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ALBUM TITLE: CATAMENIA – Cavalcade

FORMAT: limited Digipak, CD

LABEL: Massacre Records

CAT. NUMBER: MAS-CD 0676

MUSIC STYLE: Nordic Metal

HOMECOUNTRY: Finland

BARCODE: 4028466106766

RELEASE DATE: 26.02.2010

LINE-UP:

Riku Hopeakoski - Lead guitars

Ari Nissilä - Vocals and rhythm guitars

Toni Kansanoja - Bass

Kari Vähäkuopus - Clean vocals and guitars

Mikko Nevanlahti - Drums

FACTS:

- The new and ninth album by the Finnish nordic black pagan metal masters CATAMENIA
- European tour on the HEIDENFEST Tour with Finntroll, Primordial, Eluveitie, Equilibrium, Manegarm
- Limited edition Digipak including bonus track
- Guest appearance by Ville Laihiala / Poisonblack on "Blood Trails!"
- Very successful first European headlining tour in February 2007
- Produced by Kari Vähäkuopus and Catamenia at Mastervox Studios, Oulu, Finland
- Excellent sales numbers and feedback on previous album and the complete backcatalogue
- Full page advertising campaign in January/February in a.o. Metal Hammer (D), Rock Hard (D), Aardschok (NL), Hard Rock (FR), Metal Hammer (GR), Terrorizer (GB)
- Internet promotion with banners, interviews and reviews: Soulfod.de, Powermetal.de, Metal.de, Wallsoffire.com, Stalker.cd, Vampster.com, Laut.de, MetalInside.de, Metalglory.de, Myrevelation.com and many more
- Online stream and song teaser prior to album release (Myspace site).
- Flyer and e-newsletter spread to more than 100.000 contacts through street team

BIOGRAPHY:

Catamenia (FI) was founded in 95 by their original members Riku Hopeakoski and Mika Tönning in Oulu, Finland .Already in their first year they recorded their first Demo. The second demo, 'Winds', (1996) lead to the four-album-contract with Massacre Records in 1997. First full-length album, 'Halls of Frozen North', was recorded in Communication Studios, Germany, in 1997 with Gerhard Magin (Crematory, Mystic Circle,...) and was released in 1998. One year after the release of the debut, they recorded their second album, 'Morning Crimson' (1999) in Sweden, at Sunlight Studios with Thomas Skogsberg (Katatonia, Dismember,...).

First line-up changes had to be done after 'Morning Crimson' recordings due to personal reasons. Drummer Toni Tervo and guitarist Sampo Ukkola were replaced by Sir Luttinen and current guitarist Ari Nissilä.

Their third album, 'Eternal Winter's Prophecy', was recorded in their home country in 2000 at Tico-Tico Studios with Ahti Kortelainen (Kalmah, Eternal Tears of Sorrow, Dawn of Relic,...). Now it was time to record their last contractual album 'Eskhata' for Massacre Records in 2002. Recorded in Oulu, Finland, at SoundMix Studios with producer Mika Pohjola (The Black League,...).

After the release and promotion of 'Eskhata', Catamenia renewed their contract with Massacre Records for three albums more because of the good and long co-operation.

At this point, Catamenia had faced many line-up changes. But during the rehearsing the new album's songs, they have found their steady line-up and again as a six-piece. Catamenia recorded their fifth album, 'ChaosBorn' at Neo Studio in Oulu, Finland with Kari Vähäkuopus and Immu Ilmarinen (Burning Point, Embraze, Afterworld, Sentenced,...). After great feedback from media and fans of 'ChaosBorn', was time to prepare the sixth album. Band decided to title the album as 'Winternight Tragedies'.

Spending some time in rehearsal room, Riku had already made several great songs, it was time to book the studio. Cause of the great production of 'ChaosBorn', band decided to enter the same studio, Mastervox Studios with producers Kakke Vähäkuopus and Immu Ilmarinen.

