Hall of Gods

RAFAEL AGOSTINO

He started playing music at age 12, playing drums and guitar, at age 15, keyboard and piano, and at age 19, in 2002, he joined his first band, touring the North and Northeast of Brazil.
In 2015, he recorded in **Denmark** at the studio of renowned producer **Tommy Hansen** (Helloween, Jorn).
Toured Europe from 2017 to 2019, visiting countries such as Germany, the Netherlands, Greece, Denmark, Poland, and Czech Republic...
In 2021, the ambitious **Hall of Gods** project begins, featuring special appearances by great singers such as:
Zak Stevens, Chris Caffery (Savatage),
Ralf Scheepers (Primal Fear - ex-Gamma Ray),
Snowy Shaw (King Diamond - Therion),
Ronnie Romero (Rainbow - MSG),
Marcello Pompeu (Korzus),
Mayara Puertas (Torture Squad).

A TRIBUTE TO THE GODS OF MUSIC

The album pays reverent homage to the great classical composers, with each track not only encapsulating a unique theme but also incorporating, in lyrics, themes related to these musical masters. Hall of Gods highlights the melancholic and melodious side of classical music, often approaching the doom metal style.

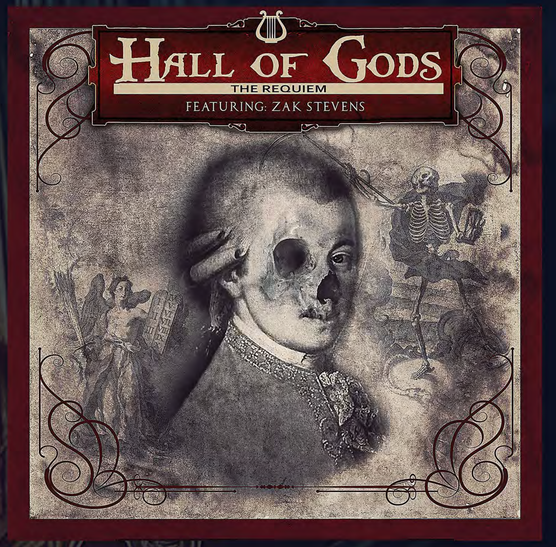
ABIGAIL RECORDS

THE REQUIEM

A TRIBUTE TO WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART

The first single was released in grand style in August 2023, featuring experienced vocalist Zak Stevens (Savatage, Trans-Siberian Orchestra, Circle II Circle). "The Requiem," based on Mozart's famous Requiem, The song's lyrics establish an intriguing parallel between the contemplation of mortality and the grandeur of the work itself. The composition also features bold reinterpretations of iconic Mozart themes.

"Collaborating with Zak was a great experience, almost like having him as a full member of the band. His suggestions enriched the lyrics, improved the melodies, and he expressed his appreciation for the project, further fueling my determination to continue this endeavor."



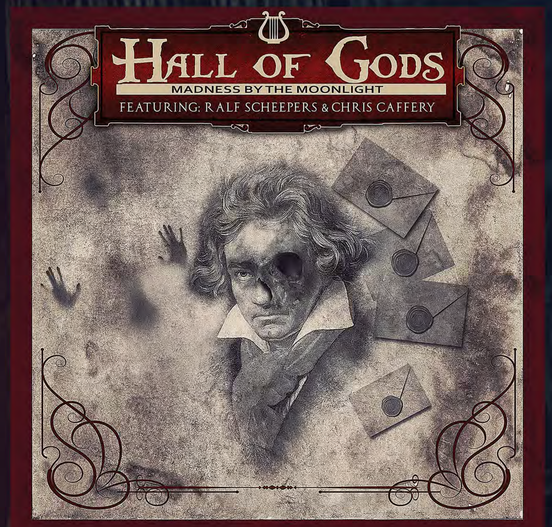
MADNESS BY THE MOONLIGHT

A TRIBUTE TO LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

**The album's second track pays tribute to Beethoven.
The composition features guest appearances by Ralf Scheepers (Primal Fear, ex-Gamma Ray), Chris Caffery (Savatage, TSO), and Ana Days (Elevenber).
The song begins with the famous and virtuoso third movement of the Moonlight Sonata and includes several themes, some adapted to different keys.**

The lyrics, in addition to addressing Beethoven's letters to his loved ones, make reference to the composer's rebelliousness, becoming deaf and still composing great works without hearing.

