



A band was formed back in 2005 in the small Austrian town of Rattenberg, it was formed by Marco Kern and the band got the name Garagedays. Marco's motivation was a dream from his youth to have a metal band and play good old heavy metal. First it was only to have a band then Marco got what he called "the fever" and wanted more.

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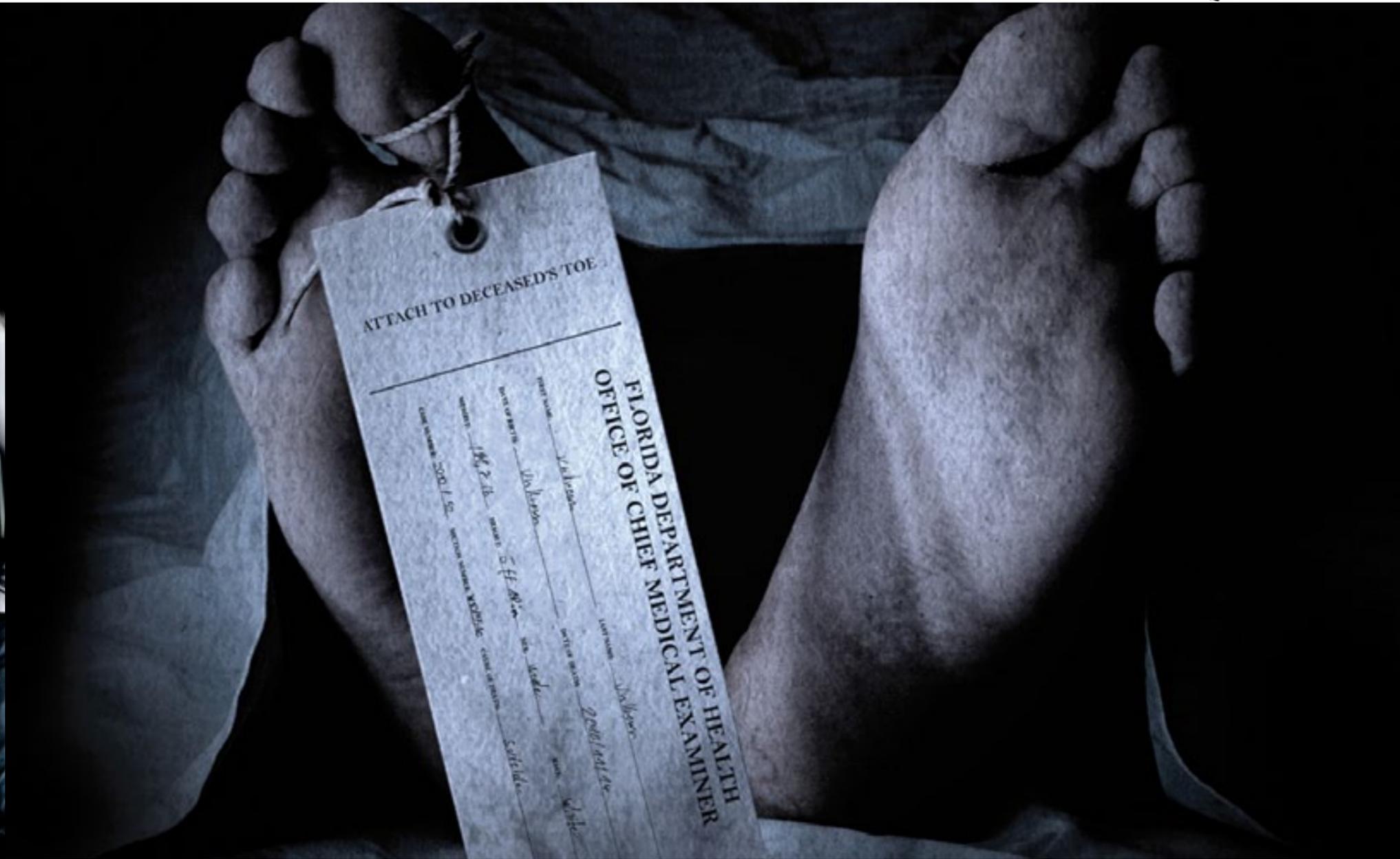
- So I wrote songs and we performed them live. The feedback was great and from this time on my only obsession was (and still is) to bring Garagedays to the people in the world, ex-

plains Marco Kern.

Otherwise Austria is not really that known internationally for their metal scene but according to Marco they do have a scene there in the Alp state. That scene is more of an underground scene and according to Marco it is not very easy for metal bands to be heard in Austria maybe something to do with culture.

- Our land is the land of silent tones, like Mozart but we also have some bands and they're a little known beyond the national border.

