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MINSK/ZATOKREV - BIGOD

Minsk (USA) und Zatokrev (CH/EU); zwei verschiedenen Kontinenten entstammende Bands erschaffen sich zwei gleichende, parallele Universen, welche nun bei ihrem gemeinsamen Projekt BIGOD verschmelzen. Es ist die Symbiose zweier Biogramme mit Parallelen, Überlagerungen und Verflechtungen. Minsk und Zatokrev gründeten sich im Jahr 2002 und veröffentlichten bisher jeweils vier Alben. Im Laufe der Zeit kreuzten sich auf zahlreichen europäischen Tourneen immer wieder ihre Wege woraus sich schliesslich eine Freundschaft entwickelte.

Sowohl Minsk als auch Zatokrev gingen seit Beginn an kompromisslos ihre eigenen Wege. Stetig auf der Suche nach einem tieferen Sinn im Hier und Jetzt, reflektieren die Musiker immerwährend ihr Innerstes in Form einer psychedelischen Melancholie, gepaart mit einer gigantischen Schwere und schöpferischen Zerstörungswut.

Ihre gemeinsame Leidenschaft und Aura führte zur Idee für das Split-Album BIGOD. Dieses Werk erschafft einen neuen Geist; einen Gott der zwei dunkle Seelen vereint und zwei Pfade in einen verwandelt. Beide Bands komponierten jeweils zwei epische Songs, von denen jeweils einer gesangliche Unterstützung der anderen Band erhielt.

Um das Gesamtkunstwerk zu vollenden, kreierte der Pariser Künstler Max Lorient eine aussergewöhnliche visuelle Umsetzung von BIGOD, die sich am Sinnbild von Elias Himmelfahrt orientiert. Die Illustration von BIGOD zeigt zwei Götter in Form von Pferden die einen brennenden Streitwagen ziehen, jedoch ganz ohne Reiter, ohne Propheten, nur dem spirituellen Feuer der Schöpfung. Die Pferde sind selbstbestimmt, gleichgestellt, durch das Feuer miteinander verbunden und blicken einem in sich geschlossenen Kreislauf entgegen.



Artists: Minsk / Zatokrev
Split album title: BIGOD
Homeland Minsk: USA
Homeland Zatokrev: Switzerland
Catalog Nr: SOUL0113 (CD) SOULCXIII (LP)
Format: digisleeve CD / Transparent 2LP w/ UV print
Barcode: 3481575154805 (CD) 3481575154812 (LP)
Labels: Consouling Sounds / Czar Of Crickets Productions
Release: October 5th 2018
Genre: Post-Metal, Psychedelic Rock, Post-Hardcore, Doom, Sludge
For fans of: Neurosis, Cult Of Luna, Isis, Wolves In The Throne Room, Celtic Frost, Godflesh

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Sonic Rendezvous (Benelux), Shellshock (Shellshock), Bertus (Europe), AISA/RED (USA)
Digital distribution by Plastic Head / Czar Of Crickets Productions

Tracklist incl. ISRC:

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| 01. Invoke/Revive (Minsk) | CH5111800041 |
| 02. Silent Gods (Zatokrev) | CH5111800042 |
| 03. Salvatore (Zatokrev) | CH5111800043 |
| 04. The Chalice And The Dagger (Minsk) | CH5111800044 |

Running time: 40 min

Minsk / Zatokrev - BIGOD Europe Tour:

Oct 18th: BE-Ghent, Café Charlatan
Oct 19th: NL-Leuwarden, Into The Void Festival
Oct 20th: DE-Oldenburg, MTS Records
Oct 21st: PL-Poznan, Klub u Bazyla
Oct 22nd: PL-Krakow, TBA
Oct 23rd: CZ-Prague, Underdogs'
Oct 24th: CRO-Zagreb, Klub Močvara
Oct 25th: GR-Athens, Kyttao (Minsk only)
Oct 26th: BG-Sofia, Mixtape 5
Oct 27th: SR-Belgrade, Elektropionir
Oct 28th: HUN-Budapest, Dürer Kert
Oct 29th: SK-Bratislava, Randal Club
Oct 30th: DE-Leipzig, Bandhaus
Oct 31rd: DE-Karlsruhe, Dudefest
Nov 01st: CH-Bulle, Ebullition
Nov 02nd: CH-Basel, Kaserne
Nov 03rd: CH-Winterthur, Gaswerk
Nov 17th: FR-Oignies, Tyrant Fest (Zatokrev only)

