

Attached you can find the interview between *Markus* for Soundmagnet.eu and **Frida** for Spiral Skies in the original version in English.

Hello and thank you for the interview. You are the world's only "On other planets kinda Rock" Band out there. Please introduce yourself and your music, how would you describe your style?

Hi Markus! Thank you for the interview. Yeah, that was our plan when we first came up with the description of the bands musical style, because there are so much elements in our music. You could say that we sound like a retro 70s band, but we also blend a lot of styles in it, like doom, heavy metal, black metal, psychedelic rock and folk music.

It's hard to stand out these days, but your music is immediately recognizable. How do you approach songwriting, what inspired you most for your newest album Death Is But A Door?

Thank you, that is awesome really. We always write the music together in the rehearsal room. Jamming and trying out stuff that we immediately like. Sometimes we have to go back to old stuff and give it a new touch. We have a lot of unreleased songs, since we have been a solid band for 7 years now. The inspiration is wide and most of the time all of us like what we are jamming. We have so much different influences within the band so that's why we add a lot of different vibes in the song writing.

The pandemic has disrupted the plans of pretty much every band in the world. How did you deal with not being able to perform live or otherwise promote your music directly?

Yeah, that's correct. However, we wrote new songs and recorded the album during the pandemic, so we were quite busy during the 2 pandemic years. But now we find it hard to find shows, and I guess a lot of bands are in the same position right now. But we hope we can get in touch with the right people soon, so we can play more shows and make tours. People seem to wanna see us, and we do quite often hear that we are even better live than on vinyl so that is quite a compliment  $\bigcirc$ 

The lyrics and also the video for the single Somewhere In The Dark seem to be about some kind of cult or ritual. Can you enlighten us?

Yeah, the lyrics is written by Eric and Daniel and it is about what ordinary people earn for, and think of during their normal life, perhaps at the office... And the fact that you don't really know what people are doing when you don't see them. I think we all have this complete darkness within us that we don't show other people. Our inner thoughts. And Somwhere in the Dark is about wanting to explore and live that darkness out completely, where no one can see you or judge you.



## Except for your singer, you hide your faces behind masks. What is the reason for that?

We have always had the masks, and that is a part of our visual performance. We like to give something more to our listeners than just playing our stuff in regular outfits. Probably cause all of the band members enjoys the bands that put that extra effort in their visuals and their performances. I was already a bit known in the rock/metal scene so it was no mystery around me in that way, so the mask would nt do it really.

## Dark subjects seem to attract you. Asked casually, what do you find fascinating about occult, dark matters?

For me it has always been a big part of my life. I love Stephen King - even as a child I read "It", and "The Stand" when I was 10 years old. I find inspiration in the unknown and to write music you need to find inspiration. I am also very interested in historical stuff and old places and buildings, and spend a lot of my time travelling and exploring these things.

Trends come and go, but good rock music always seems to be there. Sometimes more, sometimes less anchored in the mainstream, this music cannot die. What do you think is the reason for that?

For me it is probably cause it gets my body and soul going. It does the trick for me. I can listen to songs I've listened to as a young teenager, and I still get those kinds of melancholy, beautiful shivers down my spine. A good melody is a good melody.

## Can we expect to see you live in Germany or Austria soon?

We really want to and people have asked us to come to Germany. We played a small tour a couple of years ago in Germany and Austria. Would really want to again. Fingers crossed! Give us the opportunity and we will take it for sure!

## Thank you for the interview. The last words in this interview are yours.

Thank you for the interview! We hope you liked our new album and that we can meet on a live gig sometime soon.

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