

Dark Lightning

About Dark Lightning

Founded in Braunschweig in 2018, DARK LIGHTNING have carved out their own place in the scene with their unique metal combination of symphonic elements and profound, emotional themes. The six-piece's music, which comes straight from the heart, processes personal struggles and experiences and transforms them into atmospherically dense soundscapes that are both powerful and touching.

Current Album: “The Demons We Create”

Release: December 6th, 2024

“The Demons We Create” is the first major release from DARK LIGHTNING and represents a clear further development of the band's individual symphonic metal sound.

Thematically, the work is dedicated to the inner struggle with personal demons and the confrontation with past experiences. The dark and emphatically emotional atmosphere is emphasized by varied vocals, driving guitar riffs and orchestral elements that make this album worth listening to an intense musical journey.

Compared to previous releases, the sincerely self-aware formation has further developed and noticeably refined its specific sound. While the symphonic influences remain, “The Demons We Create” features more dark and melodic Metal elements. The songs have become more aggressive and dynamic overall, with distinctive guitar work and a broad, richly utilized palette of vocal expressions, ranging from clear, emotional passages to powerful growls.

Highlights of the Album

Beautiful Beast (Single Release: November 15, 2024):

A fast-paced, aggressive track dominated by intense growls and driving guitar riffs. The song explores the destructive allure of a dark, manipulative figure.

Quest for Light

A quiet, melancholic ballad, almost entirely accompanied by piano, which brings Lea's moving vocals to the forefront. This song serves as a transition to the epic finale of the album and reflects the search for light amidst darkness.

The Demons We Create (Title Track)

A more than 9-minute-long epic piece that delves into the struggles with inner demons. The song blends calm, atmospheric sections with powerful, chaotic moments, forming the emotional core of the album.

Visual Concept

The cover of The Demons We Create enhances the album's central theme and complements its musical journey with a mystical and dark aesthetic. The imagery on the cover reflects the emotional conflicts addressed in the album and invites the viewer to find their own interpretations. It acts as a visual companion to the music, capturing the album's atmosphere subtly without giving everything away.

The logo and artwork were created by Diogo Soares (Gargantuan Creations).

Musical Development

Compared to their previous releases, Dark Lightning has further refined and evolved their sound. While maintaining their symphonic influences, The Demons We Create places a stronger emphasis on dark and melodic metal elements. The songs have become more aggressive and dynamic, featuring distinctive guitar riffs and a wide range of vocal expressions, from clear, emotional passages to powerful growls.

Key features of the new sound

Versatile Vocals: Lea showcases an impressive range on the album, moving seamlessly between clean vocals and intense growls, emphasizing the emotional depth of the lyrics.

Guitar-Driven Sound: The guitar riffs, heavily shaped by Alex Jung, play a pivotal role in developing the new, more dynamic sound. The music strikingly blends Melody with heaviness.

Production

All recording, sound design, mixing, and, of course, songwriting were done independently between 2023 and 2024. The album's finishing touch came through mastering by Acle Kahney (TesseracT, 4D Sounds).

Alina Tavangari (Stimmgewalt) and Heike Bluert-Lühe (Stimmgewalt) provided additional choral support on several tracks.

Tracklist – The Demons We Create (54 min 10 sec)

1. Glimpse of Freedom (01:09)
2. Trapped Forever (04:31)
3. The Unknown Mind (04:33)
4. Into the Night Sky (03:10)
5. Hall Of Tears (05:00)
6. Take Off (04:01)
7. The Lonely Ruler (05:38)
8. Solace in My Solitude (04:48)
9. Born Without a Heart (04:38)
10. Beautiful Beast (04:18)
11. Quest For Light (03:11)
12. The Demons We Create (09:13)



Milestones of the Band

Formation: Founded in 2018 in Braunschweig

Live Debut: September 30, 2022 in Braunschweig

First EP: Released in October 2023

Full Length Album: The Demons We Create, December 6, 2024

Line Up

Lea Diekmann (Vocals)
Alexander Jung (Guitar)
Nils Batke (Guitar)
Frank Pirnay (Bass / Growls)
Marvin Seiler (Keyboard)
Ronny Lemke (Drums)

Discography

1. Dark Lightning (EP 2023 – 5 Tracks)
2. Lilith (Single 2023 – 2 Tracks)
3. The Demons We Create (Full Album 2024 – 13 Tracks)
4. Throne of Skulls (Single 2025 – 1 Track)
5. The Quest for Light (Single 2025 – 1 Track)



Future Plans

After the release of “The Demons We Create”, DARK LIGHTNING will focus on live performances and festivals to bring the new sound to the stage. New singles are also in the pipeline to further advance DARK LIGHTNING’s musical development and strengthen the band’s presence in the Metal scene.

Media Feedback

“Although Lea occasionally sings in a soprano-like voice, she sings in a relatively deep female voice, which gives the overall mood a gloomy note and creates a beguiling world view.”
(Burrn!) 76 / 100

“... dramatic poetry ... the combination of elegantly structured arrangements and raw passages, paired with the masterful interpretation of singer Lea, is one of the greatest strengths of this fascinating debut work ...”
(Rock Hard Italy) 7,3 / 10

“... immediately evokes memories of the time when the genre was still original and unspent ... back then Theatre Of Tragecy coined the term 'beauty and the beast', to which DARK LIGHTNING also feel committed ... always sounds approachable and authentic ... the band is focused and increases from song to song ...”
(Legacy) 7 / 10

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