Minsk on the web:

<https://thesoundofminsk.com>
<https://www.facebook.com/Minsk>
<https://www.instagram.com/thesoundofminsk/>
<https://minskband.bandcamp.com>

Zatokrev on the web:

<http://www.zatokrev.com>
<https://www.facebook.com/ZATOKREV/>
<https://www.instagram.com/zatokrevband/>
<https://zatokrev.bandcamp.com>
<https://www.youtube.com/zatokrev>

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MINSK

Lineup:

Aaron Austin
Christopher Bennett
Zachary Livingston
Timothy Mead
Ryan Thomas

Discography:

2003 - Burning (demo CD / By Lisa Falzone Recordings)
2004 - If It Plays (Compilation / By Thinker Thought Records)
2005 - Out Of A Center Which Is Neither Dead Nor Alive (At A Loss Recordings)
2007 - A Tribute to Eyehategod (By Emetic Records)
2007 - The Ritual Fires Of Abandonment (Relapse Records)
2009 - Roky Erickson 7 (featuring Minsk and Uneathly Trance / Parasitic Records)
2009 - With Echoes In The Movement Of Stone (Relapse Records)
2010 - Hawkwind Triad (Neurot Recordings)
2015 - The Crash & The Draw (Relapse Records)
2018 - Minsk/Zatokrev split album BIGOD (Consouling Sounds / Czar Of Crickets)

Press quotes (The Crash & The Draw):

"The Crash And The Draw revisits and expands upon the features that made this band appealing in the first place, from their meticulously layered vocals to their masterful dynamic sensibility. Post-metal bands always get saddled with wave/tide metaphors, but the way that *When The Walls Fell* gradually rotates between restraint and aggression until it reaches its emotional climax really does evoke some cyclical force of nature - a force that remains as powerful as it's ever been." - Stereogum

"Minsk's talent lies in their ability to combine textured, introspective atmospherics with powerfully oppressive heaviness... Peppered with throaty Neurosis-esque anguish, delicately constructed melodies, and employing immersive production, *The Crash & The Draw* is an exemplary display of modern post-metal, and proves to be Minsk's most accomplished release yet." - Terrorizer

This is rich, dense yet true-to-the-ri hypnotic atmospheric post-metal that offers a great deal of heart and power...arresting, gorgeous, brutal and mesmerizing all the same... gigantic, expansive, hypnotic, crushing. - MetalSucks

ZATOKREV

Lineup:

Steen Kunkel
David Burger
Lucas Löw
Frederyk Rotter

Discography:

2003 - Demo
2004 - Blood From The Zeitgeist (Compilation by Code:Breaker)
2004/2005 - Zatokrev (Code:Breaker, Earache, Division)
2007 - Bury The Ashes (Firebox, Get A Life!, Czar Of Crickets)
2007 - Vancouver/Zatokrev split CD
2008 - Falling Down (Compilation)
2012/2013 - The Bat, The Wheel And A Long Road To Nowhere (Candlelight / Pelagic)
2015 - Silk Spiders Underwater... (Candlelight / Apocalyptic Witchcraft)
2018 - Minsk/Zatokrev split album BIGOD (Consouling Sounds / Czar Of Crickets)

Press quotes (Various past albums):

Zatokrev are a bolt straight out of the blue; a fierce raging juggernaut of pounding, metallic-but-exploratory sludge.
-Kerrang!

If you have an hour to kill, kill it good. Kill it with this record.
-Terrorizer

"Just don't expect to sleep that well if you listen to it last thing at night. Even once you're done wanting to rip the walls down with your bare hands, the bleakness will haunt you. Outstanding vitriol!"
-Metal Hammer

What I loved most about this album and what made it one of my favorites in 2015 is the sound and overall feel.
-ENCYCLOPAEDIA METALLUM

"I honestly think it is one of the best Post-Metal records I have heard in years."
-Doom-Metal.com

Albums like this are rare, and no matter what they do, their next one - even if it's better - won't have this one's charm. This is what we're in the underground for
-Metal Ireland