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## **MetalGate Records 2014: Secret of Darkness – Northern darkness triumphant**

Few days ago, **October 4**, 2014, to be exact, the melodic blackened death metal band **Secret of Darkness** signed a new deal with **MetalGate Records** for what is to become **their second full-length album**. Let's take a closer look on it, shall we?

Its predecessor, the debut album “(In)Humanity”, revolved around a fight against evil, represented by the character of the Demon, wanting to sink his unclean fangs into everything and everyone.

**The upcoming piece, entitled “Neotericus Universum”** follows that conceptual framework, but in a much darker vein, giving no quarter to our civilization. Expect in every way a grim northern saga, in which through **a particular book**, the evil is reborn and almost no one can withstand its march. The Demon returns, moving from one album to the next.

The tale itself has **three chapters**. **In the first**, we meet the main protagonist who finds said book and devotes his life to understanding its message. However, the Demon, lurking within the tome, slowly possesses the hero and through him, begins reshaping the world in his image. **The second act** brings forth the opposition, few brave souls trying to stop the madness and return the world to the way it was before, which ultimately fails. **In the final chapter**, the Demon reigns supreme, watching satisfied as his machinations have driven mankind to slaughter itself. And when his work is done, he leaves his physical form behind, to seek other words and other victims. For those few that survived the bloodbath, he leaves his book, hidden among the ruins, so that he may return should mankind arise from the ashes of a dead world...

Such narrative structure is then reflected by the music itself, divided into three segments, interconnected by dark melodic compositions, which stands as the hallmark of the band.

The new concept then acts as a sequel to the previous album, and Secret of Darkness devoted two years to its preparation. Now, the new saga is ready to be told. **The band is currently in the Šopa Studio, recording the new songs.**

We **documented their departure** for the studio, so be sure to check out the **Facebook profile of MetalGate for the photos**, and stay tuned for **studio reports**, which are coming soon.

“Neotericus Universum” shall be released **towards the end of this year**.

For more info, keep an eye on the websites of MetalGate and Secret of Darkness.

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