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Listened to the music first, then started write first lyrics. Learned a few guitar chords. This is how it started.

For **Kamil Haidar** music is a way to express himself – his joys and sorrows. Music has to hurt sometimes. As he says music is a kind of psychotherapy for him.

His first band was called Maqama. He met Mateusz Owczarek on his way there.

They became friends. It appeared that they feel music the same way. They started experiment with mixing different kinds of music. It was just an adventure for them.

Today this adventure is called **Lion Shepherd**.

The band has released two albums so far: “Hiraeth” (2015) i “Heat” (2017). All songs, lyrics as well as music, were written by Kamil Haidar.

„I want to leave some “mark of time” for people who will listen to it in 10, 20 or even more years. I treat lyrics as a notebook. I want my kids, when they grow up, to say after listening to these songs: “Wow! So that was the mood of 2016 .” – Kamil said in one of interviews.

Songs are for him a kind of diary. He never tells stories behind his lyrics. It’s just like destroying a good movie by revealing the ending to someone who has just bought

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the tickets. He wants them to be as universal as possible and to give an opportunity to the listeners to feel them in their own way.

There are a lot of oriental sounds in his music. Kamil spent most of his life in Poland but first years he lived in Libya and Syria where his father is from. This is why Arabic culture is very close to him. You can hear it especially on „Heat” album where the band added some interesting instruments to the mix, such as the Syrian oud lute, the Persian santur, and various Indian and Arabic percussion instruments.

Lion Shepherd always delivers more then you expect.

Discography:

2015 – “Hiraeth”



01. Fly On
02. Lights Out
03. Brave New World
04. Music Box Ballerina
05. I'm Open
06. Past In Mirror
07. Wander
08. Infidel Act Of Love
09. Smell Of War
10. Strongest Breed

2017 – “Heat”.



01. On The Road Again
02. Heat
03. Code Of Life
04. When The Curtain Falls
05. Dream On
06. Fail
07. Storm Is Coming
08. Dazed By Glory
09. Farewell
10. Swamp Song

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Links:

Dream On – Official Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P3eCQQgjEIY>



Lights Out - Live in Tillburg, NL

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pbDxT0QEMgU>



Lion Shepherd – HEAT album

<https://soundcloud.com/lionshepherd/sets/lion-shepherd-heat/s-aUBii>



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I would call it a win for **Lion Shepherd** and their entire band and crew. I highly recommend *Heat* to anyone who is looking for something exotic and unique.

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A gorgeous, harmonious hybrid of Indian raga, Oriental esotericism, swaying Persian/Turkish rhythms, trance, prog rock and Metal, Lion Shepherd experiment with a vast range of world music instruments, including the Syrian oud lute, Persian santur and Indian and Arabic percussion instruments - and the result is nothing short of miraculous.

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With a half hour set comprised solely of songs from their debut album, 'Hiraeth' (released in Poland at the end of last month, and due in other territories on 20th November), Lion Shepherd shine in every possible way. Fusing prog, rock, metal, psychedelic, ambient, world music, and Middle Eastern motifs into compositions that are as accessible as they are innovative, the strength of this band's music resides in the emotional depths they're able to convey through their seamless fusion of styles and modes, and some beautifully crafted melodies. And their songs translate perfectly in a live environment with the core duo of frontman Kamil Haidar and guitarist Mateusz Owczarek performing everything with both emotional sincerity and dynamic zest. The former's voice is full of so much poignant expression through both tone and delivery, while the latter's fretboard talents are wide and engaging, occasionally showing bursts of perfectly posited virtuosity and switching to a lute at one point.

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