 Nov 2022		Anticosmic Womb
11 Nov 2022	FÉLETH	Divine Blight
11 Nov 2022	HARVEST GULGALTHA	Ancient Woods
11 Nov 2022	KAMPFAR	Til Klovers Takt
11 Nov 2022	LAMENTATIONS	Passion of Depression
11 Nov 2022	MUNROE'S THUNDER	The Black Watch
11 Nov 2022	NATTMARAN /	Rise of the
11 Nov 2022	SNIPERS OF BABEL	Gabriel
11 Nov 2022	SPIDER GOD	Fly in the Trap
10 Nov 2022	HAUT&COURT	Collapse
07 Nov 2022	AITTALA	Live to Regret
06 Nov 2022	LIGHT DENIED	Light Denied EP
04 Nov 2022	9 DEAD	9 Dead
04 Nov 2022	CHASM OF DISCORD	Admonishing the Dawn of Reverence
04 Nov 2022	FOUL BODY AUTOPSY	Shadows Without Light:
04 Nov 2022	GORGATRON	Agony Reborn EP
04 Nov 2022	NINTH REALM	A Fate Unbroken
04 Nov 2022	OÏKOUMEN	Dystopia
04 Nov 2022	ONLY ATTITUDE COUNTS	Disobedience EP
04 Nov 2022	ΟΧΥΤΟΧΙΝ	Don't Lose Your Head
04 Nov 2022	PITCH BLACK MENTALITY	World Final Wake
04 Nov 2022	SARCATOR	Alkahest
04 Nov 2022	TEMPTATIONS FOR THE	Fallen from the Stars
04 Nov 2022	WYRMWOODS	No Sun Nor Moon
01 Nov 2022	EDGE OF HAZE	The Convoy of Ruin
31 Oct 2022	BAD MANOR	The Haunting
31 Oct 2022	LACERATED	The Vile Domain EP
31 Oct 2022	VHS	Deep Gashes and
29 Oct 2022	FATAL PROPHECY	Reckless Mischief
28 Oct 2022	BLUE BEDLAM	Blue Bedlam EP
28 Oct 2022	BUZZHERD	Split
28 Oct 2022	CLAMORIS	Opus Limbonica
28 Oct 2022	EYES OF TOMORROW /	Songs of Faith and
28 Oct 2022	FIFTH RING	Masochist
28 Oct 2022	FORLESEN	Black Terrain
28 Oct 2022	GAMERRA	Couillon Death Squad EP

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28 Oct 2022	LIGHTLORN	These Nameless
28 Oct 2022	PALE HORSEMAN /	split
28 Oct 2022	RASTER DENSITY	Apothecary's Tome ov
28 Oct 2022	TRISKELYON	Downfall
28 Oct 2022	WORM	Bluenothing EP
27 Oct 2022	ATOMIC TRIP	Strike #3
24 Oct 2022	MORBIFIC	Squirm beyond the Mortal
22 Oct 2022	IN DYING LIGHTS	Born from the Shadows
21 Oct 2022	COATHANGER ABORTION	Plan C
21 Oct 2022	TAKING BALFOUR	Dawn of Polaris
21 Oct 2022	TWISTED MIST	Lacerare
17 Oct 2022	BURKER	Burker EP
15 Oct 2022	EVIL-MINDED	Lucy's Fate
14 Oct 2022	AFTER ALL	Eos
14 Oct 2022	DIE SÜNDE	Strega
14 Oct 2022	FULLMINATOR /	Dialectics of the
14 Oct 2022	SEA OF SNAKES	The Serpent and the
14 Oct 2022	SEDNA	Last Sun
11 Oct 2022	DRAMANDUHR	Tramohr
11 Oct 2022	MADROST	Lost Lives Volume 1
09 Oct 2022	SARS	Throne of Ash EP
08 Oct 2022	DEMORALIZER	This World is
08 Oct 2022	WITCHER	Lélekharang
07 Oct 2022	ANCST	Zorn EP
07 Oct 2022	ASGRAUW	Façade
07 Oct 2022	COFFIN TORTURE	Blennoid
07 Oct 2022	COGADH	Runetongue EP
07 Oct 2022	DE PROFUNDIS	The Corruption of Virtue
07 Oct 2022	DEMONICAL	Mass Destroyer
07 Oct 2022	ENSANGUINATE	Eldritch Anatomy
07 Oct 2022	GOATWHORE	Angels Hung from the
07 Oct 2022	MASTIC SCUM	Icon
07 Oct 2022	MY FUNERAL	Funeral Manifesto
07 Oct 2022	PARIUS	The Signal Heard
07 Oct 2022	RITUAL DICTATES	No Great Loss
07 Oct 2022	SUDDEN DEAF	Наvос
07 Oct 2022	UPON YOUR GRAVE	Gold and Decay EP
03 Oct 2022	EVEN FLOW	Mediterraneo
30 Sep 2022	FALLING GIANTS	Whirlwind Hymns
30 Sep 2022	ACEPHALIX	Theothanatology
30 Sep 2022	AMAUROT	To Tread the
30 Sep 2022	ANGMODNES	The Weight of Eternity
30 Sep 2022	ASBESTOS WORKER	The Seperation
30 Sep 2022	AUTOPSY	Morbidity Triumphant
30 Sep 2022	CAÏNAN DAWN	Lagu
30 Sep 2022	ELLENDE	Ellenbogengesellschaft
30 Sep 2022	ETERNAL HELCARAXE	Drown in Ash
30 Sep 2022	FIRTAN	Marter
30 Sep 2022	GONEMAGE	Handheld Demise

30 Sep 2022	GRACELESS	Chants from Purgatory
30 Sep 2022	HEXED	Pagans Rising
30 Sep 2022	LUNAR MERCIA	Leaving the
