

## **LINE UP**

### **DARE OCH DARREN WHARTON**

In 1985, the band DARE was formed by former Thin Lizzy keyboardist Darren Wharton after Phil Lynott decided to dissolve Lizzy.

The debut album, *Out of the Silence*, was released in 1988 and was recorded in Joni Mitchell's private studio in Beverly Hills. The success was unsuccessful and it lasted until 1998 before it gained momentum with the release of the album *Calm before the Storm*. With clear Celtic influences in the music, the fans also showed up. DARE is one of the more popular bands in its genre in Sweden and given this strong connection to us and our own folk music, it is easy to love the band's music. We are extremely proud to be able to present DARE in our large selection of music 25 years after its start in March 1994.

### **HARDCORE SUPERSTAR**

If anyone was worried that it wouldn't rock enough at the King's Call Cruise, you can immediately forget that worry when we proudly present the Hardcore Superstar!

The band was formed in Gothenburg in 1997 and have since the debut album "It's Only Rock 'N' Roll" in 1998 released a further ten albums. The latest, "You Can't Kill My Rock 'N' Roll," was released exactly a year ago. They have toured all over the world as special guests to band such as AC/DC and Kiss.

In February, they will be standing at the Friends Arena together with Ozzy Osbourne and Judas Priest, but before that they take on the sea of Åland. So get prepared for a rollercoaster ride of snarling riffs, heavy bass lines and relentlessly driving drums, all of which are intertwined with enslaving melodies and Jocke's unmistakable vocals.

### **WILD FRONTIER**

Swedish band Reach has since they started in 2013 played at festivals and toured in both Sweden and Europe - including as guests to Eclipse and Gus G. They have also released two records, the most recent of which - *The Great Divine* - was met with great criticism worldwide.

The band is Ludvig Turner on vocals and guitar, Marcus Johansson on drums and Soufian Ma'Aoui on bass. Alongside Reach, they also have the band Wild

Frontier, which is a tribute band to Gary Moore, which also includes guitarist Richard Hamilton from the Houston band.

Some might recognize Ludvig from the Swedish Idol, where in 2014 he came in fourth place. Soufian also plays with English Romances and has previously also played with Houston.

We warmly welcome this great Gary Moore quartet to the King's Call Cruise!

### **ELLINOR ASP**

She sings, plays piano, accordion and bass. She has been chaplain in SVT, performed for the Swedish king and queen, recorded a single with Nicki Minaj acted as warm-up for artists such as Elton John, Bruce Springsteen, Pavarotti and ZZ-Top.

But above all, she is truly an artist with a gunpowder energy beyond the ordinary, and it is a real pleasure to welcome Ellinor on board, where she will perform both as a guest artist and in the piano bar.

### **ECLIPSE**

Erik Mårtenson is today regarded one of the hard rock world's most respected songwriters. In addition to Eclipse and the side projects W.E.T. (including guitarist Magnus Henriksson), Norwegian Ammunition (with Åge Sten Nilsen from Wig Wam) and Nordic Union (with Danish Pretty Maid singer Ronnie Atkins) he has written music for world artists such as Survivor singer Jimi Jamison.

Eclipse was formed in 1999 and released two weeks ago their seventh, and once again incredibly acclaimed album, Paradigm – which in just four days had over a million listenings on Spotify! Many people also probably recognize them from Melodifestivalen 2016 where they participated with the song Runaway.

The band, which went on a European tour on Tuesday, consists of the brothers Philip and Victor Crusner on drums and bass in addition to Erik and Magnus.

So a big thank you to Magnus Henriksson for making us enjoy the whole Eclipse on King's Call Cruise, since he didn't dare to go on such a big boat on his own...

## **IAN HAUGLAND**

He doesn't need a closer presentation, but for those who have been in rock 'n' roll coma for the past 30 years, here's a brief summary:

Ian Haugland was born in Norway, he replaced Tony Reno as drummer in Europe in 1984. The band released "The Final Countdown" two years later – and the rest is, as they say, history. At Skogsröjet 2016 he did a gig as an official drummer in the temporarily revived Thin Lizzy, along with Scott Gorham and Darren Wharton. After that he has toured with Europe again, with their fantastic eleventh album "Walk the Earth".

