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BEAST IN BLACK

»From Hell With Love«

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Line-up:

Yannis Papadopoulos | vocals
Anton Kabanen | guitars
Kasper Heikkinen | guitars
Mate Molnar | bass
Atte Palokangas | drums

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“The BEAST is back, the BEAST IN BLACK!” Haunting words recalling »**Berserker**«, **BEAST IN BLACK**’s debut album, which was finally released in November 2017. Although it never actually felt as if the **BEAST** had been away entirely. Right after the departure from his former band **BATTLE BEAST**, **BEAST IN BLACK**’s founder **Anton Kabanen** recruited new companions in the way of high-pitched vocalist **Yannis Papadopoulos (WARDRUM)**, bassist **Mate Molnar (WISDOM)**, guitarist **Kasper Heikkinen (U.D.O.)** and last but not least drummer **Atte Palokangas (THUNDERSTONE)**, who officially replaced **Sami Hänninen** in early 2018.

Continuing with the same style of songwriting that he started with **BATTLE BEAST**, **Kabanen** crafted a new host of addictive songs that excite with their use of relentless energy and power. Especially the album’s first single, '**Blind And Frozen**', that blew the roof off and set the bar very high by achieving several million **YouTube** views in just a year. To cut it short: »**Berserker**« was very well received by both new and old fans of **Anton**’s work, as well as fans of the anime series »**Berserker**«, which **Anton** drew inspiration from. A number of well-known musicians have also praised the record such as **NIGHTWISH**’s **Tuomas Holopainen** (who said that *“you have to be mentally insane to not love this album”*), **HELLOWEEN / GAMMA RAY**’s **Kai Hansen** and many more.

Additionally, »**Berserker**« not only allowed **BEAST IN BLACK** to enter the hearts of many people all around the globe, but also gave them the keys to the gates of the world’s stages! The accompanying touring cycle kicked off in October 2017 in the form of a few European shows supporting the legendary **W.A.S.P.** - one of **Kabanen**’s musical idols next to **JUDAS PRIEST**, **ACCEPT** among others - followed by select shows opening for Germany’s **BEYOND THE BLACK**. If you’d have thought, that it’s impossible to top such an amazing beginning, you would soon be proved wrong. The **BEAST** started 2018 with two sold out headlining gigs in

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Finland, the homecountry of **Anton**, **Kasper** and **Atte**. But there was no rest for the wicked, as the group joined Italian symphonic metallers **RHAPSODY Reunion** on their extensive »**20th Anniversary Farewell Tour**« across Europe, where the band visited a number of countries and cities for the first time ever. The summer saw **BEAST IN BLACK** playing several festival gigs, many of which were in Finland. To worthily close the »**Berserker**« live chapter, the band returned to where their live career had begun back in 2015 - supporting Finnish symphonic metal giants **NIGHTWISH** in front of several thousand fans in November & December 2018. Despite their extensive touring schedule, the **BEAST** managed to achieve something else in the past few months...

The band secretly forged 11 hot new tracks which comprise their highly-anticipated sophomore record »**From Hell With Love**«. The album was once again recorded in **Anton's** own **Sound Request Studio**, and true to the motto "*Never change a winning team*", the cover artwork was created by **Roman Ismailov** who worked on »**Berserker**« as well as the first record **Kabanen** wrote under the banner of **BATTLE BEAST**, »**Steel**« (2012). Although **BEAST IN BLACK's** new tunes musically fit into a similar vein as their debut album, the lyrics haven't only been inspired by the aforementioned »**Berserker**«, but also by other movies and TV series **Anton** is a huge fan of, as well as personal experiences once again. For example, '**Cry Out For A Hero**' is based on another Japanese manga and anime series called »**Fist Of The North Star**«. Fans of »**Berserker**« have nothing to worry about as with the help of **Anton's** Italian friend **Paolo Ribaldini** the record still delves deep into **Anton's** favourite series!

»**From Hell With Love**« delivers everything that made fans love **Anton's** work in the first place. A slew of fast-paced tracks like the opener '**Cry Out For A Hero**' and '**Repentless**', hymnic songs '**Unlimited Sin**' and '**This Is War**' and one of the band's specialities, mid-tempo smashers that only **BEAST IN BLACK** can deliver are back and represented on the new disc by the lead single '**Sweet True Lies**' and the album's title track. There's one thing that all of these tracks have in common. Each and every song catches the listener with irresistible melodies, taking residence in the listener's mind from the moment they hear it.

With their very first European headline run, Finnish gigs and even a few festival appearances already being announced, everything's set for the **BEAST** to continue on its unstoppable path to the pinnacle of today's metal scene from February 2019 onwards... There's simply no way to escape its claws! As **JUDAS PRIEST** already knew in their hit song '**Nightcrawler**': "*Beware the BEAST IN BLACK...*" You better do!

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