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There are split albums that combine genre affiliated acts. And then there are splits that bring together acts associated on a personal level. The latter may then demand a bit more from the listener, given that the musical cohesion may not be as strong as in case of the former. That our latest upcoming release – **the split album “Fullmoon Alchemy Narcotic Session by the post-metal icon DROM and the sludge-doom hydra BLUES FOR THE REDSUN** – will require your undivided attention is about to become apparent from several reasons no less:

First, **DROM and BLUES FOR THE REDSUN are precisely the case of connection based on a long-time personal friendship** rather than stylistic similarity. Both acts are well known to cooperate in terms of live appearances, whereupon now comes the logical extension of a studio collaboration.

“For us the main bond is personal, rather than stylistic.”

(Kubanec, Blues For The Redsun)

There is however a second point of correlation. Less known perhaps, but all the more important for this piece. **The frontrunners from both acts – Kubánec (BFTRS) and Charlie (DROM) – have for a long time been involved in substance abuse prevention programs, whereupon this difficult occupation is what informs the thematic side of the split, which thus revolves around the substance-induced altered states of consciousness.**

„The DROM half is dancing on the MDMA¹ dreamscapes, while the BFTRS half is hard, cold and uncompromising as a meth addiction.”

(Charlie, DROM)

What we thus have here is a piece unlike most of the underground splits. No straightforward death or grind. **Rather an acoustic mirror of abstract and dark moments that are to be found while only on a trip, as well as a memento of the harmful nature of such lines of flight.** Last but not least, “Fullmoon Alchemy Narcotic Session” represents a **union of two musical worlds**, wherein **DROM takes you to the phantasmal heights**, while **with BLUES FOR THE REDSUN you shall dive into the oppressive abysmal depths.**

This, in a way enlightening, album shall be **released November 14 by MetalGate Records exclusively on vinyl!**

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¹ 3,4-Methylenedioxyamfetamin, or in other words – Ecstasy