



BLACK FORGE

I am the Dark EP

Out 19th September 2015

The 'I am the Dark EP' marks a milestone in the short history of Black Forge. It's taken them 3 years and 3 drummers to find that special combination of people before even being able to consider going into the studio to record. But the arrival of tub-thumper Gavin Rodriguez in January this year has put the band on a sure footing for success.

Hailing from Somerset, Black Forge was formed by bassist Chris Pilmore and vocalist / guitarist Matt Walpole in 2012, whilst Matt was still a serving officer in the British Army.

Both guys have a diverse love of all things metal and wanted to form a band that was modern but still with a sense of metal 'heritage'.

They started with the customary Motorhead / Metallica covers and began gigging locally and quickly built a reputation as a class live act.



The desire to write their own material was always strong, and a 2 track demo featuring 'I am the Dark' and 'Bleeders' was recorded in 1 day and released digitally on Reverbnation in 2013. The songs topic the darker and more macabre side of Matt's imagination focusing on the subjects of nightmares and the legend of Sweeney Todd! The response was overwhelming. Those 2 tracks catapulted the band to number 1 in the local Reverbnation Metal Chart, overtaking notably more experienced and established national acts. Resulting in a lot of internet radio play and more gigs!!

Now Black Forge have re-recorded 'I am the Dark' in its full glory as a band that is mature, self-assured and that knows what it wants. It's a 6.40 min metal rollercoaster that chugs you along, brings you down, scares the sh*t out of you and then thrashes you right out to the final chorus. Partnered with sludgy-groover 'Into the Blackness' and the melodic-aggressive 'My Ghosts' you have a bludgeoning, full-bodied experience. However there is one more treat on this EP, which is the acoustic version (yes acoustic version) of 'I am the Dark'. This is by no means a 'filler' track. On the contrary, this track confirms the brilliance of the song writing because a full-on beast of a song is transformed into a haunting lullaby.

The EP is entirely self-funded and the results will amaze you. The boys are currently on the road with a number of dates in the southwest between now and then end of 2015. This is very much the tip of the iceberg for this band; they have been marked for great things.

Upcoming shows

19 Sep 2015	Charlies Westbury	Westbury, Wiltshire	<i>'I am the Dark EP' Launch Show</i>
25 Sep 2015	The Hatchett Inn	Bristol	
26 Sep 2015	Trowbridge Civic Centre	Trowbridge, Wiltshire	<i>Fire & Forge Festival 2015</i>
17 Oct 2015	The Lower George Inn	Gloucester	
07 Nov 2015	Crowley's Rock Bar	Swansea	
14 Nov 2015	The Yew Tree	Warminster, Wiltshire	
20 Nov	The Dragonfli	Pontypool	
12 Dec 2015	St James Wine Vaults	Bath	<i>Gargoyle 2 – Return of the Heaviness</i>

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