

Info Kit

SOULUTION



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Band Description

Alternative, Prog-Metal band based in Frankfurt, Germany. Four people living and breathing music, always striving to surpass yesterday. Vanessa Arboles on vocals, Justus Barth on guitar, Michael Schloßnagel on bass and Stefan Schmieden on drums - they are Souolution. Experimental, fresh and new but never forgetting, what made music great in the past. Honest and real hand made music with attitude and edge. Founded in 2015, Souolution started by releasing a self produced demo including 5 studio and 2 live tracks. After touring and defining their musical style, several studio releases followed including the songs "Tell Me", "One Step Aside" and "Something Inside". Their current EP Reflection was released recently and features the songs "Salem", "Disconnect" and "Heavy Lies The Crown".

Band History

Founded as „Before The Rain Falls“ in 2014 by Vanessa Arboles (Vocals), Marco Kammer (Guitar) and Jonas Malek (Drums) the band approached Michael Schloßnagel regarding the production of a first demo. Lacking a bass player Michael agreed not only to record the demo, but also to play bass on the included tracks. After the release of the demo in 2015 Michael agreed to become a permanent member of the band, which was renamed as “Soulution” shortly after.

After successful participation in Emergenza band contest, the band became a regular live act in the Rhein-Main-Area and released several EPs including "Origin", "Progress" and "Departure". Founded as an alternative rock band the band gravitated more and more towards progressive metal.

In 2020 founding members Marco Kammer and Jonas Malek left the band to pursue their artistic vision by founding the progressive metal band "Archaeon". Vanessa and Michael decided to continue the project and find new members.

Justus Barth (guitar) joined the band in 2020 and the band used the downtime during the corona pandemic to relocate to a new rehearsal room and write new music.

In 2021 their song "One Step Aside" won the main price in category Rock & Heavy of the Hofa song contest.

Stefan Schmieden (drums) joined the band early 2022 to work on the new EP "Reflection", including the songs "Salem", "Disconnect" and "Heavy Lies The Crown", which was released in December 2022.

Vanessa Arboles										
Marco Kammer										
Justus Barth										
Michael Schloßnagel										
Jonas Malek										
Theo Wolf										
Marcel Markart										
Stefan Schmieden										
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
	Vocals	Guitar	Bass	Drums						

Members

Vanessa Arboles

Vocals

Vanessa's the face behind the adorable voice of Soullution. She adds layers of enchanting vocals to the complex song structures with her intuitive approach to singing and song writing.

Transcending genres with her involvement in MSS Bigband, which is known for their Swing, Jazz and Soul interpretations of famous Pop and Rock songs.



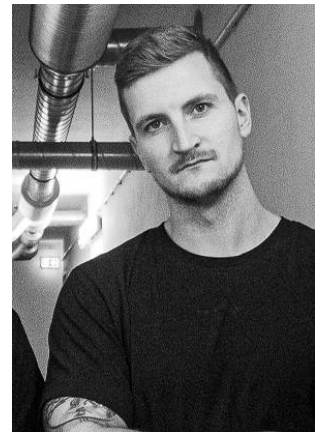
Justus Barth

Guitar

Being the guitarist of the band, Justus is also the main songwriter and provides most of the initial ideas. He contributes with writing lyrics and adds occasional growls and screams.

Past projects on vocals and guitar are "Darkedge", "Arcanis" and "A Lifetime Spent". Mastermind of his current side project, the symphonic death metal band "Gravecloud".

Instruments: E-Guitar, Vocals



Michael Schloßnagel

Bass/Recording Engineer/Producer

Michael does not only provide the bands low end (and in his case also part of the top end), but serves also as recording engineer for the bands audio productions. He serves as producer and collaborates closely with the bands mixing and mastering engineer to achieve the sonic qualities of bands audio productions. He contributes with writing lyrics.

Starting his musical journey by playing bass in 2006. Relevant past projects are Frankfurts underground band "Fooligion" and jazz improvisation combo "Serio Comic". Gains initial experience in audio production during internship at recording studio "b9" in Frankfurt. Records and produces underground bands on occasion under the name DeadCatzProductions ever since.

Instruments: E-Bass, E-Guitar



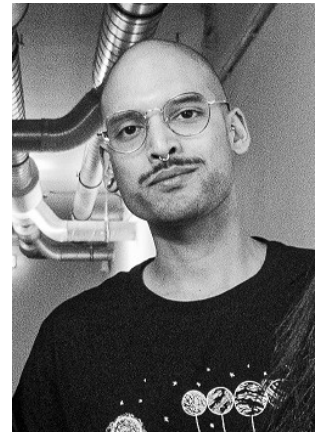
Stefan „Smi“ Schmieden

Drums

Being the drummer, Stefan adds thunder, zizzle and snappy sounds to the bands soundscapes. As a musical genius and multi instrumentalist, he contributes with his insights about musical theory and playing techniques to the overall songwriting.

