

Volga - Interview

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- When did you guys create Volga and how did you meet?

We started Volga about 3,5 years back after me (Erik Gille (Guitar/song) and Felix Pietucha (Drums) met at a party where we had common friends. Both of us where hungry to play so we decided to try it out a couple of weeks later.

Before me and Felix met I had an idea about starting a band with few components and members and still make it sound fat and rich. Both because it's easier to take decisions and to rehearse with less people involved but mainly because I like to work with limitations.

The first time we played we had to marinate ourself in beer to feel relaxed because we didn't knew each other yet, but both of us thought it felt really good playing together and we had a shit load of fun so we kept going after that.

- Musically speaking your album Dead Man's Hand is so powerfull. It's turning over and over since this morning. Can you tell me a bit more about it?

Thanks man! Really glad to hear that!!!

We basically recorded all the songs we had at that point (about 2 years back) and except the sound theirs no planned red line between the songs. Both me and Felix are pretty calm (not boring! Haha!) private so I think Volga and this album has become our way to release some steam and be able to be scream and beat out some frustration and anger without hurting anyone.

The foundation sound on the album is basically one dropped guitar (tuned D-D) through two guitar amps and Felix beating up the drums like his hated them. (He's very peaceful otherwise)

The main guitar and drums on all the 8 songs was recorded live during one day around 2 years back. After that we completed and released 3 singles, first "On My Own" then "Shame" and "Don't wanna know" (Sidenote: "On My Own" and "Shame" got picked up by Marshall Headphones and was used in two of their web-commercials.)

The rest of the album was completed during winter/spring 2018/2019 and was released in July 2019.

(The album was recorded in our own studio "Grottan" (The Cave) in Stockholm and we released it without any label.)

The man behind the wheels on the recording and mix is a great guy called Erik Fernholm (Branch of Sound) who's a good friend and also a part of our studio Grottan. He's a big part of the sound on the album as well!

At the moment we're working on some new songs for an upcoming EP or LP. Hopefully we can get a helping hand from a driven label with booking and release to reach out to more people.

- Which artists do you feel close to?

It's a bit hard to say any specific band or artist but I think both me and Felix like music that feels unfiltered, if that makes any sense? I think the best music (in any genre) comes out when there's no pressure from either a label or a fan base that want to hear what their used to or what sells.

So, maybe it sounds a bit cheesy simple but I think we feel close to bands and artist that are genuine and do what they feel like and are good at and that dare to take risks. Probably because that's what we want Volga to be as well.

Right now I mostly listen to folk/country/sing-and-songwriters so maybe theirs a Cornfield-Rock Volga-song with a Russian folk melody coming up, who knows!

- Any chance Dead Man's Hand Will be on vinyl record? If so, please send me a link to buy it! I would love to have it in my collection!

Yes, I really really hope so! Since we don't have any label we have to pay for it ourself but I think we will get a small batch out before 2019 is over! Keep you're eyes open on Instagram or Facebook and we'll let you know.

- What are your nexts concerts? Is there a chance of you coming to play in France?

Our next gig is at a small place called Snotty Seaside in Stockholm in 9th November. We'll probably have some more gigs in Sweden during autumn as well but nothing nailed yet. Our goal is to find someone who can help us with booking gigs but it's not as easy as we want.

No gigs planned in France but if you have any tips on locations or who to talk to we would really love to come!

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