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UTTER SILENCE

SILENCE SPEAKS LOUDER THAN WORDS...

Morbid melodies, gloomy atmosphere and contrasting bright moments that only give the darkness more power:

The project Utter Silence was launched in early 2016 with the aim of composing atmospheric, melodic death metal with doom - elements, expressing melancholy and energy in equal measure.

Atmospheric death-doom metal was from then on the common battlefield for elements of various metal styles. The result is a multifaceted mélange, as multifaceted as life itself. Anger, longing, hope and despair are the feelings that prevail in Utter Silence. In keeping with this credo, the lyrics plumb the depths of humanity, bringing out the dark sides behind the beautiful facades and dripping with wicked cynicism.

Together, music and lyrics create an intense, engaging mood - uncompromising and unyielding.

MUSIC

(PRESS TITLES TO PLAY)

The Terror	EP, self-released	2022
Across the Astral Sea	on "The Terror" EP	2022
From the Depths below	Single, self-released	2024

VIDEOS

(PRESS TITLES TO WATCH)

The Terror (SONG)	Lyric video	2022
The Terror (EP)	YouTube-Playlist	2022
The Terror (EP)	External YT-Channel	2022
From the Depths below (SINGLE)	YouTube-Playlist	2024
From the Depths below (SINGLE)	Lyric video	2024

PHOTOS

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HISTORY

Our musical journey:

Utter Silence was founded by Ron Szameitpreuss and Hagen Thiele in 2016 as a two-man-project. After a number of line-up changes, a band of like-minded musicians crystallized, who first set about reinterpreting the already existing material and thus laying the foundation for future compositions. Each one of the six brings his own musical signature to the band and gives Utter Silence its distinctive sound.

Current lineup:

Chris Sklivanitis – Vocals

Sascha Biesel – Guitars

Jens Kirsch – Guitars

Ron Szameitpreuss – Guitars

Thorsten Kerkhoff – Bass

Marcus Losen – Drums

Milestones along our way:

Digital Release "The Terror "EP

Working as a band succeeded in releasing a first EP titled “The Terror” in April 2022.

“The Terror” contains the name giving title track and the track “Across the Astral Sea”.

Both songs were chosen as they reflect the musical style of Utter Silence in two different ways but still have the dark and gloomy aspects to it, that are substantial for the atmosphere that is created.

The title track "The Terror" is an adventurous journey into the Arctic, following in the footsteps of the tragic Franklin expedition that began in 1845 and ended with the loss of 129 souls after trying to find the fabled Northwest Passage. Feel the cold of the eternal ice and the desperation of these brave men.

"Across the Astral Sea" is a transcendent journey into the depths of one's psyche, experiencing the inherent darkness as part of one's identity, overcoming fear, and ultimately accepting one's mortality as part of one's existence.

Physical Release "The Terror "EP

In January 2023, we have pressed our EP "The Terror" in a limited edition of 300 pieces on CD for promotion but mainly because of the high demand.

Entry of Marcus Losen on drums (Ex-Bethlehem, Ex-Paragon Belial, Ex-Anti)

The coincidence brought Marcus and Utter Silence together! The music of Utter Silence, the songwriting as well as the spirit and ambitions of the band made Marcus get behind the drums again after many years of abstinence. The band considers the entry of Marcus Losen as another step towards a professional direction.

Entry of F.T. on bass (Sabiendas, Ex-Suidakra, Ex-Zarathustra)

F.T. got in touch with Utter Silence as a reaction to a widely spread announcement on social media where the band was looking for a bassist to jump in for upcoming live shows. After the first rehearsals, both sides agreed to take F.T. into the band as a permanent member. His playing style and experience in both live performance and studio recording matches the plans of Utter Silence perfectly!

First year of extended live performances in 2023

After 2023 started with a very well attended show in January, Utter Silence continued to play live in various occasions including first appearances at open air and indoor festivals.

While most of the acquired shows where located in North-Rhine Westphalia, Utter Silence played one show in Hessen and even their first show in a foreign country, namely in Winschoten in the Netherlands.

The live appearances in 2023 were crowned by their first headliner show at Winter's Calling festival in December.

Organization of “Doomed to Death Festival”

Playing death-doom metal and feeling attached to both musical genres alike; let the wish grow to play shows with bands that also find themselves in either one of these worlds. Following these thoughts let to the idea to organize a small festival that features exactly bands like this.

The name given was “Doomed to Death Festival” and it took place on September 2nd 2023, bringing smaller, local acts as well as renown acts like OPHIS and MOOR on stage.

Utter Silence managed to both organize the festival and play a live show on the same day, bringing a unique genre mix to an elated audience.

Digital Release "From the Depth below" Single

With the latest single "From the Depths below" Utter Silence took a totally different approach than when recording "The Terror". All music was recorded in a "live" oriented setup, using no klick, not playing separate parts, no editing more than necessary. The aim was to get a sound close to 90s productions, rough and authentic!

"From the depths below" is dealing with the malevolent aspects of our being, unspoken secrets of a long forgotten, dark past, the evil that men are capable of and the sins we try to burry. Things may get lost in the course of time, vicious thoughts dwell in the depths of our soul...but there are voices whispering deep inside, calling your name...feasting on your sanity!

