

Perverz Reloaded

It was a knock-down for many when in 2014 the iconic Czech grind-black squad ISACAARUM announced their end. But fate is whimsical, whereupon things turned out to be not as fatal as they appeared. One event lead to another and voila, it is late 2018 and we can delightfully announce that **this legend of Czech grindcore is back with a special commemorative album "Retrorgy"**.

This is the outcome. However, what about the four years in between? What happened then a there? What was the causal chain? Let us seek answers now with the help of a person most competent – the band's unforgettable frontman Chymus.

It is possible to stipulate that during the first two years of the period on question, there was really nothing going on in or around the band, with no indications of any resurrection. Then things change and take a guess who brought the initial impulse. For Chymus, this is crystal clear: "In 2016, I was approached by Čurby, if it were possible for ISACAARUM to perform on the 20th installment of Obscene Extreme Festival in 2018. He thus gave me the idea to try to reform, at least for a while, the band line-up from 2000."

Indeed, it was the veteran of the Czech extreme metal scene and the boss of the Obscene Extreme, Miloslav Urbanec, knows more as Čurby, who acted as the catalyst. And if you were there this year or at least kept track, you know that his request back then landed on fertile soil so to speak, for ISACAARUM did perform on the 2018 installment, reminiscing about their early albums "Curbed" and "Cunt Hackers". However, what was going on during the two years?

The answer is simple: it took some time for Chymus to put the line-up together again. This challenge was however successfully overcome, whereby besides **Chymus on vocals**, the line-up now features **two other former members** – **Vlakin** (also INGROWING) **on bass** and **Bambus on guitar** – with a **new drummer Ferenc** (also ANTIGOD), as the longtime original ISACAARUM drummer Monthy could not re-join due to health issues. With line-up in place, the unthinkable became reality and the rest is history... Well, not exactly.

In early 2018, another idea came into play – **to capture the retrospective repertoire as presented on Obscene for future generations of grinders**. And in that moment, we stepped in, for it seemed a pity to let the whole thing disappear again, whereupon a deal was struck. As Chymus recollects: "When I introduced this vision in early 2018 to the guys from MetalGate, they came with the idea to make a commemorative album of songs that were to be heard on that festival. One word lead to another, and here comes "Retorgy".

Finally, a hint of what you can expect on this collection of grind mayhem. Get ready for material from 1999 to 2001 that overflows with black humor, and which for this occasion was completely re-recorded and given proper lyrics! As Chymus points out: "Given that songs from "Curbed" did not really have lyrics, I decided after 20 years to finish writing them."

So, get ready all you grindocre crazoids, for December is yours!

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