

STUD

STUD, a pioneer of Finnish Heavy Rock

STUD is a heavy rock band hailing from Helsinki, Finland. The band has released two albums *Out Of The Darkness* (2013) and *Rust On The Rose* (2014). The band is aiming to release their 3rd album, containing 10 new songs, in the spring 2017. The first single *Eyes Of Hurricane* is set for release at the end of March 2017.

STUD was founded back in 1986, when four musicians who had already played in several different bands teamed up to form one of the period's most aggressive, skilled and loudest bands.

On the very same year the biggest record company in Finland, Finnlevy published the first STUD-single *Mä haluan elää / Viimeinen yö*. After publishing the single STUD toured frequently, especially the metropolitan area.

The original line-up was ultimately short-lived, and as the new singer came in the language was changed to English. In 1987 STUD attended Finland's Rock Championship contest, where they achieved a place in the finals, which was quite an achievement for a heavy rock band. Touring expanded across the border, when STUD among the few Finnish bands toured Estonia's largest cities, at a time when Estonia's independence was still around the corner.

At the end of the decade, after a new change of singer STUD tried to record a full-length album, but failed to make a deal with a record company, since new, darker music, had increased popularity in Finland. STUD made their last gigs in 1989, after which the band broke up.

After some 20 years STUD was reformed with original members on board. Since then the band has been busy making new music and playing to new audiences. The two albums, and singles and videos taken from those albums, have been noticed all over the world gaining airplay, reviews and interviews in Europe, the US and Australia.

The current line-up Ari Toivanen (vocals), Mika Kansikas (guitar), Jyrki Partanen (bass) and Stenda Kukkonen (drums) is undoubtedly the strongest in bands history, and the band is in excellent form, ready to rock the world.

With the upcoming album, STUD will surely reach yet new audiences, and the band is actively searching for opportunities to hit the stages both inside and outside of their home country.



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