30 Sep 2022	POWER FROM HELL	Shadows Devouring Light
30 Sep 2022	RICK MASSIE	Guided to an
30 Sep 2022	SABATON	Weapons of the Modern Age
30 Sep 2022	SLIPKNOT	The End, So Far
30 Sep 2022	STRANGLEWIRE	Shaped by Human
30 Sep 2022	STRIGOI	Viscera
30 Sep 2022	SYN ZE ŞASE TRI	Ultimul Lup
30 Sep 2022	UMBILICUS	Path of 1000 Suns
30 Sep 2022	VISCEN	Death Symmetry EP
30 Sep 2022	VOIDOATH	Ascension Beyond
30 Sep 2022	WITHIN DESTRUCTION	Lotus
24 Sep 2022	LETHAL TECHNOLOGY	Mechanical Era
23 Sep 2022	GAEREA	Mirage
23 Sep 2022	HARVEST OF ASH	Ache and Impulse
23 Sep 2022	MO'YNOQ	A Place for Ash
23 Sep 2022	KALEDON	Legend of the Forgotten
23 Sep 2022	MERIDIAN	The 4th Dimension
23 Sep 2022	NORDJEVEL	Gnavhòl
23 Sep 2022	PROCEED ON YOUR WAY	Ceremorphosis
23 Sep 2022	RAZOR	Cycle of Contempt
23 Sep 2022	SLAUGHTERDAY	Tyrants of Doom
23 Sep 2022	SPHERES	Helios
23 Sep 2022	STRATOVARIUS	Survive
23 Sep 2022	TERRA	Für Dich Existiert Das
23 Sep 2022	VENOM INC.	There's Only Black
22 Sep 2022	GNASH	Shared Nightmares
22 Sep 2022	LOST HOURS	IV: The Silence of the Perpetual Choir in Heaven
21 Sep 2022	GALLÓGLAIGH	Luaith
21 Sep 2022	THOU ART LORD	Daemoniorum EP
19 Sep 2022	ALGEBRA	Chiroptera
19 Sep 2022	MISCREANCE	Convergence
18 Sep 2022	EXSANGUINATION	Nadiya
16 Sep 2022	ASSIMILATOR	Assimilator
16 Sep 2022	BEHEMOTH	Opvs Contra Natvram
16 Sep 2022	EDENBRIDGE	Shangri-La
16 Sep 2022	EPOCH OF UNLIGHT	At War with the
16 Sep 2022	MORTUOUS	Upon Desolation
16 Sep 2022	OMOPHAGIA	Rebirth in Black
16 Sep 2022	SINNERY	Black Bile
16 Sep 2022	TRIBAL GAZE	The Nine Choirs
16 Sep 2022	WOLFHEART	King of the North
13 Sep 2022	DEFORMATORY	Harbinger EP
13 Sep 2022	SUBLATION	The Path to Bedlam
12 Sep 2022	CRUX TENEBRIS	Last Supper
09 Sep 2022	AN ABSTRACT ILLUSION	Woe
09 Sep 2022	BLOATED PIG	6

09 Sep 2022	BLOODBATH
09 Sep 2022	GREBER
09 Sep 2022	MOLITHOTH
09 Sep 2022	REVOCATION
09 Sep 2022	TOADEATER
09 Sep 2022	VERMILIA
09 Sep 2022	WARFORGED
05 Sep 2022	VRENTH
02 Sep 2022	AEON OF ETERNAL
02 Sep 2022	AETERNAM
02 Sep 2022	MEGADETH
02 Sep 2022	SILURIAN
02 Sep 2022	UNDER THE OAK
02 Sep 2022	WRAITH
02 Sep 2022	ZeTA
26 Aug 2022	ALIGN THE TIDE
26 Aug 2022	ANCHILLYS
26 Aug 2022	APEIRON BOUND
26 Aug 2022	DEATH SCYTHE
26 Aug 2022	EATEN BY SHARKS
26 Aug 2022	GRAVE DIGGER
26 Aug 2022	HIEROPHANT
26 Aug 2022	MACHINE HEAD
19 Aug 2022	BURIED UNDER SKY
19 Aug 2022	DRAGON THRONE
19 Aug 2022	EMPRESS
19 Aug 2022	MASS EXTINCTION
19 Aug 2022	RAVENOUS
19 Aug 2022	SOILWORK
19 Aug 2022	
19 Aug 2022	SPLINTERED THRONE
19 Aug 2022	
12 Aug 2022	ARCH ENEMY
	CARRION VAEL
	EGGS OF GOMORRH
-	THE HALO EFFECT
-	RITUALIZATION
	AMON AMARTH
	BECOME THE APEX
05 Aug 2022	LIMINAL SHROUD
	OL' TIME MOONSHINE
05 Aug 2022	
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05 Aug 2022	ΤΟΧΙΚ
05 Aug 2022	VILT
01 Aug 2022	
31 Jul 2022	
29 Jul 2022	BELPHEGOR
29 Jul 2022	BOX

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29 Jul 2022	DAIDALOS	The Expedition
29 Jul 2022	GRIMA	Frostbitten
29 Jul 2022	INCANTATION	Tricennial of Blasphemy
29 Jul 2022	INFERION	Maternity Ward to Crematorium (Tribute)
29 Jul 2022	KRISIUN	Mortem Solis
29 Jul 2022	OCEANS	Hell is Where the Heart is Pt.
29 Jul 2022	WHISPERS IN THE MAZE	Stories Untold: Chapter 1
22 Jul 2022	ARCADA	Disonancia EP
22 Jul 2022	BLIZZARD HUNTER	The Path of Triumph
22 Jul 2022	CASTRATOR	Defiled in Oblivion
22 Jul 2022	DISCORDANT	Discordant Meditation
22 Jul 2022	IMPERIAL TRIUMPHANT	Spirit of Ecstasy
