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## Psalms of Solemn Virtue



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Valpurgis Night's debut album, *Psalms of Solemn Virtue* returns melody, storytelling and raw emotions back to the metal scene with a modern sound twist brought out by the extreme metal producer Mark Daghorn. Album was recorded and mixed at Rising Records studios in the famed Witch Finder General territory, in Suffolk.

Since its formation in 2008 Valpurgis Night has been gigging on the thriving London metal scene. Its creative influences are rooted in the NWOBHM and UK thrash metal, with lyrical inspiration drawing on diverse references from hammer horror movies to historical and biblical events. Each song is a crafted mini epic with grinding riffs and melodic vocals bringing back the old school metal to the new generation of metallers.

The heavier side of Valpurgis Night is revealed through "Wraith" and "Council of Dark Shadows" inspired by the film "Da Vinci Code". "Wraith", song about revenge, charges through with hammering drum beats and ranting vocals, spiced with heavy droning guitar riffs. "Council of Dark Shadows" is a powerful and spirited song with a somewhat unusual ecclesiastical perspective; strong and dramatic vocals are underpinned with heavy drums and guitars.

"Woken by the Silence" is the only acoustic track on the album featuring twelve string and Spanish guitars played by Lance and Preacher Edwards. Recording the song made a refreshing change for Mark Daghorn from the Rising Records' past releases. This song depicts universal feelings of solitude and alienation, common theme throughout the album; an isolated person finding comfort in nature. This haunting and lamenting track is musically inspired by Opeth's "Watershed" album.

The last track on the album, "Row to the Rhythm", title inspired by the film "Ben Hur", gives an intelligent and poetic insight into ever relevant discourse concerning human existence by attempting to answer ultimate questions. The band's emotionally charged lyrics and apocalyptic soundscape clearly communicate a certain urgency with respect to resolving these questions.

Valpurgis Night shows are planned from August 2010 in support of the debut album when they will be touring together with other Rising Records bands.

## Valpurgis Night - Biography



Valpurgis Night is a three piece British Heavy Metal London based band formed in November 2008. Valpurgis Night's main influences are NWOBHM and thrash bands with Judas Priest, Amon Amarth and Sepultura at the top of the list.

The band signed a record deal with Rising Records label in January 2010 and their forthcoming debut album "Psalms of Solemn Virtue" was released on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2010. A track from the new album will be featured on the Rising Records cover CD in the February 2011 edition of Metal Hammer published in the UK and Germany. Valpurgis Night are planning a tour to support the album, dates will be announced closer to the album release.

The band's music was initially inspired by the pagan rituals of Walpurgis Night, a day that towns folk would gather in the Harz Mountains to rid their land of evil spirits.

Preacher Edwards has a commanding live presence, spouting his vitriolic heartfelt lyrics as if preaching from a pulpit to the masses. His pronounced diction is greatly inspired by his childhood hero Bruce Dickinson. Preacher is a skilful bass player too, his style much like his hero Roger Glover.

Lance Barrington is a prolific tunesmith who prides himself on his ability to craft thunderous, melodic, catchy riffs. He believes song writing is a "beautiful curse". A lifetime aficionado of heavy metal both past and present and an open-mindedness towards HM pioneers bears him in good stead when constructing his own work. His personal hero is Jerry Cantrell.

Rafi Utudjian is an enigmatic disciple of drumming. He is the band's driving force and an integral part of the song writing process. Bill Ward is a huge influence, which you may be able to detect in his energetic and elaborate drum technique.

Valpurgis Night are currently working on their next album.



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### **Album track listing**

1. Sword Of Damocles
2. Wraith
3. I Monster
4. Broken Spectre
5. Council Of Dark Shadows
6. Valpurgis Night
7. Woken By The Silence
8. Jacob's Ford
9. Death Collector
10. Row To The Rhythm