

GRACCHUS

Progressive Heavy Rock from Switzerland and Sayreville, NJ

ABOUT THE BAND

Let music be more than just entertainment – that’s the credo of Gracchus. And what becomes very apparent when you experience the quartet live or listen to their first album is that intelligent music can also be fun. Months of hard work, many air miles and profound Skype sessions have been put into this debut, all of it powered by the tireless engine of passion for what it is all about.

The project “Gracchus” was brought to life by Bernhard Schnellmann, who had studied at the Musicians Institute in Hollywood, and his good friend and talented drummer Allan Murphy in the spring of 2015. Together with the dedicated bassist Marcel Bütikofer they started to play shows (and supported i.a. international acts like *Heldmaschine* or *Divlje Jagode*) and released their first EP (“MCMLXXX”) in December 2016.

In the fall of 2017, the U.S. guitarist Jeff Elrose joined Gracchus. The New Jersey native and Schnellmann had been friends since their studies in Hollywood and after Elrose had spent two and a half months in Switzerland, playing gigs (i.a. supporting the Belgian heavy metal band *Diablo Blvd*), working on new songs and jamming with the band, the whole group was convinced that they had found the ideal fourth member.

In 2018, the band released their second EP (“Cluttered and Crowded”) which was very well received by the specialist press in the German-speaking area. Additionally spurred by the positive and praising feedback, Gracchus released their first full-length album, “Murder Party”, on October 4th, which entailed even more enthusiastic reviews and lead to the German *Metal Hammer* to deeming the band *Tomorrow’s Heroes (Helden von morgen)* in its October issue.

In November, Gracchus toured through Germany and the Czech Republic for the first time, and in December, the band had the honor to open up for *Pro-Pain* (06.12.) and *Undertow* (14.12.).

LINE-UP

Bernhard Schnellmann - vocals / guitar

Allan Murphy - drums / backing vocals

Marcel Bütikofer - bass / backing vocals

Jeff Elrose - guitar / backing vocals

DISCOGRAPHY

EP “MCMLXXX”, December 2016

Single “Change the Track”, March 2018

EP “Cluttered and Crowded”, September 2018

LP “Murder Party”, October 2019