22 Jul 2022	KARL SANDERS	Saurian Apocalypse
22 Jul 2022	MOONSHADE	As We Set The Skies
22 Jul 2022	MOSARA	Only the Dead Know our Secrets
22 Jul 2022	PANZERFAUST	The Suns of Perdition –
22 Jul 2022	RESISTANCE	Skulls of my Enemy
22 Jul 2022	TONIC BREED	Fuel the Fire EP
22 Jul 2022	WAKE	Thought Form Descent
22 Jul 2022	WITCHERY	Nightside
19 Jul 2022	MATT MILLER	Monument of Velocity
18 Jul 2022	CRITICAL DEFIANCE	No Life Forms
15 Jul 2022	ASHENSPIRE	Hostile Architecture
15 Jul 2022	CELESTIAL WIZARD	Winds of the Cosmos
15 Jul 2022	INHUMAN CONDITION	Fearsick
15 Jul 2022	METALUCIFER	Heavy Metal Ninja
10 Jul 2022	BEGRIME EXEMIOUS	Rotting in the Aftermath
08 Jul 2022	ALTARS	Ascetic Reflection
08 Jul 2022	DBB	Bastards of Slime
08 Jul 2022	SEEP	Hymns to the Gore
07 Jul 2022	SEVER	Sadistic Sorcery
07 Jul 2022	SOBERNOT	Destroy
01 Jul 2022	FURIS IGNIS	Turm
01 Jul 2022	MASSACRE	Mythos EP
01 Jul 2022	ORGREL	The Oath of the Black Wolf
01 July 2022	THIRTEEN GOATS	Servants of the Outer
01 Jul 2022	THÜN	11
24 Jun 2022	CHAOTIAN	Effigies of Obsolescence
24 Jun 2022	ENTRAILS	An Eternal Time of Decay
24 Jun 2022	HATS BARN	Y.a.HW.e.H
24 Jun 2022	NIGHTBEARER	Ghosts Of A Darkness To
24 Jun 2022	OUR DYING WORLD	Hymns Of Blinding
22 Jun 2022	SCARS OF ATROPHY	Nations Divide EP
20 Jun 2022	GHOST:WHALE	Echo:One
17 Jun 2022	APOCALYPTIC LEADERS	Destructive Rage of the
17 Jun 2022	BLASPHEMOUS	Beyond the Grave
17 Jun 2022	BRUTTA	Brutta
17 Jun 2022	DENOUNCEMENT PYRE	Forever Burning
17 Jun 2022	DINBETHES	Balans

17 Jun 2022	TRUENT	Through the Vale of
17 Jun 2022	INFECTED VIRULENCE	Music of Melkor
11 Jun 2022	VØLUS	Thrown to the Abyss
10 Jun 2022	BERATOR	Elysian Inferno
10 Jun 2022	CHAOSHORDE / RAZOR	Chäos Räisers split
10 Jun 2022	DEATHF*CKINGC*NT	Decadent Perversity
10 Jun 2022	EXIST IN RUIN	Exist In Ruin EP
10 Jun 2022	KREATOR	Hate über Alles
10 Jun 2022	MONASTERIUM	Cold are the Graves
10 Jun 2022	SATYRICON	Satyricon & Munch
10 Jun 2022	SOREPTION	Jord
10 Jun 2022	STELLAR DEATH	Sentient (Chapter 1) EP
10 Jun 2022	TÖHIL	The Macabre God of
10 Jun 2022	TOMB MOLD	Aperture of Body
06 Jun 2022	BESIEGED	Violence Beyond
03 Jun 2022	BURIED REALM	Buried Realm
03 Jun 2022	WRANG	De Vaendrig
03 Jun 2022	ARTIFICIAL BRAIN	Artificial Brain
03 Jun 2022	ORIGIN	Chaosmos
03 Jun 2022	TEMPLE OF VOID	Summoning the Slayer
01 Jun 2022	AMETHYS	A New Dawn
01 Jun 2022	HELLEVAERDER	In de Nevel van Afgunst
01 Jun 2022	SPLIT IMAGE	Torrent of Illusion
31 May 2022	RIBSPREADER	Crypt World
27 May 2022	BAEST	Justitia EP
27 May 2022	BRUTALITY	Sempiternity
27 May 2022	DARKENED	The Black Winter
27 May 2022	DECAPITATED	Cancer Culture
27 May 2022	IATT	Magnum Opus
27 May 2022	LORD BELIAL	Rapture
27 May 2022	MOURNFUL	The Exuviae of Gods – Part I
27 May 2022	SACRIFIZER	Le Diamant De Lucifer
27 May 2022	SENSORY AMUSIA	Breed Death
27 May 2022	SHED THE SKIN	Thaumogenesis
27 May 2022	THE HERETIC ORDER	III
20 May 2022	ANVIL	Impact is Imminent
20 May 2022	APARTHIVA	Adyapeeth Maranasamhita
, 20 May 2022	ASSUMPTION	, , Hadean Tides
20 May 2022	BLUT AUS NORD	Disharmonium –
20 May 2022	HELSOTT	Will and the Witch
20 May 2022	MNRVA	Hollow
20 May 2022	ORGAN TRAIL	Appetite for Dissection
, 20 May 2022	SADIST	Firescorched
, 20 May 2022	SEPTICFLESH	Modern Primitive
20 May 2022	SIGN OF EVIL	Psychodelic Death
, 20 May 2022	VAAMATAR	, Medievalgeist
20 May 2022	VARATHRON / UNGOD	Split
20 May 2022	WAMPYRINACHT	Night of the Desecration
16 May 2022	CHARRED	Lasting in Pain EP

