

Coronatus

Terra Incognita

Rda Fletcher tells us about their fourth album





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A band with revolving doors and members staying for a few seconds before moving on, that is something that has been a fact all way through Coronatus' career. We had the fortune to ask returning member Ada Fletcher a few questions about their recent album 'Terra Incognita' and about the ever changing members.

Line-up changes

'Terra Incognita' can be described as a metaphor for how the band decided to start over after many changes in line up, according to Ada it can be described as describing an emergence into the unknown. 'Terra Incognita' of course means unknown land for you who wasn't aware and the feels a bit like a fitting title for this once again new formation of a band where all that remains from its

first emergence is the name.

The Biggest difference between 'Terra Incognita' and it's predecessor 'Fabula Magna' can be found in the new voices according to Ada who is one of those voices having just returned to the band after som absense.

- In addition to that, the songs appear more straight comparing them to the songs on the previous albums.

The musical style has still remained more or less the same in a

bigger perspective with the double female vocals and the power metal/gothic musical style that we have heard on 'Porta Obscura' and 'Fabula Magna'. With new line up comes changes not only in personal and voices, the new people also brought new ideas to the writing so we see an evolved yet typical Coronatus sound.

- Despite of the problems such changes imply it also fills the songwriting with new life and so far the changes have not affected

the process negatively; Ada explains how the song writing of the band is effected by the changes in line up.

But why is it so hard to keep a steady line up for this band?

- That's a good question indeed. So far, mostly individual changes, decisions or problems forced former members to leave. We're hopeful, however, to keep our current line-up for a much longer, so the band might remain unchanged until to the next album.

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- Oh, I think I can not objectively answer this, Ada explains when I ask about how Ada handles her new role as soprano. I think I did a quite good job keeping in mind, that it was the first time for me to sing soprano.

According to Ada Coronatus are always trying to improve their sound but she thinks it is hard to tell wether or not 'Terra Incognita' is better than its prede-



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cessor but that they are satisfied with the album and are hopeful that it will be more convincing than ever.

- Reviews are not always that positive but generally speaking, they never were. There is a large range resulting from the people's different taste in music.

I didn't notice that reviews were less positive when I researched this band for the review I did a while back and this review was quite positive and the same goes for the fans' reaction to the album.

- The fans' feedback has been great, they really appreciate out

new work.

So, not the best reviews but good reaction from the fans for Coronatus, if I were to chose I would probably chose a good relation with the fans rather than the press, after all it is the fans that buy the albums. Speaking of the album, in our review we stated that *Saint Slayer* probably was the greatest track on the album and when asking Ada about the that she seems to agree with me.

- Personally, I like *Saint Slayer* the most but currently my favourites change once a week, so I might have to revise this answer in a while.

Touring and ending

So what about touring then, will the Coronatus be touring to promote their album? According to Ada that is the plan but so far they have no set plans or offers for any tours so you who desire to watch them will have to wait and see, and according to Ada the wait will be worth it as the band is a good live band.

- Definitely! I think our last tour with Haggard demonstrated our live qualities, especially Mareike did an excellent job.

Touring is just one of the upcoming plans for Coronatus, getting

rich and famous is another but so far they have not been thinking of a new album yet, perhaps they were adhering to the advice we offered in our review. But speaking of rich and famous, are Coronatus a popular band? on our website they are but Ada is not so sure that they have reached as far as they could or wanted.

- Platforms, such as facebook and youtube are offering us a much larger audience but actually it is hard to say how many people all over the world really have heard of us. I think we haven't reached as many people as we'd want to.

In the past Coronatus have been releasing albums in a rapid pace for a band making and releasing music today, and with four albums since 2007 makes them probably one of the busiest bands these days. Still it has been quite busy for the band and not so easy.

- Yes, we're pretty busy, releasing one album a year was a hard task and we could not always work as fast as we wanted to. Actually we have not been thinking of the next album yet but I think sooner or later we have to start thinking about it.

If the past is any indication we

can probably await a new album late 2012 or maybe early 2013 but that is of course only speculations as the band has not even begun thinking of a new album yet. If you want to know more about the band, visit our Coronatus site with all our reviews and articles about the band, if you want the latest, visit the band's website for news and all stuff Coronatus and with that I just leave the ending to Ada Fletcher:

- Hope to meet you soon at concerts all over the world, until then: enjoy our new album, it's worth your attention.