

disbelief

Twenty years ago something happened in Germany, something wonderful some would say, something good maybe others would and something useless some probably would say, I think some of everything said happened that year as well as any other year really. What also happened was that a band called Disbelief was formed by some German bloke called Doug, not really Doug but Karsten "Jagger" Jäger and his friends and that same Jagger is who took his time to answer all our crazy and useless questions

I tend to think of making music as something fun but it is not always so, "When I started to form Disbelief I was searching for very good musicians to make aggressive music" Jagger explains. "I was thinking of a serious project, so the main thing was no fun, it was always the magic of music."

The magic of music is surely a good reason for making music and there must be quite a bit of magic in order to keep going for twenty years, after all it is quite a long time. A lot has surely happened during this time, Jagger don't really want to go into any details from that time, "I can tell you so much things, twenty years are so long, the half of my life. The music, our shows and the fans gave me so much power.

All of those experiences that we make, to share the stages with so many great bands, to meet such great people, that's the essence of life. I'm very thankful for that and I'll miss nothing."

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Jagger about his career

me a lot of good and bad things might happen, and this worst thing lead to the record called Worst Enemy, "There was a big trouble time in the year 1999 within the band, so this time was very difficult and the worst

thing. After that time we've released our third CD", and that third CD had that same title as I just wrote. Of course thought, it is the good things that sustain you and keeps you going and for sure some of these have been present in the long career of Disbelief as well. This is what Jagger remembers: "Oh, there are so many best things happen 'til yet. For myself the tours with Bolt Thrower, Death Angel and our show at the legendary Dynamo Festival in Holland were really special, yeah!"

Heal

To celebrate these twenty years as a band Disbelief released an album called Heal, it is to be seen as a gift to their loyal and

supportive fans. "It was a really pleasure to work for this new album, because we want to that. It's sometimes a big charge adverse our fans when we write songs and to hold on with the band, so we're very lucky with the result of Heal."

Often bands say that their latest album is their best to date and for sure it might be that way as in these album goes the most knowledge and the most experience those bands have accumulated during the years. For Disbelief it is a bit different as Heal is not a complete album in that sense and therefore it is different, but still good, "it's a fantastic album but not a real one" Jagger explains and points out that it is a special album for their anniversary and not a real one.

There are some other differences with this album other than the not being the complete album, it is also the first album the band has produced themselves. One might wonder a little why a band who have been at it for

twenty years all of a sudden wish to produce an album. "We want to make this experience. We get this possibility because our guitar player Witali Weber has his own studio (Fillitalli Studio) and so we are in the position to do that" Jagger explains. There are of course a lot of good stuff following this fact of having access to an own studio, "It's a big difference because of the time that we have in the studio. In the past we've always not so much time as for the recordings of Heal! So I can say that it was the relaxed time ever in studio without pressure."

Maybe this relaxed state of mind in the studio is what triggered a higher rating in the Hallowed review for Heal than its predecessor. And, it is not only Hallowed that are liking the album, the band considers themselves pleased with the result of Heal as well as the process of creating it. In the process of creating this album and producing it the band has of course learnt some new stuff, "we've learned

so much of the producers with whom we've worked together in the past" Jagger explains. "The most important thing was to learn to be on your own authority because of the sound. To be sure that it sounds really good, that we're on the right path with what we do, that was sometimes not so easy" he continues.

Disbelief has not yet decided if they are to produce their next album themselves, "we'll talk about that soon" Jagger says to explain that no decision has been made yet. He also points out that the band with Heal showed that they are capable of pulling it off. "On the other hand it's always an adventure to work with a producer because of the big experiences that they have. To look what's going on with our sound when a sixth member at this moment work with us together" Jagger explains.

Something I always ask about when it comes to a band and their new records is if they are going to do any touring. Most bands will



not do that as they cannot afford it, touring cost a lot of money and it does not generate any for the bands. But how about Disbelief? "We'll go on tour at the second part of this year" Jagger explains, which for all fans of the band

must be seen as good news. "At the moment we'll working out all that it needs. Some packages are looking very interesting, at the next week we'll decide what happens, we'll inform the you and our fans then." At the moment of

writing this, no tour plans are announced but there are a few dates and festival confirmations for the band.

A Short Ending

So with this fresh album, it seems like a new start for the band, maybe they will now start producing their upcoming album. With Heal they have done something different at least and

something we here at Hallowed liked better than their usual material. As always we at Hallowed wish the band the best of luck on their upcoming endeavours. "All the best to our fans, support us furthermore, see you on tour!

Thank you for this interview and the support!" is the final words from Jagger and Disbelief.

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