13 May 2022	AARA	Triade II: Hemera
13 May 2022	BEFOULED	Denying Pulse
13 May 2022	CORPUS CHRISTII	The Bitter End of Old
13 May 2022	JUNGLE ROT	A Call to Arms
13 May 2022	KATHAROS	Of Lineages Long
13 May 2022	MISERY INDEX	Complete Control
13 May 2022	NECHOCHWEN	Kanawha Black
13 May 2022	ZWART	Неет
12 May 2022	MISCREATION	Miscreation MMXXI
07 May 2022	HARVESTED	Harvested EP
06 May 2022	MOLTEN CHAINS	Orisons of Vengeance
30 Apr 2022	BARREN / BERATED	Chainsaw Deth Cvlt split
29 Apr 2022	ABHOMINE	Demonize Destroy Delete
29 Apr 2022	DEADHEAD	Slave Driver
29 Apr 2022	DEATHCRUSH	Under Serpents Reign
29 Apr 2022	DOWNFALL OF MANKIND	Vile Birth
29 Apr 2022	GRAFVITNIR	Tunes of Sitra Ahra
29 Apr 2022	INTROTYL	Adfectus
29 Apr 2022	MEANDER	Time Uncounted EP
29 Apr 2022	MEYHNACH	Miseria De Profundis
29 Apr 2022	POST-MORTEM	The Monumental
29 Apr 2022	RAMMSTEIN	Zeit
29 Apr 2022	SLANDERUS	Absorbing Infinity
29 Apr 2022	THE SPIRIT	Of Clarity and Galactic
29 Apr 2022	VULCANO	Stone Orange
29 Apr 2022	WATAIN	The Agony & Ecstasy of
27 Apr 2022	BEDSORE / MORTAL	Split
26 Apr 2022	STRATUZ	Osculum Pacis
25 Apr 2022	CELESTIAL SEASON	Mysterium I
25 Apr 2022	GRIMTONE	Polaris
25 Apr 2022	SUPPRESSION	The Sorrow of Soul through Flesh
24 Apr 2022	PATTERNS OF DECAY	Patterns of Decay
22 Apr 2022	ARCHGOAT	All Christianity Ends EP
22 Apr 2022	CORPSESSED	Succumb to Rot
22 Apr 2022	CREDIC	Vermillion Oceans
22 Apr 2022	FALSE CHURCH	Dystopian Dissent
22 Apr 2022	LIVEWIRE	Under Attack!
22 Apr 2022	NOVARUPTA	Carrion Movements
22 Apr 2022	SENTIENT HORROR	Rites of Gore
22 Apr 2022	SICKSENSE	Kings Today EP
22 Apr 2022	UNALIGNED	Inner Dimensions
22 Apr 2022	UNDEATH	It's Time To Rise From The
22 Apr 2022	VANUM	Legend
20 Apr 2022	THE BLACK DISORDER	The Acceptance of
22 Apr 2022	CULTIC	Of Fire and Sorcery
22 Apr 2022	DESECRESY	Unveil in the Abyss
18 Apr 2022	THE SCUM	The Hunger
17 Apr 2022	NOCTURNAL DEPRESSION	When My Time Has Come
15 Apr 2022	ANATOMIA / UNDERGANG	Anatomia / Undergang split

15 Apr 2022	CDICIV		
15 Apr 2022		Full HD The Creat Anguish of	
15 Apr 2022	FACELESS ENTITY	The Great Anguish of	
15 Apr 2022		Via Aeterna Vaalinggättens Öde	
15 Apr 2022	MÅNEGARM	Ynglingaättens Öde	
15 Apr 2022	MISTCAVERN	Into Twilight EP	
15 Apr 2022	SLEEPLESS	Host Desecration	
15 Apr 2022	THE TROOPS OF DOOM	Antichrist Reborn	
15 Apr 2022	VANDERLUST	Vanderlust L'abime Dévore les Âmes	
15 Apr 2022	VIANDE CONCILIVM		
08 Apr 2022		A Monument in Darkness	
08 Apr 2022 08 Apr 2022	DESTRUCTION FRIGHT	Diabolical Fright EP	
	SCALPTURE	Fright EP Feldwärts	
08 Apr 2022 01 Apr 2022	EVIL INVADERS		
01 Apr 2022 01 Apr 2022	THE SPIRIT	Shattering Reflection Of Clarity and Galactic	
01 Apr 2022 01 Apr 2022	WRATH OF THE NEBULA	The Ruthless Leviathan	
31 Mar 2022	HARBINGER	Out of the Mouth of Graves	
31 Mar 2022	PAGANIZER	March of the Insane	
30 Mar 2022	CABINET	Claustrophobic Dysentery	
30 Mar 2022	TRISTITIA	Doomystic	
28 Mar 2022	DUDSEKOP	Liksems	
28 Mar 2022	GRAVE NEXT DOOR	Sanctified Heathen	
26 Mar 2022	NAMELESS KING		
25 Mar 2022	ABBATH	Order of the Black Flame	
25 Mar 2022	ABSENT IN BODY	Dread Reaver Plaque God	
25 Mar 2022	AS THE WORLD DIES	Plague God Agonist	
25 Mar 2022	CARNAGE OF CHILDREN	Darkness Within	
25 Mar 2022	CROWN OF MADNESS	The Void EP	
25 Mar 2022	DESOLATE SHRINE	Fires of the Dying World	
25 Mar 2022	DREAM WIDOW	Dream Widow	
25 Mar 2022	EUCHARIST	I Am the Void	
25 Mar 2022	FALAMH	Aeons Effigy EP	
25 Mar 2022	FATHER BEFOULED	Crowned in Veneficum	
25 Mar 2022	HILLTOPS ARE FOR	In Disbelief	
25 Mar 2022	KVAEN	The Great Below	
25 Mar 2022	LOST TRIBES OF THE	Chapter II: Tales of	
25 Mar 2022	MORTUUS	Inmortuos Sum	
25 Mar 2022	MOUFLON	Pure Filth	
25 Mar 2022	MYSTIFIER / LUCIFER'S	Under Satan's Wrath split	
25 Mar 2022	NECROM	All Paths Are Left Here	
25 Mar 2022	NECROMANTE	XI	
25 Mar 2022	STRICKEN	From a Well of	
22 Mar 2022	SAKIS TOLIS	Among the Fires of Hell	
21 Mar 2022	MELEKTAUS		
20 Mar 2022	BACKBONE	Vertex EP	
18 Mar 2022	DARK FUNERAL	We Are the Apocalypse	
18 Mar 2022	HYPERIA	Silhouettes of Horror	
18 Mar 2022	ZWAARD	Bloed en Wijn	
17 Mar 2022	EMBRYO	A Vivid Shade on Misery	

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15 Mar 2022	FLAMEN MARTIALIS	Des Teufels Wege	
