

Iron Mask



Iron Mask was formed by Belgium's number 1 guitar hero **Dushan Petrossi** in 2002 after an offer from Finnish label **Lion Music**. Initially intended as a project to run alongside his symphonic progressive metal band **Magic Kingdom** and with a name stemming from the Alexander Dumas novel 'The Man In The Iron Mask', the band soon developed into more than its initial vision and are in the process of completing their third album "**Shadow Of The Red Baron**" due in 2009 on Lion Music.

The band's 2002 debut album "**Revenge Is My Name**" saw Dushan pull in several friends to complete his initial vision which received strong praise from media worldwide. Dushan then set about recording the Scorpions track 'Yellow Raven' for Lion Music's Uli Jon Roth tribute "**Beyond Inspiration**" as well as recording a inspired interpretation of the Rainbow classic Gates Of Babylon for Lion Music's Ritchie Blackmore tribute "**Blackmore's Castle I**".

As with 'The Man In The Iron Mask' an epic story has influenced Petrossi's lyrics and music for the band second effort. This time the influence came from Alexander The Great, one of the greatest conquerors and warriors of all time. April 2005 saw Iron Mask back stronger than ever with a truly great new album and a solid line up on "**Hordes Of The Brave**". The album combines majestic arrangements with mind blowing power throughout the 11 tracks on offer - all penned by Dushan Petrossi. New vocalist **Goetz 'Valhalla Jr' Mohre** contributes incredible vocals reminiscent of Graham Bonnet or David Coverdale with Bruce Dickinson-esque touches. This unique voice combines the finest melodic qualities with an aggressive delivery. Guest vocalist Oliver Hartmann (ex-At Vance) also added vocals to 3 tracks. The recording of the lead and backing vocals as well as the epic choir arrangements were done at Hartmann's 'Alive Studio' in Germany. The music was recorded in Brussels throughout 2003 and the first half of 2004 (in 'Iron Kingdom' studio, and 'Galasse' studio). The metal scene's hottest keyboardist Richard Andersson (Majestic, Time Requiem) is responsible for all the keyboards solos on 'Hordes Of The Brave'. For the rhythm section Petrossi relied upon the rock solid rhythm section of Magic Kingdom. **Vassili Moltchanov** (one of the most respected bassists in Belgium) and Russian drummer **Anton Arkhipov** (Exhumator) deliver breathtaking technique and energy.

"**Hordes Of The Brave**" saw Iron Mask move away slightly from the more neo-classical nature of the debut to deliver epic hard rock with heavier and progressive influences. This slight change of direction saw superb press worldwide and led to the band supporting Anvil on a European tour as well a playing several headline gigs along with other festival appearances.

2007 saw Dushan commence work on the third Iron Mask release tentatively entitled "**Shadow Of The Red Baron**" which will see the majority of the previous line-up remain intact this time with only new members **Andreas Lindahl** – Keyboards (Wuthering Heights / Narnia / The Murder Of My Sweet) and **Erik Stout** – Drums (Vengeance, Joe Stump band) joining the main core. The new album promises to see the band move into even more solid hard rock/metal areas and have shot a video for the track "Forever In The Dark".

"**Shadow Of The Red Baron**" is set for release on January 15th 2010 and is home to 10 tracks and will be available in a CD/DVD format with extras including band interviews, the aforementioned promo video as well as a guitar lesson with Dushan.

Iron Mask are:

Dushan Petrossi - all guitars

Goetz "Valhalla jr" Mohr - lead vocals

Andreas Lindahl – keyboards ()

Vassili Moltchanov - bass

Erik Stout - drums (Joe Stump band,vengeance)

Discography:



Shadow Of The Red Baron
2010



Hordes Of The Brave
2005



Revenge Is My Name
2002

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