Being involved with several side projects, Stefan is an occasional piano player in Frankfurts Alte Oper and amazes the audiences using his guitar skills and soothing vocals with his solo project “Smi”.

Instruments: Drums, E-Guitar, Piano, Vocals





Awards

Emergenza Band Contest 2016 preliminary round	Main Price.
Emergenza Band Contest 2016 semi final	Main Price.
Emergenza Band Contest 2016 final	Audience Award.
Hofa Song Contest 2021 jury in category „Rock & Heavy“	Main price for Song „One Step Aside“.

Discography

<p>Reflection UPC: 197386105372 / GTIN: 0197386105372 Label: 1365009 Records DK Distributor: Distrokid Release: 09.12.2022</p> <p>Track List:</p> <table> <tr> <td>1. Salem</td> <td>ISRC: QZTB22224946</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2. Disconnect</td> <td>ISRC: QZTB22224947</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3. Heavy Lies The Crown</td> <td>ISRC: QZTB22224948</td> </tr> </table> <p>Credits: Vocals: Vanessa Arboles Guitar: Justus Barth Bass: Michael Schloßnagel Drums: Stefan Schmieden</p> <p>Composed and performed by Soulution. Lyrics by Soulution. Soulution are Vanessa Arboles, Justus Barth, Michael Schloßnagel and Stefan Schmieden.</p> <p>Recorded by Michael Schloßnagel in 2022. Mixed and Mastered by Lukas Rautherberg and Michael Schloßnagel in 2022. Produced by Soulution and Lukas Rautherberg in 2022.</p>	1. Salem	ISRC: QZTB22224946	2. Disconnect	ISRC: QZTB22224947	3. Heavy Lies The Crown	ISRC: QZTB22224948	
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<p>Progress UPC: 194525524766 / GTIN: 0194525524766 Label: 1365009 Records DK Distributor: Distrokid Release: 11.07.2019</p> <p>Track List:</p> <table> <tr> <td>1. One Step Aside</td> <td>ISRC: QZFZ21980981</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2. Wake Up</td> <td>ISRC: QZFZ21980982</td> </tr> </table> <p>Credits: Vocals: Vanessa Arboles Guitar: Marco Kammer Bass: Michael Schloßnagel Drums: Jonas Malek</p> <p>Composed by and performed by Soulution. Lyrics by Vanessa Arboles. Soulution are Vanessa Arboles, Marco Kammer, Michael Schloßnagel and Jonas Malek. Additional backing vocals performed by Jessica Fields.</p> <p>Recorded mixed and mastered by Golden Grey Studios in 2019. Produced by Soulution and Golden Grey Studios in 2019.</p>	1. One Step Aside	ISRC: QZFZ21980981	2. Wake Up	ISRC: QZFZ21980982			
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<p>Departure UPC: 195542633028 / GTIN: 0195542633028 Label: 1365009 Records DK Distributor: Distrokid Release: 09.08.2020</p> <p>Track List:</p> <table> <tr> <td>1. Something inside</td> <td>ISRC: QZK6N2016116</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2. The Day Before Tomorrow</td> <td>ISRC: QZK6N2016117</td> </tr> </table> <p>Credits: Vocals: Vanessa Arboles Guitar: Marco Kammer Bass: Michael Schloßnagel Drums: Jonas Malek</p> <p>Composed by and performed by Soultion. Lyrics by Vanessa Arboles. Soultion are Vanessa Arboles, Marco Kammer, Michael Schloßnagel and Jonas Malek. Additional backing vocals performed by Jessica Fields.</p> <p>Recorded and mixed by Golden Grey Studios in 2020. Mastered by Dimi Conidas Mixing Mastering and DeadCatz Productions in 2020. Produced by Soultion and Golden Grey Studios in 2020.</p>	1. Something inside	ISRC: QZK6N2016116	2. The Day Before Tomorrow	ISRC: QZK6N2016117	
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<p>Origin UPC: 194525569040 / GTIN: 0194525569040 Label: 1365009 Records DK Distributor: Distrokid Release: 07.07.2018</p> <p>Track List:</p> <table> <tr> <td>1. Tell Me</td> <td>ISRC: QZFZ21981620</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2. Never Enough</td> <td>ISRC: QZFZ21981621</td> </tr> </table> <p>Credits: Vocals: Vanessa Arboles Guitar: Marco Kammer Bass: Michael Schloßnagel Drums: Jonas Malek</p> <p>Composed by and performed by Soultion. Lyrics by Vanessa Arboles. Soultion are Vanessa Arboles, Marco Kammer, Michael Schloßnagel and Jonas Malek. Additional backing vocals performed by Jessica Fields.</p> <p>Recorded mixed and mastered by Golden Grey Studios in 2018. Produced by Soultion and Golden Grey Studios in 2018.</p>	1. Tell Me	ISRC: QZFZ21981620	2. Never Enough	ISRC: QZFZ21981621	
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Demo 2015 Extended**Release:** 09.01.2017

Extended version of Demo 2015 with additional live tracks Tell Me and Delay.

