

STAGMA

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STAGMA announces Patrick Johansson (Yngwie Malmsteen) as their permanent drummer.

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Stagma, the heavy rock collaboration formed by composer/guitarist Alexandre Santos (Scar For Life), bassist Joe Petro, and lead guitarist Neil Fraser, have recruited Patrick Johansson (Yngwie Malmsteen, W.A.S.P.) as the final drummer to complete their debut album, *Stagma*. Patrick has recorded drums for the last four songs making it a full-album release. His versatile drumming style locks in perfectly with Stagma's heavy and melodic groove.

Born in Falun, Sweden, Patrick currently resides in West Palm Beach, Florida, adding a further international aspect to Stagma. In addition to performing with Yngwie Malmsteen, Johansson has performed with American metal band W.A.S.P. among others.

Alex Santos has written four new songs for what will now be an eleven-track album including seven songs previously recorded by Black Sabbath/Dio drummer Vinny Appice. This past Fall in Portugal, Joe Petro and Neil Fraser joined Alex to record bass, lead and rhythm guitar at Alex's PressPlay Studios in Lisbon. The album is also currently being mixed and produced by Alex.

Stagma was formed in late 2015 when Alex Santos, guitarist, producer and composer with Scar For Life, joined forces with Vinny Appice, Neil Fraser and Joe Petro with the desire to form a new heavy rock band. Stagma was born out of this collaboration. The band's debut studio album is due for release this coming year, 2017.

Stagma will be planning performances surrounding the release in the coming months and new dates will be listed on the band's website.

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