

KALMAH - "Palo"

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Founded in 1991 and firmly led by guitarist-vocalist Pekka Kokko, Kalmah anno 2017 features guitarist Antti Kokko, drummer Janne Kusmin, bass player Timo Lehtinen and the runt of the bunch, keyboard whiz kid Veli-Matti Kananen who has been with the band since 2012. PALO marks a moment where, after years of toiling in the underground Kalmah is coming to their own. Now armed with a killer new album chock-full of melodic death metal excellence, Kalmah is predestined for great things in 2018.

Antti Kokko states: *"Almost 30 years of swamp madness and here we are today representing our 8th album with fishing tridents sharpened shiny. The album stands strongly on the very roots of Kalmah sound yet introduces fresh breath from the Swamplord's tar-stained lungs. Evil Kin as first single gives you riffs written back in 1991 blended with melodies of Kalmah today. It's a perfect statement to show where we were and are right now."*

In a time when others in the melodic death metal genre increasingly lap up influences from more commercial and contemporary genres of music, Kalmah stays true to its roots of death metal, Finnish melodic heritage, cantankerous never-say-die attitude and themes of Northern nature and the folly of mankind. PALO presents its listeners with a set of songs that with their web of melodies and in-your-face aggression exemplify the band's ongoing evolution towards becoming an international death metal powerhouse.

Kalmah had finally arrived. Talk about 'bang your head against a brick wall long enough and eventually the smarter one will give in'... To reiterate, with Kalmah everything's always up to inspiration. So, having upped their game considerably with the last record *Seventh Swamphony*, it would take another five years before Kalmah felt their new material was ready to be presented. And what a triumph it is... Once again recorded at Tico Tico with trusty old Ahti Kortelainen manning the helm and finalized by studio sorcerer Svante Forsbäck (Rammstein, Volbeat, Apocalyptica et al) *PALO* – the now 8th studio album - is up to now the apex of Kalmah's 26 years of work. With its poignant, almost beautiful melodies intertwining with relentless rip-your-face-off aggression *PALO* is everything its equivocal name suggests and more – a testimony to and a prime example of burning passion for music; a piece of unbridled all-consuming wildfire of melodic death metal mastery likes of which come by maybe once in a decade.

Little by little the Swamplord has gained ground. Now it is time for him to set the world afire.

Members:

Pekka Kokko – vocals, guitars

Antti Kokko – guitars

Timo Lehtinen – bass

Veli-Matti Kananen – keyboards

Janne Kusmin – drums

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