11 Mar 2022	BESNA Zverstvá		
11 Mar 2022	GORGED AFTERBIRTH	Got Gore?	
11 Mar 2022	IDOL OF FEAR	Trespasser	
11 Mar 2022	PILLAGING VILLAGERS	Pillaging Villagers	
08 Mar 2022	ANACHRONISTIC	700 And 19 Ways Of	
08 Mar 2022	MAMORLIS	Sturdy as an Oak	
07 Mar 2022	BLEED THIS EARTH	The Slow Decline	
05 Mar 2022	TROGLODYTE	The Hierarchical	
04 Mar 2022	CROWBAR	Zero and Below	
04 Mar 2022	DESERTED FEAR	Doomsday	
04 Mar 2022	FUELED BY FIRE	PastPresentNo Future Pt.	
04 Mar 2022	GODLESS TRUTH	Godless Truth	
04 Mar 2022	НАТН	All That Was Promised	
04 Mar 2022	MIDNIGHT	Let There Be Witchery	
04 Mar 2022	SABATON	The War To End All Wars	
04 Mar 2022	UNRU	Die Wiederkehr des	
04 Mar 2022	VIO-LENCE	Let the World Burn	
04 Mar 2022	WARPATH	Disharmonic Revelations	
25 Feb 2022	ALLEGAEON	Damnum	
25 Feb 2022	ARTISAN	The Stain of Life	
25 Feb 2022	CEREMONIAL CASTINGS	Our Journey through	
25 Feb 2022	CORPSEGRINDER	Corpsegrinder	
25 Feb 2022	FALL OF STASIS	The Chronophagist	
25 Feb 2022	HAMMERFALL	Hammer of Dawn	
25 Feb 2022	INSINERATEHYMN	Disembodied	
25 Feb 2022	MESLAMTAEA	Weemoedsklanken	
25 Feb 2022	RITUAL NECROMANCY /	Split	
25 Feb 2022	TURPENTINE VALLEY	Alder	
24 Feb 2022	OCINN	The Forest	
22 Feb 2022	BOTTLEKOPF	The Jokes Are Over	
18 Feb 2022	ABSOLVA	Fire in the Sky	
18 Feb 2022	ANNIHILATOR	, Metal II	
18 Feb 2022	IMMOLATION	Acts of God	
18 Feb 2022	KLUIZENAER	Ein Abbild der Leere	
18 Feb 2022	MÆNTRA	Kundalini Rising	
18 Feb 2022	OBŠAR	Počornily Horŷ, Počornily	
18 Feb 2022	VULCAN TYRANT	Vulcanocide	
17 Feb 2022	SCHIZOPHRENIA	Recollections of the Insane	
12 Feb 2022	ANGEL RISING	Immortal Volition	
11 Feb 2022	ONCE HUMAN	Scar Weaver	
11 Feb 2022	THEANDRIC	Flight Among the Tombs	
05 Feb 2022	ТҮМО	The Art of a Maniac	
04 Feb 2022	GOLGOTHAN	Leech	
04 Feb 2022 04 Feb 2022	OPENSIGHT	Mondo Fiction	
04 Feb 2022 04 Feb 2022	THE FINAL SLEEP	Vessels of Grief	
28 Jan 2022	AEGRUS		
28 Jan 2022 28 Jan 2022		The Carnal Temples	
	AMOTH	The Hour of the Wolf	
28 Jan 2022	ANGELBLAST	Throne of Ashes EP	

28 Jan 2022	BURNED IN EFFIGY	Rex Mortem
28 Jan 2022	COFFIN FEEDER	Stereo Homicide
28 Jan 2022	DEPLETED URANIUM	Origins
28 Jan 2022	KINGS AND LIARS	Transition Animals
28 Jan 2022	TORMENTOR TYRANT	Tormentor Tyrant
26 Jan 2022	INVERTIA	The Quiver
25 Jan 2022	TRISKELYON	Triskelyon EP
23 Jan 2022	SUPERMODEL	A Whorer Story
		Demanifestation: Hymns of Destruction and
22 Jan 2022	FIAT NOX	Nothingness EP
21 Jan 2022	FERAL	Spiritual Void
14 Jan 2022	GORESKINCOFFIN	Release My Suffering
14 Jan 2022	ТҮНЈӒ	Valtakunta
14 Jan 2022	WIEGEDOOD	There's Always Blood at the
14 Jan 2022	ELECTROMANCY	Technopagan
14 Jan 2022	CRAWL BELOW	Its Ministers on Earth
14 Jan 2022	ECRYPTUS	Kyr'am Beskar
07 Jan 2022	HELLERUIN / DE	Invincible / Ω
07 Jan 2022	SEVEN NINES AND TENS	Over Opiated in a Forest of Whispering Speakers
31 Dec 2021	FERNWAH	Approaching Oblivion
30 Dec 2021	PSILOCYBE LARVAE	Where Silence Dwells
28 Dec 2021	PRIMALFROST	Lost Elegies
17 Dec 2021	BANGOVER	Close Encounters of the
17 Dec 2021	DECEREBRATION	Follow the Scars
17 Dec 2021	DIABLERY	Candles
17 Dec 2021	FUNERAL MIST	Deiform
17 Dec 2021	GOREGRAVE	Murder Mayhem
17 Dec 2021	IMPACT 36	Endless
17 Dec 2021	JUST BEFORE DAWN	In the Realm of Ash and
17 Dec 2021	MURDER VAN	Crooked Smiles EP
17 Dec 2021	REEK	P*rn for S*t*n
17 Dec 2021	ROBES OF SNOW	A Tale of Lost Seasons
17 Dec 2021	TORII	Torii
10 Dec 2021	DETEST	We Will Get What We
10 Dec 2021	EFYD	Like Shadows
10 Dec 2021	FUNERAL	Praesentialis in Aeternum
10 Dec 2021	LHAÄD	Below
10 Dec 2021	MALIGNANT ALTAR	Realms of Exquisite
10 Dec 2021	NOXIS/CAVERN WOMB	Communion of Corrupted
10 Dec 2021	RAT KING	Santa Hypocresía EP
10 Dec 2021	SORCERER	Reverence
10 Dec 2021	MALIGNANT ALTAR	Entitled Realms of
10 Dec 2021	PYREXIA	Gravitas Maximus
10 Dec 2021	ZOMBIEKRIG	Dödstecken
03 Dec 2021	AQUILUS	Bellum
03 Dec 2021	MALACODA	The Year Walk EP
03 Dec 2021	CROM	Into the Glory Land EP
03 Dec 2021	CUTTERED FLESH	Sharing is Caring
03 Dec 2021	DEAD WAR	Grandfather of War EP

03 Dec 2021	DECEREBRATION	Follow the Scare	
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03 Dec 2021 03 Dec 2021	DEVIN TOWNSEND	The Puzzle	
03 Dec 2021 03 Dec 2021	DORMANT ORDEAL		
03 Dec 2021 03 Dec 2021	HANDS OF DESPAIR	The Grand Scheme of Things	
03 Dec 2021 03 Dec 2021	MANIMAL	The Crimson Boughs	
03 Dec 2021 03 Dec 2021	MANIMAL MAX PIE	Armageddon Passongors	
03 Dec 2021 03 Dec 2021	OFERMOD	Passengers Mysterium Iniquitatis	
03 Dec 2021 03 Dec 2021	REDEMPTOR	, ,	
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03 Dec 2021 03 Dec 2021	UNDER THE CHURCH	Victory in Blood Total Burial	
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03 Dec 2021 03 Dec 2021	WOLFTOOTH	Servant of the Mind Blood & Iron	
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03 Dec 2021 03 Dec 2021	GEN*CIDE PACT	Gen*cide Pact	
