

Obscurity - Melodic Death / Viking Metal band with Black Metal influences from Velbert

Hammer-forged from the hardest steel of the Bergisches Land, cast in fire, formed on the anvil of metal and hardened by the waters of the Wupper. A battle axe, so deadly and sharp, made from the same material as the world-renowned blades of Solingen... This is how you could describe the birth of Obscurity in early 1997 in Velbert (Bergisches Land).

Obscurity are among the pioneers of the German Death/Viking Metal scene and have unleashed ten studio albums upon the metal world to date. With their current album "Ascheregen", the band entered the German Album Charts at #23 and the German Metal Charts at #7. Live, the lions from Bergisches Land are also a force to be reckoned with, as they have successfully proven at countless festivals and club shows, including appearances at Summer Breeze Open Air, Rock Harz Open Air, Party.San Metal Open Air, Ragnarök Festival, Turock Open Air, Dark Troll Festival, Wolfszeit, Wolfsfest, Wodanaz Metalfest and many more. Beyond that, they have successfully toured large parts of Europe as well as non-European countries, including appearances on the Heidenfest and Paganfest tours alongside three additional European tours. Obscurity would like to thank all promoters, fans, and friends for their trust and loyalty!

Of the founding members, only Agalaz remains active today. Agalaz (v) and his comrades - Isarn (d), Grimnir (g), Vidar (b) and Njalvar (g) - continue to stand for everything that defines Obscurity: honest metal music from metal fans for metal fans, without bending to anyone or compromising for the sake of trends. As early as 1997, the band declared: "We play Battle Metal - no more and no less." Their influences range from Black and Death Metal to Viking Metal and classic Heavy Metal.

Anyone who knows the band is aware that closeness to the fans has always been one of their defining traits and that they never take themselves too seriously - something that has characterized these musicians from the Niederberg region since day one. Over the last two decades, they have inspired many loyal fans, friends and families and they are deeply grateful for everything they have achieved - none of which would have been possible without the support of those mentioned above. The down-to-earth musicians from Niederberg would especially like to thank their long-time brothers Tim Schuldt (4CN Studios), Roland Kreuzer (FoH) and their families for their continued support. A very special thanks also goes out to the Trollzorn crew and the entire team, as well as the Northern Darkness and Thunderstorm crews!

The more-than-brotherly relationship with the band Helgrindur is hardly surprising considering the current line-up. As a joke - and due to the present constellation - fans even coined the name "Helscurity."

More than 29 years have now passed: the bones ache, the hair is fading, hard blows have been endured and many sacrifices have been demanded of every single member. Yet the lions of Bergisches Land always leave the "battlefields" with heads held high, looking back on their long history of success with both pride and a wink of the eye.

Forward - as long as the boots will carry us - thank you for unforgettable years!

Furor Teutonicus!

Berge Romerijke!