**Chris Caffery, like Zak, showed complete support for the project, even recording a video to include in the music video, as well as singing an exc from one of Beethoven's letters.
Ralf was extremely professional, to the point of recording everything the day after the invitation and even sending all the tracks already mixed.**



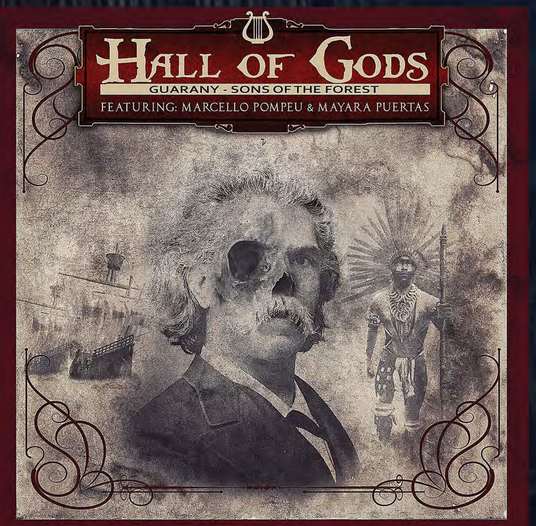
GUARANY (SONS OF THE FOREST)

A TRIBUTE TO ANTONIO CARLOS GOMES

This song is a tribute that goes beyond the composer Carlos Gomes and his work, but also a tribute to the Indigenous peoples, highlighting their culture, strength, and knowledge.
The featured artists were Marcello Pompeu (Korzus) and Mayara Puertas (Torture Squad), who share the vocals on this song.

The video was filmed in the Guarani Tekoa Pyau village in Jaraguá, and featured three Indigenous people.

"It was a unique experience making this video with them.
The entire village has 80 families, and their native language is Guarani."

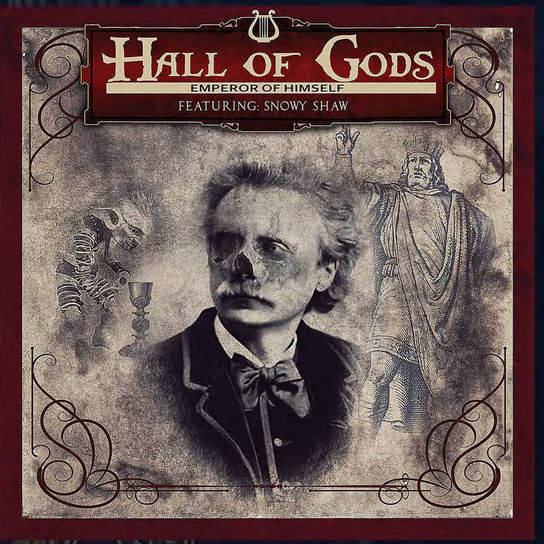


EMPEROR OF HIMSELF

A TRIBUTE TO EDVARD GRIEG

The B side of the album opens with the participation of Swedish Snowy Shaw (Therion, Memento Mori, King Diamond, Dream Evil)
In addition to addressing the famous piano concerto themes of Edvard Grieg, “Emperor of Himself” also has themes of Peer Gynt suites, which is a theatrical piece written by Henrik Ibsen and music by Grieg.

“Grieg is one of the main influences, his piano concerto It is the most incredible of all the concerts and also the most executed in the world. The lyrics precisely address the story of Peer Gynt, but here we also have a religious critical character making reference as to religion their role in manipulation and false promises.
Haves Snowy in the project was a great honor, I’m huge fan of King Diamond and Memento Mori, Snowy recorded all voices, and became really incredible, because he is able to do bass with the tuba to the high notes of King Diamond.”