Entry of Thorsten Kerkhoff on bass (also in Blodtåke)

Straight on the way to the recordings of their debut album, Utter Silence lost F.T. on bass and was now searching for somebody that had all the ambition to fill in and accompany the band on their further journey. Thorsten has been a longtime friend and a brother in arms playing with Jens in Blodtåke. Everybody was very happy to tighten the bonds between the two bands and to gain a fantastic bass player.

Album recordings at Mike Utahs Audio Ranch

In April 2024 the recordings to the first Utter Silence full length album started.

A few months earlier, the single “From the Depths below” has been recorded exactly in the same studio following the same approach of creating a unique raw, 90s oriented and authentic sound to underline atmosphere and message of Utter Silences music.

Together with producer and audio engineer Jörn Michutta, the band used mostly analog recording processes, in a combination of modern and traditional methods. A live setup capturing a wide range of sounds helped to get a thick warm and rough sound with a lot of dynamics and singing melodies.

Entry of Sascha Biesel on lead guitar

After finishing the recordings and playing some additional shows in April 2024, former lead guitarist Flo left the band to follow other musical projects. As a close friend Sascha got in touch with Utter Silence without hesitation. Sascha has been active in several bands and projects, still having the dream to get this one small step further. In Utter Silence he shares his passion for music and his playing skill with good friend, becoming a part of the Utter Silence family.



REVIEWS

“The Terror” EP (Released: April 2022)

"Düsterer Stoff, düsterer Sound - aber geil! Ahab-Fans werden ihre Freude haben.

Timon Menge (Rockhard)

"Bitte mehr Songs."

Florian Blumann (Metal Hammer)

"[...]verdammt eingängiger Death-Doom der melodischen Sorte, der sofort im Ohr bleibt."

Ollie Fröhlich (OX fanzine)

"Die beiden nach dem Intro folgenden Tracks sind durch kluges Songwriting gut ausbalanciert - eine Mischung aus an AMON AMARTH erinnernden Death-Metal-Groove auf der einen Seite und langsamen, doomigen Passagen a la MY DYING BRIDE auf der anderen."

Philipp Sigl (FUZE)

"Wer auf melancholischen, getragenen Death/Doom steht, und den Frühwerken von MY DYING BRIDE und PARADISE LOST heute noch andächtig lauscht, sollte kurzerhand ein paar Euro eintüten, und das Teil auf der Bandcamp-Seite der Truppe ordern."

Maik (Zephyrs Odem)

"Musikalisch ist das Ganze in allen Bereichen fantastisch umgesetzt, die Gitarren, der Bass, Drumming, Vocals, ich habe nichts auszusetzen, eine so große Diversität in nur zwei Songs, das bekommt nicht jede Band hin."

MetalZone - Support the Underground



LIVE 2022/2023

Live Performances (with former members Rolf Ittner and Chris Burns)

11/26/2022 - Deathmetal over Wuppertal - Underground Wuppertal - first official gig with Denomination, Soul Grinder and Anamorph.

13/01/2023 - New Year Show - Underground Wuppertal - gig in front of more than 300 people with Darkness Surrounding and Obscurity.

Live Video taken by Tobe Photography:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SzuSAV4OZ0E

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LIVE 2023

Live Performances (with former members Florian Oesterling and F.T.)

09/06/2023 – Into the Catacombs Vol. 1, Werkhof, Hagen

Live Video taken by Silke Hartkopf: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EtfgdbT-oe8

15/07/2023 – Demonology, Valhalla, Cologne

29/07/2023 – Chaostraum Open Air, Gladenbach

02/09/2023 – Doomed to Death Festival, Werkhof, Hagen

22/09/2023 – Death Smasher's Night, Underground, Wuppertal

25/11/2023 – Sodom Metal Night, Carambole, Winschoten (NL)

02/12/2023 – Winter's Calling Festival, Kultopia, Hagen (Headliner Show)



LIVE 2024

Live Performances (* with former members Florian Oesterling and F.T.)

*** 05/01/2024** – Rotten Feast Festival, Helvete, Oberhausen

*** 02/02/2024** – Winter Grief, P8, Karlsruhe

*** 17/02/2024** – Forge Fire Metal Night, Altstadtschmiede, Recklinghausen

*** 23/02/2024** – Dark Winter Woods Vol. 1, Waldmeister, Solingen

*** 16/03/2024** – Demonology, Valhalla, Köln

*** 19/04/2024** – Metal Night, Bauhaus, Troisdorf

*** 20/04/2024** – The Storm is coming Festival, Emsdetten

21/09/2024 – Helvete, Oberhausen with Mindreaper, Old Ruins and Hounds of Damnation

28/09/2024 – Stygian Pilgrims Festival, B258, Braunschweig

29/11/2024 – Atramentum & Utter Silence, Papagei, Minden

07/12/2024 – Dark Winter Woods Vol. 2, Waldmeister, Solingen

13/12/2024 – GREH, Utter Silence & Godmorgon, Valhalla, Köln

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