



Brutal thrash maniacs with their mindset in times long gone and being from Germany The Prophecy bring us their new album called ...To the Pit which is a Brutal

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Thrash Metal album according to the band. Hallowed.se got the luxury to discuss a few things with Hannes who handles the thrash vocals and guitars, he answered some of our questions for us to write a little about the band.

The band was founded back in 2002 and has since 2006 the line up they have today with Hannes on guitar and thrash vocals, Dennis on guitar, Florian on drums, Tobias on bass and death vocals. I asked who the band was since I had no real idea other than what I had read in the promotional information about the band so what about them? - We are four brutal thrash maniacs who love it to play live and kick peoples' asses with crazy moshaction in the pit! says Hannes.

Inspirations & ambitions

This new album has a record

cover that is painted by an artist that has been on Mad magazine they play music that reminds many of what was made in the great era of the thrash music, the eighties and that is also one of the inspirations for the band. - As well as grooving death bands and a little bit of that old school hardcore stuff, explains Hannes and fills in with: - Pumped with pizza and canned beer, we are always looking for new inspirations, for example during a BBQ party with friends ("A Backpack Full Of Fleshsnacks") or crappy trash-movies like "Surf Nazis Must Die".

The musical scene today is a difficult one but that does not stop these guys from having ambitious plans for their future in music. The closer goals are not overly ambitious but the deeper plans are much bigger than that, world domination is the ultimate goal for these guys and that is something they are planning in the long term, but for now the goals are a little more modest. - We want to have fun and action with our metal, publishing cool records and deliver hot shows, and then he adds: - Beside that, we're planning the world domination.

It remains to be seen if world domination through music will be possible, but they might be



planning it in more ways than that.

...To the Pit

... To the Pit is the first album through a label released by this band and it is released through well-known label Massacre Records who have many metal bands under their wings. It is a brutal thrash metal album according to Hannes with a variation of songs ranging from brutal and fast to funny. They call it brutal

thrash because it is thrash with thrash attitude with the added brutal grunts of the more extreme metal.

Speaking of a thing and ideas is one thing but the question is wether or not the album turned out how the band wanted it to or not. So did it? - We wanted to take the spirit of our concerts to the studio and press this feeling on CD and I think we succeeded very well in doing this.

So what about the result, are the

band happy with what they have accomplished or not? The review in this magazine was positive, not overwhelmingly positive but positive nonetheless but what about the band? are they positive about what they achieved? - Definitely! The album was recorded at "Big Fat Studios", Germany and produced by Nils Lesser and Dick S. Chopper. The guys did a really great job and we are 100% satisfied with the results of sound and production. Hannes explains.



Mad artwork

I mentioned the artwork earlier, it is quite a distinctive cover this record has and it is made by Marvin Clifford who have done work for well-known Mad magazine.

It is a white cover with a green guy that according to Hannes is a typical brutal thrash maniac who drunken climbs out of a pit engulfed in nuclear steam. - We are big comic fans and love the work of Marvin Clifford since years. It's a great honor to work with a professional and well established artist, Hannes explains and then goes on to say that it was not too difficult to sell the idea and get Marvin to work with them as he was fascinated by the project and the music of the band. If you visit a record store somewhere or look at one online it is certain that the cover of the album will stand out from others in the genre.

Reactions

This album has been quite promoted by Massacre with lots of news making its way into hallowed's news mail and they have their own youtube channel that has been promoted through these mails so they have had some promotion but what has been the reaction from the media and fans? - We are overwhelmed by the many good reactions to "To The Pit" from media and fans, not only in Germany but in other countries as Greece, France, England and even the US.

These good reactions have led to some media coverage and doing interviews and all of what that entitles. According to Hannes it is all quite an amazing thing considering that they had not even thought of anything like that just a few months ago. - It's all pretty amazing for us, he states.

Touring

Touring seems to be something never undertaken by others than the really biggish bands and to those bands does Hannes and his bandmates not yet belong, but still they might be an exception having loads of tourdates planned or something in that fashion.

Usually bands of this size play some local gigs and festivals and that is what is planned at the moment for this band as well. - We play club gigs and festivals in Germany and Switzerland this year and we're planning to play bigger shows and some bigger festivals next summer. Maybe we can get on the road and play a tour, Hannes explain and also points out that they are looking forward to getting to know the European Metal scene during the coming year.

Near Future

A label debut and real debut album is often only the beginning and early in the career plans and hopes are often high, so what about the plans for The Prophecy²³ in the near future? - Now we gonna play our asses off on stage and then, maybe next year, we're planning to record the second strike. We have a couple of cool ideas for the next album.

The band also has their own TV-show called "PROPHECY-TV" on youtube on which they do stuff and their own youtube channel with lots of stuff according to Hannes who recommends that you visit their channel on youtube or their official website at www.theprophecy23.de for more info.

He ends with - We hope to see you in the pit at one of our concerts!

And with that we thank Hannes for his time and information, for more information read or review and visit the band's official website for more information.

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