DEVIL JOY OF MAN'S DESIRING

A TRIBUTE TO JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

Last track of the album is “Devil Joy of Man's Desiring” a tribute of Johann Sebastian Bach and the lyrics address his tireless search for a divine answer about your gift.
Among the musical themes chosen, the focus is on the piece “Tocata e Fuga in D Minor”, one of the most famous and most 'heavy metal' works byall the times.
The special guest for that music was Ronnie Romero.
(Rainbow MSG, The Ferrymen, Elegant Weapons, Lords of Black).

“I listened Ronnie singing Stargazer from Rainbow, and it was incredible to see all the dedication and identity of someone singing Dio, but I really was interested when he launched The Shinning of Black Sabbath, along with Chris Caffery, He is one of the greatest vocalists of nowadays, a reason that he has so many bands."

CREDITS

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VINYL

The special LP edition via Abigail Records was released on 180g vinyl, gatefold, and 12-page booklet in black, orange, and blue.

PRESS BRAZIL

Articles related to the Hall of Gods in the brazilian media:

Tv Show - Leitura Dinâmica - RedeTV!

PRESS

Hall of Gods + Savatage interview on Pegadas show on 89fm

TESTIMONIALS

Zak Stevens
para Eu
Hoje 19:07

Hey Agostino,

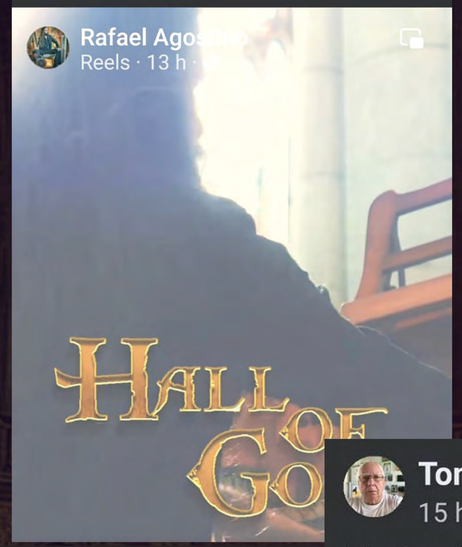
WHOAAAAAAAAAAAAA!!! Congratulations!! What an amazing song. I imagine a whole album of these types of songs will be fantastic!

perfectly! Amazing stuff man!! It was a pleasure working on this song sir!! Thank you for everything as well!!

Zak

Snowy Shaw
13 h ·

This guy is just too good.
Phenomenal 🖤❤️🖤



Christopher Caffery

and thanks again to Rafael Agostino for letting me be a part of his beautiful piece of metal music history!

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Doc Wacholz

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Yr playn is simply awesone....reminds me alot of Criss...merry christmas 2 u n yours....

Tommy Hansen
15 h ·

My Brazillian friend show of his enormous musicality 👍

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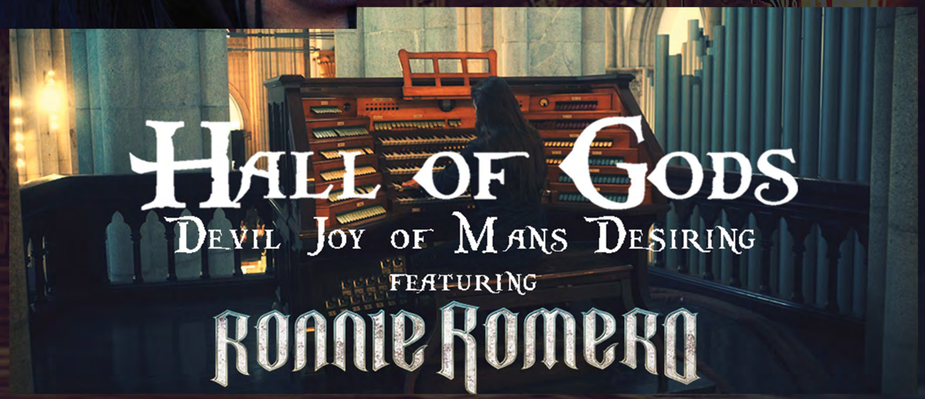
VIDEOS

All songs are also available on YouTube with videos and on all digital platforms



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