27 Nov 2021	HELL MACHINE	Relentless Aggression	
27 NOV 2021 26 Nov 2021	ARCHGOAT	Worship the Eternal	
26 Nov 2021 26 Nov 2021	LOCKUP		
26 Nov 2021 26 Nov 2021	CYNIC	The Dregs of Hades	
26 Nov 2021 26 Nov 2021	Negură Bunget	Ascension Codes Zău	
26 Nov 2021 26 Nov 2021	HAUNDEAD	Freedom Won't Save Our	
26 Nov 2021 26 Nov 2021	RHAPSODY OF FIRE	Glory for Salvation	
26 Nov 2021 26 Nov 2021	BENOTHING		
26 Nov 2021 26 Nov 2021	BLACK LABEL SOCIETY	Temporal Bliss Surrealms Doom Crew Inc.	
26 Nov 2021 26 Nov 2021	IN MOURNING	The Bleeding Veil	
26 Nov 2021 26 Nov 2021	MONOCHROMATIC BLACK	Vicissitude	
26 Nov 2021 26 Nov 2021	OPERA DIABOLICUS	Death on a Pale Horse	
26 Nov 2021 26 Nov 2021	REPENTANCE	Volume I Reborn	
26 Nov 2021 26 Nov 2021	RELUX	Erebus Virtuosis Alpha	
26 Nov 2021 26 Nov 2021	VICTORY	Gods of Tomorrow	
26 Nov 2021	HYPOCRISY	Worship	
26 Nov 2021	APSU	Proscriptor McGovern's	
26 Nov 2021	MORGUILIATH	Occult Sins, New Unholy	
26 Nov 2021	BENOTHING	Temporal Bliss Surrealms	
19 Nov 2021	CONSECRATION	Reanimated EP	
19 Nov 2021	WH*REDOM RIFE	Winds of Wrath	
19 Nov 2021	THE LURKING FEAR	Death, Madness, Horror,	
19 Nov 2021	DER WEG EINER	Noktvrn	
19 Nov 2021	HEMELBESTORMER	Collide & Merge	
19 Nov 2021	MISANTHROPE	Temple of the Dark Light	
19 Nov 2021	OBSCURA	A Valediction	
19 Nov 2021	TYRANNIC	Mortuus Decadence	
19 Nov 2021	EXODUS	Persona Non Grata	
19 Nov 2021	stranguliatorius	Doctor's Orders: Do Not Touch!	
19 Nov 2021	NERVOCHAOS	Dug Up (Diabolical	
19 Nov 2021	FIREWÖLFE	Conquer All Fear	

19 Nov 2021	STILLBIRTH	Strain ogf Gods EP
19 Nov 2021	NIGHTLAND	The Great Nothing
19 Nov 2021	ABSCESSION	Rot of Ages
19 Nov 2021	GODLESS	States of Chaos
19 Nov 2021	W.E.B.	Colosseum
19 Nov 2021	THROUGH MISTS	Portents EP
19 Nov 2021	TEMPERANCE	Diamanti
17 Nov 2021	PROSPECTORS	Proven Lands
12 Nov 2021	DARKWOODS MY	Angel of Carnage Unleashed
12 Nov 2021	UNLEASHED	No Sign of Life
12 Nov 2021	DELPHIAN	Somnambulant Foregoer
12 Nov 2021	HYPERDONTIA	Hideous Entity
12 Nov 2021	RHINE	Ausland
05 Nov 2021	BRYAN ECKERMANN	Plague Bringers
05 Nov 2021	MORTIFERUM	Preserved in Torment
05 Nov 2021	GAAHLS WYRD	The Humming Mountain EP
05 Nov 2021	OMNIUM GATHERUM	Origin
05 Nov 2021	SVPREMACIST	Meaningless Death
01 Nov 2021	EXTERMINIO	Eutanasia
31 Oct 2021	OUTRE-TOMBE	Abysse Mortifere
31 Oct 2021	KROMORTH	Opposition
29 Oct 2021	TÖHIL	Trophy of Skulls
29 Oct 2021	SUNLESS	Ylem
29 Oct 2021	ARCHSPIRE	Bleed the Future
		Inner Gateways to the Slumbering Equilibrium
29 Oct 2021	BURIAL	at the Center of Cosmos
29 Oct 2021	HELHEIM	Woduridar
29 Oct 2021	BE'LAKOR	Coherence
29 Oct 2021	CULT OF EIBON	Black Flame Dominion
29 Oct 2021	OPHIS	Spew Forth Odium
29 Oct 2021	RUNNING WILD	Blood on Blood
29 Oct 2021	SULPHUROUS	The Black Mouth of
29 Oct 2021	VOMIT SPELL	Vomit Spell
29 Oct 2021	THULCANDRA	A Dying Wish
29 Oct 2021	GOAT TORMENT	Forked Tongues
28 Oct 2021	ARDE	Ancestral Cult
25 Oct 2021	CONJURETH	Majestic Dissolve
22 Oct 2021	BLOODRED HOURGLASS	Your Highness
22 Oct 2021	COGNOS	Cognos
22 Oct 2021	EXHUMED	Worming EP
22 Oct 2021	MASSACRE	Resurgence
22 Oct 2021	NECROFIER	Prophecies of Eternal
22 Oct 2021	OBSCURA	A Malediction EP
22 Oct 2021	RAVENOUS E.H.	Hubris
22 Oct 2021	RUDE	Outer Reaches EP
22 Oct 2021	ZORNHEYM	The Zornheim Sleep
22 Oct 2021	1914	Where Fear and Weapons
22 Oct 2021	CRADLE OF FILTH	Existence is Futile
22 Oct 2021	LE CHANT NOIR	La Société Satanique des

22 Oct 2021		Foundation FD	
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08 Oct 2021		Imperial Congregation	
08 Oct 2021	SPIRITUAL DECEPTION	Oxymoron EP	
08 Oct 2021 08 Oct 2021	CREEPING DEATH	The Edge of Existence EP	
	GUS G	Quantum Leap	
08 Oct 2021	TRIVIUM	In the Court of the Dragon	
08 Oct 2021		A Distant Fire	
08 Oct 2021	DEATH'S REEF	A Whisper from the Cosmos	
08 Oct 2021	ANTICHRIST SIEGE	Purifying Blade	
08 Oct 2021	DRITTMASKIN	Svartpønk	
08 Oct 2021		Worship What You Fear	
08 Oct 2021	ATRÆ BILIS	Apexapien Drimordial Tomb	
08 Oct 2021		Primordial Tomb	
08 Oct 2021	TESTER GIER	Wielkie Kontrakty, Duże	
08 Oct 2021	VOIDFALLEN	The Atlas of Spiritual	
08 Oct 2021	EOS	Les Corps s'Entrechoquent	
08 Oct 2021	THE BREATHING	Labyrinthian	
08 Oct 2021	BLACK SITES	Untrue	
08 Oct 2021		Rotten Doctrines	
08 Oct 2021	EVIL HUNTER	Lockdown	
08 Oct 2021	BLAMAGE	D!cktator	
08 Oct 2021	NAKARA	In Tenebris	
08 Oct 2021	DEATH'S EMINENCE	In a Hideous Dream Made	
01 Oct 2021	SCHAVOT	Galgenbrok	
01 Oct 2021	CHARRED	Prayers of Malediction	
01 Oct 2021	BARREN	Thralled are Those who	
