

Band: Hidden

Album Title: [Anti]Utopia

Label: MetalAgen Records

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Genre: Progressive Symphonic Metal

MySpace: [www.myspace.com/hidden\\_official](http://www.myspace.com/hidden_official)

The band started back in 2006 when the first guitarist Serge Radin offered Vadim (the keyboardist) to form a band. In the beginning, the two were playing mainly cover songs and were discussing the style of the band. One by one new musicians appeared and eventually on April 14, 2007 the band performed for the first time. After that one, the band had a number of shows, band contests and appeared once on a local television. The first album titled 'Reflected light' was self-released in 2010 and included six songs, composed by band members. The album included both Russian and English songs. The former vocalist Nataly performed the vocal parts. In 2011 Hidden decided to record a full-length album with a new member Michael (currently in the line-up). After two months of recording Nataly left the band and only after a year of search the new vocalist was found, which allowed continuing the work on album. Also at that time, the concept of the album was changed. Initially it was planned as a cyberpunk trilogy.

[Anti]Utopia allowed musicians to take a new step as the music became more complex. The album includes a number of stories about some phenomena of the society life, which take or might take place in real life. The album comprises nine powerful complex songs and one ballad, which has a completely different feeling. Vadim's brother Elijah performed the cello in the ballad Seduction&Pain.

The album was recorded on several studios, including DAY Records (guitars, bass, backing and lead vocals, mixing and mastering), KIV Records (drums, cello), Episound Studio (lead vocals), Magna Opera Studio (grand piano). Vadim Chernov composed all songs except #2, which was written by Michael Smyslov. Also Vadim wrote all lyrics. Nickolas Shrayner, who is a friend of Vadim, created the art for the booklet.

The members within the band like different music so there are a lot influences in the music. They include Dream Theater, Symphony X, Trivium, Children of Bodom, Dark Moor and Nightwish.

In Russia the band is known by its unique mix of progressive riffs, symphonic arrangements and clean female vocals, which is rare to be met on Russian stage.

The band has many plans for future releases, which include experimenting with styles, sounds, effects and vocal types. It is clear that for Hidden it is only the beginning.

Band Line Up:

Lead Vocals: Anastasia Stroganova

Guitar: Michael Smyslov

Bass: Eugene Rozhkov

Drums: Alexander Gmyzin

Keyboards: Vadim Chernov

Tracklisting:

1. Slaves of Plastics
2. Control
3. The Day of the Lord
4. The Apostate
5. The Dictator
6. Death Traders
7. Seduction&Pain
8. The Afflatus
9. Veni, vidi, persuasi
10. Be You One of Us