



BIOGRAPHY

Overdrive was formed in 1980, named after a song by Riot. In 1981 the self-financed MLP "Reflexions" was released, now quite a collectors-item. The band also recorded the non-LP tracks "Tonight" and "Damnation Angel" for the local compilation "Rockslaget" (SOS 1982). Overdrive was soon contacted by Planet Records and in 1983 the debut "Metal Attack" was released and it made a great impact on the Swedish, and European, metal scene. The subsequent year the follow-up "Swords And Axes" was released, even more well-received than the debut. Gigs and festivals were performed together with bands like EF Band, Merciful Fate, Pretty Maids, EF Band, Tygers Of Pan Tang, Hanoi Rocks etc. In 1985 the story ended as singer Thuresson left the band and it slowly folded.

In August 2003 Overdrive again reformed with the original line-up, for a show at the Rockslaget festival. The band did another gig in December and played the Headbanger's Open Air in Itzehoe, Germany, in July 2004. Unfortunately Pelle now decided he wanted to quit. With not many weeks to go, the band luckily found singer Per "PerilOz" Karlsson, at the time frontman of the band Unchained. His voice was perfect for the band!

In June 2006 the band was to play Sweden Rock Festival and figured they wanted to have a new release to present. They re-recorded four old songs, with Per's new vocals as icing on the cake, added one previously unreleased song and released the new 5-track MCD "Resurrected" (ltd. ed 500). The MCD and Sweden Rock show led to a deal with Finnish label Lion Music and in **January 2008** (Japan March) the band's first album in 24 years, was released: "Let The Metal Do The Talking". The album features both new tracks and tracks written between 1983-1986. The reviews however reveal it's not easy spotting the oldie. The album was mixed by Johan Blomström at Studio Sound Palace (Blinded Colony, Calm, Kaptain Sun etc).

In 2009 the band kept working on new material, played some shows with Tokyo Blade, Carnival Sun etc., before starting to write songs for the new album "Angelmaker".

2010 marked the 30 year anniversary for Overdrive who released the new album "Angelmaker" on Lion Music on January 21st 2011.

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