During the studio session, band encountered problems with collaboration, distance and lack of practice with few members. Line-up changes were made. Vocalist Mika and bassist Timo was replaced by new vocalist O.J. Mustonen and bassist Mikko Hepo-oja.

Despite the facts of line-up changes, producers Kakke, Immu and the band itself, recorded and produced absolutely their most powerful album ever, 'Winternight Tragedies'. On the new album, 'Winternight Tragedies', band performs raw, aggressive and angry songs, still keeping the melodious side alive. After the great feedback of 'Winternight Tragedies', band did their first East European Tour, managed by ProMusic Production which was complete success.



TRACKLISTING:

01. Blood Trails
02. Cavalcade
03. The Path That Lies Behind Me
04. Silence
05. Quantity of Sadness
06. Post Mortem
07. The Vulture's Feast
08. A Callous Mind
09. Reincarnation
10. Angry Again (Megadeth cover)
11. Farewell (Sentenced cover)
Digipak bonus track)

DISCOGRAPHY:

- 1998 Halls Of Frozen North
- 1999 Morning Crimson
- 1999 Catamenia Shape Edition
- 2000 Eternal Winter's Prophecy
- 2002 Eskhata
- 2003 Chaos Born
- 2005 Winternight Tragedies
- 2006 Location: COLD
- 2008 VIII – The time unchained
- 2010 Cavalcade

Despite the successful year 2005, Catamenia decided to replace bassist Mikko Hepo-oja unanimously, cause of non-working chemistry between rest of the members. New bassist Toni Kansanoja (Black Swan, Burning Point) joins the band.

In the end of 2005, Riku started to work on the seventh studio album and Mastervox studios was booked again for early summer 2006 with Kakke and Immu. This is the last contractual album for Massacre Records, so again it's time for negotiations and decisions to be made for the future.

In the studio, band faced some serious problems again. Vocalist Olli lost his voice after singing four songs and they had to replace him by their friend Antti 'Hape' Haapsamo from Mors Subita, who sang the rest of the songs.

The new album, which was titled as 'Location:COLD', reaches whole new level in Catamenia's history.

Catamenia's great friend and producer of last three albums, Kari Vähäkuopus, joins the band as a clean vocalist. Kari will follow the band on tours always when he's capable due to his own duties. Catamenia feels like they are one big part of Massacre Records, and Massacre Records' feeling is mutual, so the contract is renewed.

Catamenia's first DVD, 'Bringing The Cold To Poland', is recorded in Warsaw and produced by Metal Mind Productions. During the touring in Russia and Europe, Tero decided to leave the band after Russian part of the tour - he fell in love with our promoter and followed her back to Moscow. Again some sad news in Cata-camp. Drummer Veikko Jumisko departed from Catamenia in Spring 2007 because he was not capable to join the touring anymore. After a short seek for the new drummer we found a perfect, yet still enough crazy replacement for Veikko, so Mikko Nevanlahti joins the band.

Catamenia is again a 5-piece band by the departure of vocalist Olli Mustonen. There were some problems with his vocals cords and he had lost his voice. From now on the lead vocals are sang by Ari Nissilä and Kari Vähäkuopus.

Riku started to write new music for the next album, which carries a name 'VIII - The Time Unchained' and the recordings take place again at Mastervox Studios, Oulu, Finland by the producers Kakke Vähäkuopus and Immu Ilmarinen.

The eight album turned out very variable and includes aggressive, fast guitar riffing with blasting drums, screaming vocals and low grunts but still having the traditional Catamenia melodies and clean vocals - the first time, Catamenia album is not including any keyboards.

With the new 9th album "Cavalcade" Catamenia for the first time follow a complete concept which rounds a stunning album that presents Catamenia's qualities in best possible way - Catamenia are still marching in 2010 being present on stages and festivals more than ever and being one of Finland's most important metal exports.