Track List:

1. Last Hope
2. Behaviour
3. Time Is Gone (Acoustic)
4. The Day Before Tomorrow (Acoustic)
5. Bad Dream
6. Tell Me (Live)
7. Delay (Live)

Credits:

Tracks 6 and 7:

Vocals: Vanessa Arboles

Guitar: Marco Kammer

Bass: Michael Schloßnagel

Drums: Jonas Malek

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Recorded by Brendan Morse (LiveAudioLiveVideo.com) in 2016. Mixed and Mastered in 2016 by Michael Schloßnagel at DeadCatz Productions.

**Demo 2015****Release:** 01.07.2015

Self produced first demo tape.

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Credits:

Vocals: Vanessa Arboles

Backing Vocals: Jessica Fields

Guitars: Marco Kammer

Bass: Michael Schloßnagel

Drums: Jonas Malek

Violin: Isabel Koutsianou

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Recorded, Mixed and Mastered in 2015 by Michael Schloßnagel at DeadCatz Productions.



Gig History

Gig	Location	City	Date
Frankfurt Rockt	Das Bett	Frankfurt am Main	15.08.2015
12. Schwalbacher Rockwettbewerb	Aula FES	Schwalbach am Taunus	25.09.2015
[SOON] + Soulution	Elfer Music Club	Frankfurt am Main	09.10.2015
Emergenza Vorrunde	Nachtleben	Frankfurt am Main	13.03.2016
Emergenza Semifinale	Das Bett	Frankfurt am Main	22.04.2016
Emergenza Regiofinale	Batschkapp	Frankfurt am Main	26.05.2016
13. Schwalbacher Rockwettbewerb Vorparty	Aula FES	Schwalbach am Taunus	23.09.2016
13. Schwalbacher Rockwettbewerb	Aula FES	Schwalbach am Taunus	24.09.2016
Psychovillage	Nachtleben	Frankfurt am Main	30.10.2016
Rock den Frosch 2016	Festgelände	Frankfurt am Main	11.06.2016
Battle of the Bands	Haus der Begegnung	Königsstein im Taunus	22.04.2017
Soulstorm	Das Bett	Frankfurt am Main	17.06.2017
Kreisstadt Sommer	Festgelände	Hofheim am Taunus	23.06.2017
14. Schwalbacher Rockwettbewerb	Aula FES	Schwalbach am Taunus	30.09.2017
Saturn X + Soulution	JuZ Sulzbach	Sulzbach am Taunus	27.10.2017
Jedeye + Soulution	Dreikönigskeller	Frankfurt am Main	07.01.2018
Love sees no color	Ponyhof	Frankfurt am Main	17.02.2018
2. Metal Metzger Benefizkonzert	Vereinsheim DJK	Zeilsheim	21.04.2018
Back in town -EP Release show	Spritzehaus	Frankfurt am Main	18.05.2018
Abiball Hofheim	Saalbau Hofheim	Hofheim am Taunus	09.06.2018
10. Schwalbacher Open Air Rock	Festgelände	Schwalbach am Taunus	21.07.2018
Radio LUX	Radio	Frankfurt am Main	05.08.2018
Museumsuferfest 2018	Museumsufer	Frankfurt am Main	25.08.2018
Saving Abel	Das Bett	Frankfurt am Main	16.09.2018
15. Schwalbacher Rockwettbewerb	Aula FES	Schwalbach am Taunus	29.09.2018
Smoking Thompsons + Soulution	Dreikönigskeller	Frankfurt am Main	23.10.2018
Bandsupporter Contest 2019 West 1	E-Werk	Bad Homburg	15.02.2019
3. Glowing Ember Festival	Das Bett	Frankfurt am Main	08.03.2019
Bandsupporter Contest 2019 Finale West	Das Bett	Frankfurt am Main	10.03.2019
Girls To The Front	E-Werk	Bad Homburg	25.05.2019
Sound of Liberty 2019	Junity	Friedberg	17.08.2019
Holter Gepolter Tour	Conrad	Frankfurt am Main	07.09.2019
16. Schwalbacher Rockwettbewerb	Aula FES	Schwalbach am Taunus	21.09.2019
Holter Gepolter Tour	Das Bett	Frankfurt am Main	26.09.2019
Female Fronted Tour	JuZ Langen	Langen	14.12.2019
Secret Gig	Hahn-Auf	Frankfurt am Main	25.01.2020
Holter Gepolter Tour	Black Pearl	Wetzlar	10.01.2020
Holter Gepolter Tour	JuKuZ Aschaffenburg	Aschaffenburg	25.01.2020
10 Years of Firestorm	Hahn-Auf	Frankfurt am Main	30.10.2021
Handmade mit Musik RadioX	Radio	Frankfurt am Main	06.10.2022
120 Minds + Soulution	Lorbass	Gelnhausen	19.11.2022