



Fallen Yggdrasil

Krawallgeier - Who are the members of the band and what instrument does each of them play?

Christoph: Fallen Yggdrasil is Simon (vocals), Raffael (lead guitar), Tobias (bass) and me, Christoph (drums). We just lost our rhythm guitar player because he lacked the motivation and couldn't invest enough time in the band, so we are looking for a new guitar player right now. People who are interested should contact Simon ([fallen-yggdrasil@web.de](mailto:fallen-yggdrasil@web.de)).

Krawallgeier - How did the band form?

The brothers Simon and Raffael formed the band in 1996 but nothing really happened until early spring 1997 when they got a rehearsal room and finally found a capable drummer and a second guitar player.

Krawallgeier - How would you describe your music style?

Its difficult to describe ones own music so we simply call it "death metal". We try to take the best out of the different styles of death metal and mix them together but we have no problems using riffs or melodies that don't sound like death metal riffs at all. As long as we like it, it is ok.

Krawallgeier - Which bands are your paragons?

We do not have any bands that you could call our idols or something like that. Our musical tastes are too widespread to find a favourite band, but what we all like is the old swedish death metal, like Dismember, Old-Entombed, etc.

Krawallgeier - Do you follow these bands? / Do you copy these bands?

I don't know if the others in the Band try to follow these bands, but I don't think so. But talking about me personally, I definitely do not follow these bands at all. Honest speaking I'm not that much informed about the actual metal scene anymore - at least as far as the "bigger" Bands are concerned. I don't really know what's going on and what's new. I simply

do not have the time and it is not important for me. But we are very well informed about the so - called "Underground". When it comes to copying from other bands, it is again difficult to answer it, because I don't have a look on our songs from the outside but I can tell you that we try to avoid copying and that we leave out all riffs or songstructures that are too similar to riffs/songstructures from other bands.

Krawallgeier - How do your songs come into existence?

Unfortunately we do not live close to each other because of our studies and we can only meet on weekends to rehearse as a band. Because of the many gigs we play during the year, we can only rehearse about once or twice a month. Raffael and I are the only ones to rehearse every week, because we live in the same town, so we usually come up with new ideas for songs and we present them to the others, when we are both happy with them. We then work these ideas out together on weekends. We have to work a lot with rehearsal tapes, that we send to the others.

Krawallgeier - What about gigs? Do you have many gigs?

As I just said, we play quite a lot of gigs because we love playing live. We try to play as many gigs per year as possible which means that we play between 25 and 30 gigs per year. When we counted correctly, we had our 100th gig on a festival in summer 2004.

Krawallgeier - Are they well attended?

The attendance varies from place to place, but they are usually well attended. You know, the attendance depends a lot on the advertisement, which seems to be obvious, but a lot of promoters seem to ignore this fact or simply have wrong ideas about the connection between advertisement and attendance. We experienced it much too often that we played in clubs that didn't even put up posters in their own town or even in the club itself. We also had local bands who had handed out about 40 flyers and who were seriously wondering why there were not that many people at the concert. But if the advertisement is good, there are usually enough people to make us and the organizers happy.

Krawallgeier - Are the people content with your live-Performance?

Yes, they usually are. We've heard a lot of times that we are a very energetic live act and that is exactly what we try to be.

Krawallgeier - How is the reaction of the people referred to your music style? Any criticism?

The reviews to our outputs are very good, and the reactions of the people after our concerts are very good as well. Of course, there are a few exceptions, but they are rare and it doesn't give us sleepless nights, haha.

Krawallgeier - Why do you make music? (mission, passion, expression, hobby)

It all began as a hobby, but it became a little more because we all invest about every second of spare time in the band, which is the reason for the many line-up changes that we had. You

really have to be motivated to be a member of Fallen Yggdrasil. It is of course a form of expressing ourselves and it has become a passion for the four of us, but I wouldn't go as far as to call it a mission. But we will see, what the future brings.

Krawallgeier - Let's talk about your albums. / Tell us something about your albums?

After some demos and a live split-tape, we released a split-7" with Dementia in 2000 which was limited to 500 copies and is sold out. In 2001 we released the "In no sense Innocence"-MCD. The first self-financed pressing of 1000 copies sold quickly, so that Supreme Chaos Records re-released the MCD and it is still available. We went into the studio again in 2003 to record our first full length album ("Building up a Ruin to Come") and it was released in June 2004 by Supreme Chaos Records. The reviews have been very good so far and we are still quite happy with the CD, even though there are some small things that we would change now, but that is always the case.

Krawallgeier - What about the future of the band. Have you got some plans or do you just wait and see?

We are working on new songs right now and we want to record a new album sometimes next winter. We have to see how quick we will be, because Tobias and I are having Exams in spring and we will not have the time we usually invest in the band. Besides writing new songs, we will try to play as many gigs as possible and we try to find a new guitar player of course.

Krawallgeier - Is there anything you want to tell the people out there? Like a final say?

First of all, thank you for the interview. It was fun answering your questions. Everyone interested in any merchandise (CDs, t-shirts, poster, etc.) contact us or order them at Supreme Chaos Records ([www.s-c-r.de](http://www.s-c-r.de)) or simply look in your favourite store because they should be able to order it for you. More information about Fallen Yggdrasil and all the gig dates can be found on our homepage ([www.fallen-yggdrasil.de](http://www.fallen-yggdrasil.de)). Rock on!!!

Krawallgeier - Thank you for this interview.