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## **METALGATE RECORDS PROUDLY PRESENTS: SECRET OF DARKNESS – NEOTERICUS UNIVERSUM**

**One of the frequently mentioned names among the younger Czech metal bands are the Varnsdorf based killers SECRET OF DARKNESS, an act firmly situated on the threshold between the extreme and the melodic streams of metal music. Their approach to the dark music is known since 2008; an approach that can be described as a melodic black/death metal, though it is not devoid of incursions into other genres as well. Be that as it may, what truly matters to SECRET OF DARKNESS is the tenebrous atmosphere and equally tenebrous message that is, as a narrative, woven into their latest album “Neotericus Universum”.**

SECRET OF DARKNESS first gained attention with the release of their debut EP “...and the Dark Begins”. Later on, the band teamed up with MetalGate Records which released their full-length debut “(In)Humanity”. The second studio album “Neotericus Universum” further elaborates on the style the band established on its debut, bringing denser sound and gloomier ambience, as well as more complex compositions such as “The Crown” that was recently released as a single. No less important is the aforementioned narrative component, as it is a conceptual album, which follows up on and further delves into the themes of its predecessor “(In)Humanity”. The album was recorded in the acclaimed Šopa studio under the supervision of Standa Valášek; the album art was then taken care of once again by David Polák, SoD guitarist.

SECRET OF DARKNESS are also very active when it comes to live appearances and in the course of their history have shared the stage, be it club or festival one, with such notable icons as BEHEMOTH, FLESHGOD APOCALYPSE, ROTTING CHRIST, SEPULTURA or PARADISE LOST. And since we are on the subject of gigs, stop by the 9<sup>th</sup> installment of the Prague club festival Winter Metal Attack on January 24, 2015, because it is there that this dent on the scythe of the Czech reaper shall make its live premier!

**The second studio album of SECRET OF DARKNESS “Neotericus Universum” is released in a luxurious digipak format by MetalGate Records, and is available on MetalGate e-shop, or in one of the selected music stores in the Czech Republic, the list of which can be found on our website.**

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