

RAPTOR



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"underground sensations – hot new talent" by Nicky Baldrian

"Hard rocking songs are the order of the day with the excellent RAPTOR from Germany. Think Judas Priest, Dio, Dokken and any slamming hard rock band. Man, this shit's good. [...]"

Strutter Zine - Netherland - April 2001 Review by Gabor Kleinbloesem

"The band from Hannover has a pure 80's high quality melodic rock sound a la PRETTY MAIDS, BONFIRE, and WHITE LION It all sounds pretty good to me actually, and there really isn't a weak song on the album. This is a damm good band with some really nice melodic (hard) rock songs. [...] If you like good typical late 80's US Melodic Rock'n'roll in the style of mentioned bands, then do check out this RAPTOR."

History

RAPTOR was founded in Spring 1998 by the brothers Patrick (Leadguitar) and Gunnar Bövers (Drums) to put their musical activities on a solid foundation. Then they were able to gain Frank Steuer (Lead vocals) for the band. Because they played with him some years before, they knew about his qualities as a frontman. But neither the motivation of the members of the band nor the quality of their songs suffered from the frequent changes of members which hit the band hard, especially in the year 2001. Strengthened again by Dag-Olaf Haferlach (Rhythmuitar) and Thorsten Beermann (Bass), the band left those troubled times behind and stands more than ever for powerful and melodic hardrock nowadays.

From the middle of 1999 the first songs, written by Patrick and Gunnar Bövers and Frank Steuer, were recorded in 24-track fully digital in their own Raptor-studio in Hannover, Northern-Germany. After that RAPTOR took part in the European band contest "Emergenza", reached the semi-final and gained really good critics from all around. In March 2000 RAPTOR entered the worldwide metal-charts at besonic.com with the song "Need for speed" and only 3 weeks later they reached number one! For 60 weeks, until May, they hold this position and this song is still in the top 100 of besonic.com nowadays. The second song "Time after time" was also placed at besonic and found its way into the top ten of the German and worldwide rock-charts at besonic again and again.

An interview at the German radiostation "Radio 21" in Spring 2002 and frequent airplay at the radiostations "Radio 21" and "Project 89,0" helped RAPTOR to further building up popularity in Northern-Germany and even in the Netherlands RAPTOR got some airplay from different radiostations. All the positive resonances bring it to the point ...

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Patrick Bövers
Leadguitar



Gunnar Bövers
Drums



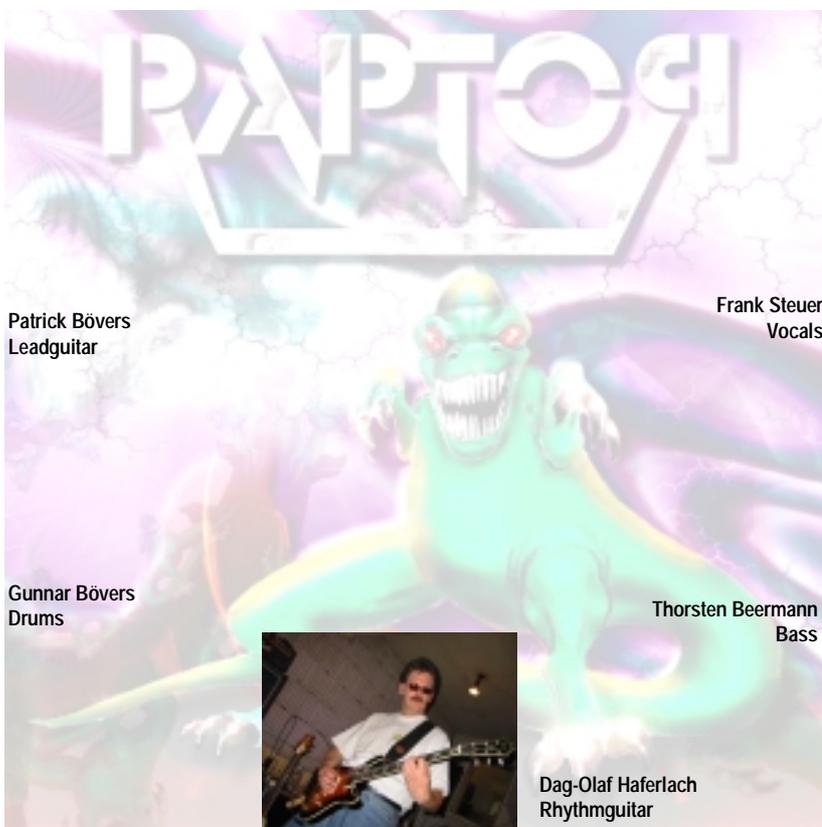
Dag-Olaf Haferlach
Rhythmuitar



Frank Steuer
Vocals



Thorsten Beermann
Bass



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