

Melanchorus

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Live Review & Pics: THE BEAUTY OF GEMINA in Bochum 2017

WHO?: THE BEAUTY OF GEMINA

WHERE?: Rockpalast (Matrix), Bochum, Germany

WHEN?: Nov 19, 2017



“Bochum always near and dear to me,” mastermind Michael Sele confessed to the audience touching his heart. “I see a lot of familiar faces tonight... When we are in Zurich, I always tell people about the audience in Bochum,” he later adds with a smirk. It was the culmination of THE BEAUTY OF GEMINA’s acoustic “Silent Land” tour on German soil, happening at the Matrix in Bochum on 19th November. That tBoG’s rearranged acoustic pieces would easily take our breath away was on the cards and still, even though expectations were high, the band managed to exceed them. The international combo captured the imagination of their fans with their artistry and joy of playing.



Michael Sele was the first one to grace the stage playing a virtuosic intro on his white acoustic guitar. The other band members join in as the tune led into 'Narcotica' taken from the act's third album "At the End of the Sea" (2010). The sound was most amazing that night filling the cozy, darkened venue. In front of the stage people were sitting on benches, one diehard was standing and frantically dancing through the entire show, while the rest gathered on the stairways or the balcony. So next to the perfect sound, there was also the best view on what was going on stage for everybody from all around.



Next to drummer Mac Vinzens, bassist Andi Zuber, and guitarist Ariel Rossi, who is originally from Argentina and was plucking the strings masterfully, there were further guest musicians: Violin player Eva Wey from Zurich, French cellist Raphael Zweifel, and saxophonist Eyjólfur Þorleifsson from Iceland, also all made for huge contribution to the acoustic compositions. The latter one was a quite unexpected, but indeed interesting and effective enrichment.



Mr Sele, in spite of having a slightly hoarse throat, sang most wonderfully, played guitar and piano, and charismatically guided us through the evening with good humor. “You will see, Eva, this will become even better... They can also sing,” he tells the violinist from Britain after the first songs and the audience’s

enthusiastic reaction after every tune. TBOG played a stunning, melancholic and touching, folky, grooving and rocking set taking us on a brilliantly dark and energizing sonic journey across the “Silent Land” to celebrate the acoustic GEMINA soundscapes.



Their CALVIN RUSSEL cover of ‘Crossroads’ as well as their version of DEPECHE MODE’s ‘Personal Jesus’ in between their original compositions, such as the one and only, hauntingly amazing ‘Suicide Landscape’ with Sele at the keys, ‘The lonesome Death of a Goth DJ’ with Mac’s killer drum solo, and the Western Noire piece ‘Down by the Horses’ were just a few highlights among many more.





During `Endless Time to See, the musicians stood up one by one making their bows and exiting the stage. This way the tune was fading out slowly as one instrument after the other was silenced until only the last one which was binding all together, the bass of Zuber, remained. The cheering audience gave every ensemble member a big hand. Needless to say, the GEMINA fans didn't want to let the musicians go and their standing ovations brought two of the band back to the stage one final time. The lights were dimmed for Michael and Raphael to play the very final melancholic tune, TALKING HEAD's `Listening Wind'. What a beautiful musical night out at the Rockpalast with tBoG!



Setlist

01. Intro
02. Narcotica
03. Another Death
04. Crossroads (CALVIN RUSSELL cover)
05. Suicide Landscape
06. Into Black
07. Mariannah

08. Down by the Horses
09. Hunters
10. Badlands
11. In Silence
12. Silent Land
13. Personal Jesus (DEPECHE MODE cover)
14. The lonesome Death of a Goth DJ
15. Seven-Day Wonder
16. Down on the Lane
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17. Darkness
18. Wonders
19. Dark Rain
20. Dark Revolution
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21. Endless Time to See
22. Listening Wind (TALKING HEADS cover)

Rating

Music: 10

Performance: 10

Sound: 10

Light: 8

Total: 9.5 / 10

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