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## **Tortharry with Czech lyrics for the first time! The new album to be called Paměť kamenů**

**Even after more than 30 years on the scene, the Czech death metal icon Tortharry still has a surprise or two up its sleeve. For the first time in its history, the band has concocted an album with Czech lyrics! And its is coming very soon. Entitled Paměť kamenů (The Memory of Stones), the 11<sup>th</sup> full-length is set for the first half of June.**

Such a profound change was not some calculated move but rather an attempt to try something new once again, to move forward. *"It was Lemmy (bass, vocals) who came up with it two years ago. It was one a wedding. We were having fun, had some drinks, and suddenly Lemmy came and said he needs to speak with me. In the end, he said we could do an album in Czech. At that point I had no clue if it is a good idea or not, but I had some beers already and I said yes,"* smiles the guitarist and vocalist Dan.

The rest of Tortharry had some reservations as well. *"They were bewildered, but nobody said that it is a nonsense. Even our lyricist Štefan Ležovič agreed, though he said that it will be a tough one, because so far, he has been writing lyrics solely in English. Simply put, we decided to give it a go and see what happens,"* continues Dan.

Initially, things did not go that well. While in their rehearsal room, the band was unsure if they made the right call. The turning point came when they got to The Barn studio. *"During the recording sessions we realized how much like the idea! That it was not a folly. I think the fans, even the skeptical ones, will be pleasantly surprised."*

The album is a conceptual one. As its title may suggest, it concern stones as silent witnesses to the horrors of our past. Corresponding with the lyrics is a purely death metal soundtrack, as well as the album art.

*"Every band that is about to release a new album is excited. We are however no longer in our twenties, so we do not expect revolution, but are looking forward to how are fans will react to the new piece. We are happy with it. It is the right kind of retro, however with modern sound and production,"* concludes Dan.

Paměť kamenů shall be released in various formats, namely on CD, on black vinyl and digitally. The CD and digital versions are coming up next month already, with the album release show happening on MetalGate Czech Death Fest that shall take place between June 13 and 15 in Červený Kostelec. The vinyl version is planned for the second half of this year.