



Veritas is a band compared with the likes of Fates Warning, Dream Theater, Queensrÿche and the likes, big names of the progressive metal styles. They are an American quartet who released their anticipated debut album a while ago, and we have discussed some aspects of this relatively new band with guitarist Greg Wenk who is one of the founders of the band.



Greg Wenk: guitar



Denny Anthony: vocals

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The name Veritas is of course Latin and I think most of us already know what it means, but how did it become the name of the band? According to Greg it all came up when searching for a fitting name.

- While searching for a name,

I came across Veritas and liked the way it sounded and also the meaning. I also found the Celtic symbol Awen. We combined the 2 together and it is the logo we use today.

They may recently have released the debut album, but Veritas was founded back in 2012 by Greg Wenk and original drummer Adam Hartley, so they are soon coming up on ten years. The

current line-up has been around since 2017, it is not clear if they count Fates Warning's drummer Mark Zonder to that line-up, he does the drums on the debut album Threads of Fatality.

But there was of course something before that as well, Greg's musical background doesn't seem very different from many other musicians.

- I have been playing music

since the age of 10. I started playing guitar at age 15. I had private lessons and also learned mostly by ear at the beginning. I had several years of music theory training classes but don't really use it when writing. I go by what sounds good to my ear. I got experience playing live with several cover bands along the way and started writing and playing original music in the last couple bands

I was in.

And what about influences?

- Some of my influences are Ace Frehley, George Lynch, Yngwie Malmsteen, Criss Oliva, Jon Drenning and Ben Jackson, Chris DeGarmo and Michael Wilton.

And the style of the band?

- It is hard rock/metal with a classic sound and a bit of prog. The reviews we've gotten said it is for fans of Queensryche, Fates

Warning and early Dream Theater.

Threads of Fatality is the debut by Veritas and it was released in August of 2020, Hallowed reviewed it a while after that. So what about this album?

- It was released worldwide through a distribution deal signed with Amplified Distribution and is available in cd and digital



Geno Alberico: bass



Mark Zonder: drums

formats. Features Mark Zonder (Warlord, Fates Warning) on drums. Has a more classic sound of hard rock/metal.

And it seems that their classic sound goes down well with many reviewers online, but the Hallowed reviewer figured it was a bit too nostalgic to be really exciting, and didn't list a favourite song either, so what about Greg? Does he have a favourite song of the release?

- It would be Starlight. It is a heavy song with a driving beat and very catchy.

Simple answer there, most musicians don't give away their favourites, some artist claims that you should discard them and never publish them. That is of course because it is very difficult to be really objective when it comes to your own creations, especially those that you really like, and for Veritas it is the members that

write all the music. On the other hand, I guess it would be easier to play tracks you really like live, and playing live is something Veritas has yet to do.

- We have all had experience playing in local bands and varying amounts of success in them. So far, Veritas hasn't played live due to closures from covid. We are looking forward to getting out and playing very soon now that the venues are reopening.

And from what we can gather through reading many reviews it is that the simple and classic hard rock usually works well on the live stages. And if you want to see the band you should appeal to the Greek PR agency Angels PR who handles that aspect for the band. Greg says that they are satisfied with what they are getting from the collaboration.

Other than taking to the stages, what are the plans for Veritas

now?

- We are currently still promoting Veritas-Threads of Fatality and working on music for the next release.

And with that we are running out of information to provide, the debut album is out, a new release is in progress and they are waiting to hit the roads to promote their music. Check out the band's website and other channels for the latest updates in that regard,

with that we leave the final words to the band.

- If you're a fan of classic hard rock/metal check us out. Thanks to everyone that has supported us so far and welcome to any new fans. Looking forward to seeing you all live.

Read more on the band's website