

Biography of Harloch

The band Harloch was founded by Elenios and Akhsesef on a cloudy Thursday, 25th January 2001. They immediately started writing the lyrics and composing the music. Accidentally they met Windar (drums) who was eager to join the band. Alas, the initial enthusiasm faded and that changed everything: the paths of Elenios and the band suddenly separated. Shortly after this Windar made his exit too. This closed the first chapter of the history of Harloch.

After a short break Akhsesef started to seek new members: Arathorn (guitar), Voltan (vocals), Radhgar (bass) and Inanna (vocals) joined. For a short period András was behind the drums. But the band could not make any advance with this line up, either. Certain problems came to light soon and because of these the setup of the band changed again. Arathorn, András, Inanna and Radhgar parted with Harloch almost at the same time.

The present line up started to evolve at last: Sethyron (drums) joined temporarily Sistinás played the bass then Mithras (guitar) latched on to Harloch. After Sistinás' departure the band performed some gigs without bass then they found Oblivion (bass). From the autumn of 2004 a complete Harloch stood before the audience.

The next important change occurred in the spring of 2005 when Lamia (vocals) joined the band. Since the beginning female voice was an important part of the band's conception, the songs were also written for this sort of line up (e.g. *Aki a csendet szereti, Ahol a remény is meghal*). But familiar events crossed the plans: by the end of the summer Harloch had to part first with Lamia then Oblivion. This triggered the band's decision to give up their plan to involve female voice in the songs. Oblivion's duty was taken up by Veles who came from the Russian black metal band Dominus Ira.

In the last days of 2005 the band organized the Dies Natalis Festival (diesnatalis.harloch.hu) with the intention of propagating the black and death metal music. Since then the Festival is set up every year.

The year 2006 brought the most shocking change in the band's existence: had to part with Voltan who had been with the team almost since the beginning. At first search for the new voice begun but after a few months of failed trial the two guitarists took the microphones. At the end of the year Dracole (vocals) joined who stepped up only on three gigs. After his departure Mithras took up the role again and since then he is the vocalist of the band (but never gave up on the guitars). From that day on the band Harloch operates as a quartet.

Since this line up seemed to be solid and permanent the band turned to make their first record. It was made at the MD Recording Studio in Sopron, Hungary with the management and contribution of Schmiedl "Smici" Tamás (from the band Moby Dick) during the period from the autumn of 2007 to the spring of 2008. This EP – with the title *Árnyjáték* – consists of five songs which are available to download at the homepage of the band.

Line up:

Akhsefef: guitars

Mithras: guitar, vocals

Veles: bass

Sethyron: drums

Discography:

Árnyjáték (EP, 2008)

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