01 Oct 2021	ENSLAVED	Caravans to the Outer	
01 Oct 2021	EXHORTED	Old Bastards Never Die	
01 Oct 2021	FULL OF HELL	Garden of Burning	
01 Oct 2021	GRAVERED	Coffins Graves and Tombs	
01 Oct 2021	KATAVASIA	Invoking the Spirit of Doom	
01 Oct 2021	KRYPTOS MALGÖTH	Force of Danger	
01 Oct 2021		Glory Through Savagery	
01 Oct 2021	VENEFIXION MINISTRY	A Sigh from Below	
01 Oct 2021 24 Sep 2021	WITHERING SOUL	Moral Hygiene	
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24 Sep 2021 24 Sep 2021		The Work	
	STAGEWAR	Danger to Ourselves	
17 Sep 2021	CARCASS ANOMALY	Torn Arteries	
17 Sep 2021	ALIEN WEAPONRY	Planet Storm	
17 Sep 2021		Tangaroa Aggression Continuum (The	
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17 Sep 2021		Agent Moon EP	
17 Sep 2021	THE TROOPS OF DOOM	The Absence of Light EP	
17 Sep 2021	ZORNHEYM	Slumber Comes in Time EP	

17 Sep 2021	ALDORFREA	In Deepest Isolation	
17 Sep 2021	NOROTH Harbinger		
17 Sep 2021	OCCULSED	Crepitation of Phlegethon	
15 Sep 2021	BLAMES GOD	Alteration of the Hallow	
13 Sep 2021	CHAOSHORDE Hordes Arising		
10 Sep 2021	ABORTED Maniacult		
10 Sep 2021	SEEDS OF PERDITION	Suffering of the Dead	
10 Sep 2021	CULT BURIAL	Oblivion EP	
10 Sep 2021	CRISIX	The Pizza EP	
10 Sep 2021	LVCIFYRE	The Broken Seal	
10 Sep 2021	PA VESH EN	Maniac Manifest	
10 Sep 2021	REPLICANT	Malignant Reality	
10 Sep 2021	SEVEN SPIRES	Gods of Debauchery	
10 Sep 2021	TRAPPIST	Cross Faded	
03 Sep 2021	IRON MAIDEN	Senjutsu	
28 Aug 2021	FERAL LORD	Purity of Corruption	
27 Aug 2021	FLUISTERAARS	Gegrepen Door de Geest de	
27 Aug 2021	THYRFING	Vanagandr	
27 Aug 2021	EX DEO	The Thirteen Years of Nero	
27 Aug 2021	RUIN	Spread Plague Death	
20 Aug 2021	WOLVES IN THE THRONE	Primordial Arcana	
20 Aug 2021	DEAFHEAVEN	Infinite Granite	
20 Aug 2021	BLASPHEMOUS	Forsaken Dynasty	
13 Aug 2021	ALL LIFE DIES	Ghost Dust	
13 Aug 2021	IMPERIAL SLAUGHTER	Vile Slobs	
13 Aug 2021	VAELMYST	Secrypts of the	
13 Aug 2021	INFEX	Burning in Exile	
13 Aug 2021	FLESHBORE	Embers Gathering	
30 Jul 2021	COVERED IN SORES	Civilian Casualties	
24 Jul 2021	MORTHIBUS	Unspeakable Cult EP	
23 Jul 2021	CRAVEN IDOL	Forked Tongues	
16 Jul 2021	SNOGARD	Moral Presence, Corrupt	
09 Jul 2021	SEPIROTH	Condemned to Suffer	
09 Jul 2021	NIGHT CROWNED	Hädanfärd	
09 Jul 2021	ΜΑΥΗΕΜ	Atavistic Black Disorder	
09 Jul 2021	QRIXKUOR	Poison Palinopsia	
02 Jul 2021	AT THE GATES	The Nightmare of Being	
02 Jul 2021	NOCTAMBULIST	The Barren Form	
02 Jul 2021	MANNVEIRA	Vitahringur	
25 Jun 2021	PESTILENCE	Exitivm	
25 Jun 2021	AMENRA	De Doorn	
25 Jun 2021	DARKTHRONE	Eternal Hails	
25 Jun 2021	SUIDAKRA	Wolfbite	
25 Jun 2021	SXUPERION	Auscultating Astral	
25 Jun 2021	CATHEXIS	Untethered Abyss	
18 Jun 2021	ENTIERRO	El Camazotz	
18 Jun 2021	OXBLOOD FORGE	Decimator	
18 Jun 2021	SPASTICUS	F*ck Me Before I Die EP	
18 Jun 2021	BARREN	And Then There Were None	

18 Jun 2021	DECAYED	Old G
18 Jun 2021	FEAR FACTORY	Aggre
18 Jun 2021	HELLOWEEN	Hello
	WITCHVOMIT	Abho
16 Jun 2021	THÜN	Thün
11 Jun 2021	EXSANGUINATION	Spect
11 Jun 2021	CRYPTA	Echoe
11 Jun 2021	MACHINE HEAD	Arrov
11 Jun 2021	THIS ENDING	Need
04 Jun 2021	FLOTSAM AND JETSAM	Blood
04 Jun 2021	OSSAERT	Pelgr
04 Jun 2021	NECRONEMESIS	Some
04 Jun 2021	DESASTER	Churc
04 Jun 2021	INHUMAN CONDITION	Rat°C
04 Jun 2021	MAIDEN UNITED	Sailoi
01 Jun 2021	KILLING ADDICTION	Mind
28 May 2021	DÖDSRIT	Mort
28 May 2021	THRONUM VRONDOR	Dies
28 May 2021	IMPALED NAZARENE	Eight
28 May 2021	UNFATHOMABLE	Dece
28 May 2021	PORTAL	Hagb
28 May 2021	CIRITH UNGOL	Hell F
28 May 2021	BURNING WITCHES	The V
28 May 2021	HELLRYDER	The D
28 May 2021	REJECT THE SICKNESS	While
27 May 2021	ADARRAK	Ex Or
15 May 2021	MILLSTONE	Isle
14 May 2021	GRAVE MIASMA	Abys
14 May 2021	THE BLEEDING	Rise I
14 May 2021	SOLANUM	Rulec
13 May 2021	LUGUBRUM	Bruyr
07 May 2021	SETH	Seth
07 May 2021	SOLSTICE	Casti
07 May 2021	LED TO THE GRAVE	Pray
05 May 2021	OUTLAW	Deatl
30 Apr 2021	EVILE	Hell L
30 Apr 2021		Visio
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30 Apr 2021	YELLOWTOOTH	The B
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09 Apr 2021 09 Apr 2021	BLAZE BAYLEY	War Within Me	
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02 Apr 2021	KARMA VIOLENS	v Mount of the	
31 Mar 2021	OBVURT	The Beginning	
26 Mar 2021	MEMORIAM	To The End	
26 Mar 2021	AARA	Triade I: EOS	
26 Mar 2021	GHOSTS OF ATLANTIS	Devil's Dawn	
26 Mar 2021	DECLINE OF THE I	Johannes	
19 Mar 2021	ВАТИЅНКА	Carju Niebiesnyj EP	
