

## **HEKZ - "INVICTA"**

### **NOTES ABOUT THE ALBUM**

The title **INVICTA** is a Latin term meaning unconquered / undefeated / invincible.

There are two dimensions to this title - on the one hand, it reflects what has been quite a challenging period for the band. Producing the album on a tight budget whilst ensuring a high quality end result has been very time consuming, and has forced us to be inventive when recording in order to find the best way to create the sounds that we wanted. There were times when it felt like the album might beat us, but it's been inspiring to see everyone pulling together to make it the best one yet. In that respect, the band remain unconquered in the face of the album's extremely challenging construction.

**INVICTA** also relates more directly to the songs - there is a strong arc to the album, which, by pure coincidence, is one of undergoing a great ordeal and emerging from it scarred but stronger and wiser. Life imitating art perhaps!

Here is the tracklisting and how each song makes up the story:

1 QUETZLCOATL - An overture to the album, setting the scene and warning of the events ahead. An oncoming storm, who will survive?

2 FOR OUR LIVES - Optimistic, the calm before the storm. Everything is possible, you just need to reach out and grab it!

3 THE LIGHT FANTASTIC - All is not as it seems, this song is about a betrayal by someone close, and the furious reaction

4 TO THE LIONS - A confrontation, and a plea for things to go back to how they were, before it's too late.

5 ULTIMATUM - The realisation that the situation cannot continue and, even though it is painful, things must change

6 LINE IN THE SAND - Picking yourself up from the aftermath and vowing to not let the sorrow rule the rest of your life

7 TRECENA - A return to normality, but with more strength and resolve

8 PARIAH - Confronting that which has caused you great pain, and freeing yourself of it's grip

9 THE DEVIL'S COIN - A reflection on what has happened and the lessons learned

10 VICTORIOUS - A glint of hope at the end of the ordeal. It will be difficult, but things will get better.

Though the album takes a dark turn, it was important that we kept a thread of optimism throughout, which is fully realised in the album's closing track "Victorious". Perhaps an unusual choice for a progressive metal record, but it is a celebration of perseverance which makes for the perfect finale to the album.

We really hope you enjoy our new album, and thank you for taking the time to listen and review!

Cheers!

Matt, Al, Tom, James & Kirk