Still, this little known outside Austria still managed to be awarded Demo of the Month in April 2011 in the German Metal Hammer Magazine, something described by Marco as a small foots-



tep in the right direction.

- Finally our work was noticed and this award means a lot to us.

The band also toured with american death metal legends Master which according to Marco was a great experience and much fun, also of course a good promotional work for the band and their "Dark and Cold" album.

Dark and Cold

- 2010 we recorded two albums "Sight of the Blind" and "Dark and Cold". Sight of the Blind is a hard album, I guess too trashy.

So, I wrote Songs for "Dark and Cold". Only "Piece of Shit" is taken from Sight of the Blind, Marco tells me when asking about the Dark and Cold album.

But he was not completely satisfied with it after finishing the recordings which is why they decided to take it to Sweden and to well known producer and musician Andy LaRoque.

- Andy is a professional musician and he knows exactly what to do, to make the sound heavy. Of course it was a little bit hard for him, because we recorded the

album not in a studio, we recorded it in our rehearsal room by ourself.

It may be because of this the band have achieved their sound, the feel of the garage as Marco says and also the dirtiness. He also explains that it must have been something of a challenge for Andy as everything probably hadn't been recorded perfectly.

The message of the album is to believe in yourself and your dream and to never give up no matter the adversity. Also that you have to stay true to yourself and

authentic, not to sell your soul for anything as your consciousness will remind you sooner or later is how Marco describes the theme of Dark and Cold.

- I think we found a good mix with 80s influences and modern sound of these days. Not too much old school, we mixed Power metal, Trash and 80s Metal to a special soup, Marco explains with a smile.

One thing you will notice with this album is cover art which show the foot of a guy in the morgue, the tag states him being



Floridian and dead by his own doing.

- What picture fits better than this, for an album called "Dark and Cold"?

When you say it like that it is kind of hard to argue with that, as Marco says: in the end we all will end up in the dark being very cold but some of us will get warmer for a while and others will end up as food for the microbiology, like worms and the likes.

- The message from the album is to go your way, life is too short to be wasted, so enjoy it!

But what about the tag? The suicide? Florida? everything else that can be read on the tag, does that have any connection with the album? According to Marco it hasn't, it was all just coincidence.

Reception

I always enjoy trying to get the favourite song of the album from the one I interview, some are apprehensive of this and says everything while others do have a song that means a bit more or they think are better, Marco has two, maybe even three judging from his answer.

- Hard to say. 'Last Breath' or 'Blow away' but I also like 'Four' very much.

So what about the fans and media? what do they say? is the album a smashing success or has the reception been a bit so-so. According to Marco Massacre has done a really good promo work and the press have been almost in unison with a positive voice towards this "Dark and Cold" al-

bum, the review here at hallowed was a positive one and it would appear that we are not alone in that regard.

- At the moment we've got about 45 Reviews and they are all positive! (3 are not so good) For example 7.5 from 10 Points at Rock Hard Magazine, 10 from 10, 8,5 from 10 and so on.

And it is not only the reviews, the band has also noticed that most of these people are also interested in knowing more about the band.

- Lots of interviews these days, and airplays around the world! This positive feedback makes us very proud and means a lot to us, Marco explains.

And why should they not be proud? they are making a buzz

around themselves and it would appear that they can find some success for themselves and why would that not be something to be proud of? But did they find that the album turned out as they were expecting or hoping?

- Yes, it's much more than we've expected. Very cool!

Playing Live & Ending

Playing live is something that seem very important for most heavy metal bands and **Garagedays** have already been out there for a while with an established band and they promise that there will be more. According to Marco there are negotiations going but so far they have nothing concrete to report on that front but he is certain that the band will be tou-

ring again and that will be soon. The question then is if they are a good live band, according to the fans it would appear that they are very good and giving the fans a good time.

- People told me, they feel lots of power, energy and authenticity when we're performing, Marco explains.

- And they had lots of fun, while watching us. So, I think this is a great feedback. That's all we want, to be authentic and people feel that we also have fun on stage.

But the question still was, are you a good live band?

- We love to play live! And yes, WE ARE! **Garagedays** gives you HEAVY! We have a youtube channel, let me

know what you think: <http://www.youtube.com/user/MrGaragedays?feature=mhee>

Honest answer there, so if you are interested have a glimpse at that youtube place and check them out yourself. And remember to also check out our review of the album **Dark and Cold** if you haven't done it yet.

I think I have learnt a bit about this band from Austria and maybe you have as well but I will leave the final words to Marco:

- **Garagedays** is like a train - Straight and direct! Thanks to all who bought "Dark and Cold", and to all who will: Don't miss this full package of Metal in your collection! See you soon on the Road! CHEERS!