

We are Obscurity - onwards into the battle!!!

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). Five brave warriors though musically inexperienced and blessed with sparse beards, united by their passion for heavy metal - formed a force named Obscurity.

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 what defines Obscurity: honest metal music made by metal fans for metal fans, without bowing to anyone or any trend and refusing to make "lazy" compromises. Even in 1997, they proclaimed: "We play battle metal, no more, no less." Their influences range from Black and Death Metal to Viking and traditional Heavy Metal.

This makes Obscurity one of the pioneers of the German Death/Viking metal scene, growing into the spearhead and showcase blade of this genre. Over time, they have released nine studio albums into the Metal scene and live, the Bergisches Lions are a force to be reckoned with. They have proven this time and again at countless festivals and club gigs (including Rock Harz, Party San, Ragnarök, Turock Open Air, Darktroll, Wolfszeit, HRH Vikings, Fiesta Pagana, and many more). They have also successfully toured large parts of Europe and even beyond, appearing on the Heidenfest and Paganfest tours, as well as three other tours, always leaving their mark "in the distance." Obscurity would like to thank all promoters for the trust placed in them!

Those who know the band are aware of their strong connection to fans and their willingness to not always take themselves too seriously - a trait that has defined these guys from Bergisch Land from the beginning. Over the last two decades they have been able to inspire many loyal fans, friends, and their families and are deeply grateful for what they have achieved, which would not have been possible without them.

The very much down to earth guys from the lowlands of the Bergisch Land especially want to thank their long-time brothers Tim Schuldt (4CN Studios), Roland Kreuzer (FoH), Sascha Krüger (iMotion Factory), Grimbold, Skjalgr, and Jascha for their ongoing support. A very special Salute goes to the Trollzorn team, as well as the Northern Darkness and Thunderstorm Crews!

The more-than-brotherly relationship with the band Helgrindur is no surprise given the current lineup. Jokingly and due to the present constellation, fans have coined the name "Helsucrity."

More than 25 years have now passed: the bones are aching, the hair is thinning, some heavy blows have been endured and many sacrifices have been demanded of each member. But the Bergisches Lions always leave the "battlefields" with heads held high, looking back on their long and successful journey with a wink and a sense of pride.

The maxim is:

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

Furor Teutonicus!

Berge Romerijke!