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Formed in Edinburgh in late 2009 from the ashes of a previous band, A Ritual Spirit combined their musical influences of Rock, Metal, Grunge, Punk and Thrash with raw passion and a desire to get back out on the road again as quickly as possible. Their no-nonsense heavy-rock style cannot be locked into a specific genre and why should it be?! Genre's give you boundaries and this band has no limits. Initially self-recording a demo in 2010, which to the band's surprise gained worldwide interest, they then entered the studio in 2011 to record an E.P. which received significant UK airplay, leading to them writing and recording an album in 2012 which would eventually be released in 2013 via their own label Disposable Noise Records. All of this while travelling up and down the length of the British Isles playing shows for anyone who would offer them a gig.

A Ritual Spirit hold on to old-school rock n roll ethics in a modern industry where most artist's dignity is up for sale to the highest bidder. They have been out doing the hard work while many of their contemporaries sit at home in front of a computer waiting for their video to go viral. They favour raw, honest analogue recordings over highly produced, soul-less digital recordings. They write the songs that they want to write, not the songs they think people want to hear. And the list goes on....

Debut album 'Carnival Carnivorous' was written and recorded in four months and bares the blood, sweat and (almost) tears of a band determined to create something from nothing – It began with an off the cuff “Why don't we just do an album?” backstage after a gig at Edinburgh's legendary Studio24 and within a week escalated to studio time being booked and less than four months to write and save up for an album. This intense creative period spawned the twelve new tracks and every song proudly wears its battle scars – Several of the drum tracks are first takes, many of the lyrics and vocal melodies were written minutes before being recorded, the biggest scar of all being losing a bassist and Oli and Steven having to fill in on bass duties... so although a member short for a while nothing was going to get in the way of this album being made and by the time Craig joined the band it was almost finished, and it sounded like a rock record.

The final piece of A Ritual Spirit's story to date was signing with management - Viper Music - who have in the past year raised the band's UK presence and helped them embark on a successful first headline tour, plus support tours with New-York legends Warrior Soul and Sweden's Eternal Fear. Date's are soon to be announced for an upcoming tour this summer.