19 Mar 2021	NECROTTED	Operation: Mental	
19 Mar 2021	AGENT STEEL	No Other Godz Before Me	
19 Mar 2021	TAAKE / HELHEIM	Split single	
12 Mar 2021	MAUSOLEUM / ANATOMIA		
12 Mar 2021	SLEEPLESS	, Blood Libel EP	
05 Mar 2021	WOLVENNEST	Temple	
05 Mar 2021	WOLFHEART	Skull Soldiers	
05 Mar 2021	BAEST	Necro Sapiens	
05 Mar 2021	NIGHTFALL	At Night We Prey	
01 Mar 2021	ABOMINABLE PUTRIDITY	Parasitic Metamorphosis	
26 Feb 2021	EINHERJER	North Star	
26 Feb 2021	MOONSPELL	Hermitage	
26 Feb 2021	GRACELESS / REVEL IN	Deathbound (split single)	
20 Feb 2021	GOTMOOR	Zonderlingen	
19 Feb 2021	HARAKIRI FOR THE SKY	Maere	
19 Feb 2021	THE AMENTA	Revelator	
19 Feb 2021	BAEST	Genesis	
19 Feb 2021	SUFFERING HOUR	The Cyclic Reckoning	
14 Feb 2021	DETRITIVOR	Scattered Remains	
05 Feb 2021	ALKERDEEL	Slonk	
05 Feb 2021	ANGELUS APATRIDA	Angelus Apatrida	
02 Feb 2021	MATT MILLER	Decrepit Shed	
29 Jan 2021	ETERNAL AUTUMN	To Tame the Impaler EP	
29 Jan 2021	SPLENDIDULA	Somnus	
29 Jan 2021	ACCEPT	Too Mean To Die	
29 Jan 2021	TRIBULATION	Where the Gloom Becomes	
29 Jan 2021	MORDKAUL	Dress Code: Blood	
29 Jan 2021	NIGHTMARE BELOW	Ghosts	
23 Jan 2021		Torture Banished	
22 Jan 2021	ASPHYX	Necroceros	
22 Jan 2021 22 Jan 2021	NERVOSA SCHEITAN	Perpetual Chaos	
15 Jan 2021	FIREFORCE	Deathgoth Baga of War	
15 Jan 2021 14 Jan 2021	DESTROY HUMANITY	Rage of War Hypnopompia	
14 Jan 2021 13 Jan 2021	GATECREEPER	An Unexpected Reality	
13 Jan 2021 11 Jan 2021	VERDOEMD	Howling Mountain	
08 Jan 2021	FROZEN SOUL	Crypt of Ice	
	MALAKHIM		
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08 Jan 2021	MOTHER OF GRAVES	In Somber Dreams
11 Dec 2020	DEEDS OF FLESH	Nucleus
10 Dec 2020	BARK	Written in Stone
08 Dec 2020	ABIGOR	Totschläger (A Saintslayer's
04 Dec 2020	PROFANITY	Frzgments of Solace
04 Dec 2020	IRON SAVIOR	Skycrest
04 Dec 2020	IRON MASK	Master of Masters
04 Dec 2020	SERPENT'S OATH	Nihil
04 Dec 2020	UNDERGANG	Aldrig I Livet
01 Dec 2020	FUNERAL WINDS	Screaming for Resurrection
29 Nov 2020	DEN OF INIQUITY	Legions of Sin EP
27 Nov 2020	REVOLTING	The Shadow at the World's
27 Nov 2020	AZARATH	Saint Desecration
27 Nov 2020	PSYCROPTIC	The Watcher of All EP
27 Nov 2020	SODOM	Genesis XIX
27 Nov 2020	CADAVER	Edder & Bile
20 Nov 2020	SKELETHAL	Unveiling the Threshold
20 Nov 2020	MY DYING BRIDE	Macabre Cabaret EP
20 Nov 2020	NADER SADEK	The Serapeum
18 Nov 2020	OF FEATHER AND BONE	Sulfuric Disintegration
15 Nov 2020	ANARAZEL	Iconoclastic Rebirth
13 Nov 2020	MACABRE	Carnival of Killers
13 Nov 2020	SOULBURN	Noa's D'ark
13 Nov 2020	PUTERAEON	Call from the Death City
10 Nov 2020	CONJURETH	The Leviathan Manifest
06 Nov 2020	FURIA	Noumenon EP
06 Nov 2020	CULT BURIAL	Cult Burial
31 Oct 2020	SAILLE	MMXX EP
30 Oct 2020	BLISS OF FLESH	Tyrant
30 Oct 2020	INSIDIOUS DISEASE	After Death
30 Oct 2020	ANTZAAT	For You Men Who Gaze into the Sun
30 Oct 2020	CARCASS	Despicable EP
30 Oct 2020	CONVULSE	Deathstar
30 Oct 2020	GRAFVITNIR	Death's Wings Widespread
30 Oct 2020	SVARTSYN	Requiem
30 Oct 2020	THEM	Return to Hemmersmoor
29 Oct 2020	POWERSTROKE	The Path Against All Others
23 Oct 2020	MÖRK GRYNING	Hinsides Vrede
23 Oct 2020	MORS PRINCIPIUM EST	Seven
16 Oct 2020	BENEDICTION	Scriptures
09 Oct 2020	NECROPHOBIC	Dawn of the Damned
02 Oct 2020	CELESTIAL SEASON	The Secret Teachings
02 Oct 2020	ANAAL NATRAKH	Endarkenment
02 Oct 2020	SIX FEET UNDER	Nightmares of the
02 Oct 2020	ENSLAVED	Utgard
02 Oct 2020	CADAVERIA	Return
02 Oct 2020	BLEEDSKIN	Blood Reign
02 Oct 2020	ISENGARD	Vårjevndøgn
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25 Sep 2020	LIK	Misanthro
25 Sep 2020	MORTA SKULD	Suffer for
25 Sep 2020	HEXX	Entangled
25 Sep 2020	MARCHE FUNEBRE	Einderlich
25 Sep 2020	CRUX TENEBRIS	Incinerate
25 Sep 2020	BESTIAL MOCKERY	Evoke the
25 Sep 2020	JUST BEFORE DAWN	An Army d
25 Sep 2020	VARATHRON	Glorificati
18 Sep 2020	NAPALM DEATH	Throes of
18 Sep 2020	CARNATION	Where De
18 Sep 2020	HEATHEN	Empire of
18 Sep 2020	MAAHES	Reincarna
11 Sep 2020	DARKENED	Kingdom
11 Sep 2020	SKELETAL REMAINS	The Enton
11 Sep 2020	IHSAHN	Pharos EP
04 Sep 2020	DESOLATOR	Sermon og
04 Sep 2020	COBRA SPELL	Love Vend
01 Sep 2020	THURISAZ	Re-incent
28 Aug 2020	NECROT	Mortal
24 Aug 2020	VLOED	Darkness
21 Aug 2020	INCANTATION	Sect of Vil
21 Aug 2020	MERCYLESS	Mother oj
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24 Apr 2020	BONES	Gate of N
27 Mar 2020	GRACELESS	Where Vu
21 May 2019	RETERNITY	Facing the
22 Mar 2019	THE FLAYING	Angry, Un
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