In addition, Ian has made records with, among others, Glenn Hughes, Tone Norum, Baltimooore, Thore Skogman, Brazen Abbot and Totte Wallin (!). When he is not the host of the radio show Rockklassiker, that is. Do you need any other excuse NOT to come and see Mr. Haugland on the King's Call Cruise?

## **JAN JOHANSEN**

He is the son of legendary jazz drummer Egil Johansen, and got his breakthrough when he represented Sweden in Eurovision Song Contest in 1995 with the song "Se på mig" and finished at third place. Beside his solo carrier he has also been the singer in the rock band Ignition, with which he performed at Sweden Rock Festival in 2003, and has previously also appeared at King's Call Stockholm. We are extremely happy and proud to have him back again. Jan is a huge Phil Lynott fan and it will be great fun to see him perform some of Phils classic songs.

## **JIMMY LAGNEFORS**

Jimmy Lagnefors has made a big name in the Swedish film industry with screenplays to, among others, "Micke & Veronica" and "Solstorm", and as a composer for films such as "Flykten till framtiden", "Mammas pojkar" and most recently "Ted – för kärlekens skull".

For Thin Lizzy and King's Call fans, he has also become perhaps the most appreciated Phil Lynott interpreter of all the guests we have had during these ten fantastic years. So it is with great pleasure that we welcome Jimmy back!

## **TOMMY JOHANSSON**

Norrland's finest has since 2016 been a guitarist in one of Sweden's biggest bands, Sabaton, and he also kicked off his own band ReinXeed again last year. Now all Sabaton fans get their chance to experience when Tommy pays tribute to his house gods Phil Lynott and Gary Moore!

## **BOSSE STAGMAN**

He has fronted classic glam rock bands such as Easy Action, Shotgun Messiah and his own Zan Clan. Two years ago he released the acclaimed debut album "Are You Still Out There?" Under his own name, Stagman and last year it came out even stronger if possible and even more acclaimed sequel "Mother Earth" and this fall the third album will come under the same name. He has been with us several times before,

He has been with us several times before, and few can deliver Phil Lynott's classics with the same joy and energy as Bosse "Zinny" Stagman.

## **THE LITTLE DARLINGS**

The Little Darlings was formed more than ten years ago and since its inception, has been a constant husband at the annual tribute concert to Phil Lynott, King's Call Stockholm. Over the years, the band has had the pleasure of playing Lizzyl songs together with, among others, Brian Downey, Brian Robertson, Darren Wharton, Nicke Borg, Jan Johansen, Conny Bloom, Ian Haugland, Mic Michaeli - yes, the list can be made almost any length.

## **BJÖRN NALLE PÅHLSSON**

Nalle Pålsson is one of our country's most experienced and hardest working bassists. Just last year, he managed to record eight (!) Albums with various bands and artists, including Therion and Stagman. In Nalle's over 30-year track record, we find bands such as Easy Action, Treat, Vindictive, Randy Piper's Animal and Gathering of Kings. Add to that artist collaborations with Brian Robertson, Mats Ronander, Micke Rickfors, Pugh Rogefeldt, Sanne Salomonsen and Stormen, just to name a few. We warmly welcome Teddy back!

## **LARS SKÖLD**

With role models such as Alex Van Halen and Vinny Appice, he went to the Musicians Institute in Los Angeles as a 16-year-old to study and become a drummer. Three years later Lars Sköld returned to Sweden and became a regular member of Tiamat, who was just about to embark on an extensive world tour. Since then it has rolled on, including 17 records with Tiamat.

In addition, he has been hired as a session drummer by such diverse artists as Sofia Karlsson, Safari Season and Krux. And next year he will put the new Swedish act Stormen on the musical map. But first of all he will kick ass at King's Call Cruise!

## **CHRIS LANEY**

He has been awarded for several Grammys, written music for Hardline, produced records for Brian Robertson & Candlemass, mixed records for Crashdiet & HEAT, worked with artists such as Bruce Kulick & Mikkey Dee, and been a member of bands such as Randy Piper's Animal, Zan Clan and his own Laney's Legion.

Since the fall of 2016 he has been guitarist & keyboardist with the legendary, Danish, rock icons Pretty Maids, who released their new single a week ago and releases their new album at November 8th. He has also been a loyal guest on King's Call and we are extremely proud and delighted to have Mr. Laney back on Silja Galaxy!

## **GABRIEL KEYES & SAM SÖDERLINDH**

Crashdiet were discovered outside Systembolaget in Södermalm in 2003 when they gave their demo away. Two years later they released the debut album "Rest in Sleaze", and the rest is history.

Since then, they have opened for Ozzy Osbourne and performed for over 50,000 people in Brazil. Since 2017, Gabriel Keyes has been their front man, and yesterday they released their fifth (excellent) album "Rust".

Art Nation released its debut album in August 2015, and were in 2015, 2016 & 2017 nominated for the "Best Live Act of the Year", "Swedish Breakthrough of the Year" and "Swedish Group of the Year" – in competition with artists such as Zara Larsson, Ghost, Laleh, In Flames and Håkan Hellström!

The song "Look to the Sky" was included in Aftonbladet's annual best-list of 2015 and was titled "The most beautiful ballad of the year". Since then, the band has toured with bands/artists such as Europe, Twisted Sister, Dokken, DAD and Sabaton, and on October 25, the band releases its third, highly awaited full-length album. The guy with the guitar is called Sam Söderlindh, and on January 4th, he and Gabriel will together raise the temperature significantly on the King's Call Cruise – where they will appear on several occasions!

## **PONTUS NORGRÉN**

As a teenager, he was offered to join Accept. A few years later he formed Great King Rat with Leif Sundin, and he has since played with bands such as Talisman, Zan Clan and The Poodles, produced records for artists such as Mercury Fang, Candlemass and Doogie White, and has been sound engineer for Thin Lizzy, Europe, King Diamond and Yngwie Malmsteen.

Since 2008, the least versatile and experienced Pontus Norgren is a guitarist in Hammerfall and on January 4 he is once again on King's Call's stage to pay tribute to Phil Lynott - and you do'nt want to miss that!

## **MAGNUS HENRIKSSON**

Together with Erik Mårtensson and Anders Berlin, Magnus Henriksson formed the band Eclipse in 1999, which two years later released their debut album "The Truth and a Little More". Since then they have released another five albums and in two weeks their seventh record "Paradigm" will be released.

In 2016, the band performed at Melodifestivalen, and besides Eclipse Magnus also plays guitar in the side project W.E.T. along with members of Work of Art and Talisman. He has also toured with E-Type, is a tour guitarist in Tiamat and has a Yngwie Malmsteen cover band called The Fucking Furys. Soon a European tour awaits with the new Eclipse album, and then Magnus takes on the Silja Galaxy with his fantastic guitar playing!

## **CONNY BLOOM**

He says himself that he has never been interested in the rock myth, as a young man he wanted to be Björn Borg. However, after touring in the US and Japan with Electric Boys - with which he released six plates - and Hanoi Rocks, Conny Bloom is undoubtedly more associated with the rock myth than with a tennis racket. If someone asks you to drop a Swedish rock star, Conny is most likely the first person most people think of.

Expect Phil's songs to get a heavy dose of groovus maximus!

## **MATS LEVÉN**

His first self-purchased album was Quo with Status Quo, he got a magnesium bomb in his head and he has fronted bands like Swedish Erotica, Treat, Yngwie Malmsteen, Candlemass, Therion and Trans-Siberian Orchestra. This year, Mats Levén released his first solo album with Skyblood. Above all, he is our most faithful guest on King's Call, which he has been on the rake for ten years. We are extremely proud and excited about that he is stepping aboard on Silja Galaxy to pay tribute to Phil Lynott. So expect high pulse and fever chills when one of Sweden's best front men rock off on Kings Call.