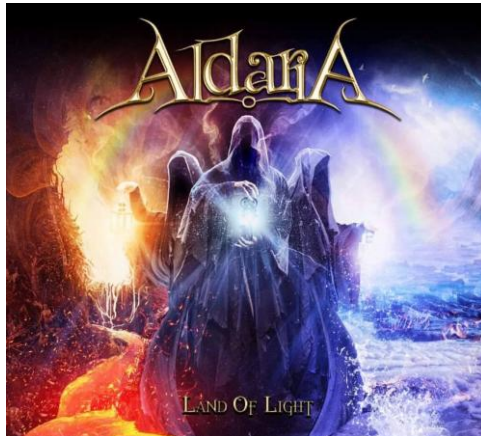


# FRODE HOVD'S AldarîA



“Land Of Light” is the highly anticipated debut release by the new all-star metal opera **ALDARIA!** The album contains 11 epic tracks in the vein of old *Helloween* & *Avantasia*, with fast-paced hymns to beautiful ballads.

The band is masterminded by guitarist Frode Hovd from the Norwegian metal group *MEMORIZED DREAMS* who was joined by a host of world known guests from the metal community including *Fabio Lione* (*Rhapsody Of Fire*, voc), *Todd Michael Hall* (*Riot V*, voc), *Rick Altzi* (*Masterplan*, voc), *Mathias Blad* (*Falconer*, voc), *Jonas Heidgert* (*Dragonland*, voc), *Jimmy Hedlund* (*Falconer*, guit.), *Roland Grapow* (*Masterplan*, guit.), *Mike LePond*, (*Symphony X*, bass), *Uli Kusch* (ex *Helloween*, dr.), *Peter Danielsen* (*Darkest Sins*, synths) and *Mistheria* (*Vivaldi Metal Project*, keys) amongst others. The album has been in production for over two years.

Produced and fully written by Hovd himself, this concept album was mixed by Roland Grapow (*Masterplan*) at Grapow Studios and mastered by Jacob Hansen (*Primal Fear*, *Volbeat*, *Doro* etc) at Hansen Studios. Artwork by Stan W. Decker (*Jorn*, *Serious Black...*).

# The Cast:

## 1. Excitare ad Lucem

(Instrumental)

## 2. Another Life

Lead Vocals: Rick Altzi, Kristoffer Göbel & Todd Michael Hall

Band: Frode Hovd (Guitar & Synths), Christer Harøy (Guitar) Roland Grapow (Guitars) Uli Kusch (Drums), Rayner Harøy (Bass) Peter Danielsen (Synths), Jimmy Hedlund (Lead Guitar), David Åkesson (Backing Vocals)

## 3. Guardians Of The Light

Lead Vocals: Yannis Papadopoulos & David Åkesson

Band: Frode Hovd (Guitar & Synths), Christer Harøy (Guitar) Andreas Nergård (Drums), Rayner Harøy (Bass) Filip An del (Bass) Mistheria (Synths), Jimmy Hedlund (Lead Guitar), Christian Palin (Synths)

## 4. Sands Of Time

Lead Vocals: Vasilis Georgiou & Mina Giannopoulou

Band: Frode Hovd (Guitar, Synths), Andreas Nergård (Drums), Rayner Harøy (Bass) Mistheria (Synths & Piano), Jimmy Hedlund (Lead Guitar)

## 5. Lost In The Darkness Below

Lead Vocals: PelleK, Marit Minniva Børresen & Todd Michael Hall

Band: Frode Hovd (Guitar, Synths), Christer Harøy (Guitar) Uli Kusch (Drums), Giacomo Manfredi (Bass) Peter Danielsen (Synths), Jimmy Hedlund (Lead Guitar) Filip Kolus (Lead Guitar), David Åkesson (Backing Vocals) Roland Grapow (Backing Vocals)

## 6. Test Of Time

Lead Vocals: Tommy ReinXeed Johansson & Rob Lundgren

Band: Frode Hovd (Guitar & Synths), Christer Harøy (Guitar) Andreas Nergård (Drums), Ronnie König (Bass) Gabriels (Synths), Jimmy Hedlund (Lead Guitar), David Åkesson (Backing Vocals)

## 7. Trail Of Tears

Lead Vocals: Mathias Blad

Band: Frode Hovd (Guitar & Orchestra arr), Christer Harøy (Guitar) Andreas Nergård (Drums), Rayner Harøy (Bass) Mistheria (Synths & Piano), Stian Rødsjø (Synths), Jimmy Hedlund (Lead Guitar)

## 8. Where Reality Ends

Lead Vocals: Yannis Papadopoulos & Eli Prinsen

Band: Frode Hovd (Guitar & Synths), Christer Harøy (Guitar) Uli Kusch (Drums), Rayner Harøy (Bass) Paolo Campitelli (Synths), Jimmy Hedlund (Lead Guitar), David Åkesson (Backing Vocals)

## 9. From The Ashes

Lead Vocals: David Åkesson, Bernt Fjellestad

Band: Frode Hovd (Guitar & Synths), Andreas Nergård (Drums), Linus Abrahamson (Lead Guitar & Bass), Peter Danielsen (Synths), Jimmy Hedlund (Lead Guitar), Eskild Kløften (Guitars) David Åkesson (Backing Vocals)

## **10. Answers In A Dream**

Lead Vocals: Todd Michael Hall & David Åkesson

Band: Frode Hovd (Guitar & Synths), Christer Harøy (Guitar) Andreas Nergård (Drums), Giacomo Manfredi (Bass) Peter Danielsen (Synths), Jimmy Hedlund (Lead Guitar)

## **11. Land Of Light**

Lead Vocals: Fabio Lione, Jonas Heidgert, Kristoffer Göbel, Yannis Papadopoulos & Siegfried Samer

Band: Frode Hovd (Guitar & Synths), Christer Harøy (Guitar) Uli Kusch (Drums), Mike LePond (Bass) Peter Crowley (Synths), Jimmy Hedlund (Lead Guitar), David Åkesson (Backing Vocals)

# **The concept:**

In the year 1247 AD, there was found an ancient scroll deep within a tomb below what once was the glorious city of Babylon. The scroll was believed to be written by our Creator Himself, describing a world yet unknown to mankind. These scrolls have, until this day, been kept hidden and locked up, deep within hallways below Rome.

The gospel speaks of Aldaria, a place and dimension between Heaven & Hell where the fallen are reborn as angels, and where the sinners come to be redeemed or forever banished to Hell. Today we learn about these stories, the foundation of our existence, as there are signs of a darker time ahead. Reports from all around the world talk about torn and slain angels falling from the sky, each with a common warning: The darkness has found a way into Aldaria, where the Key to enter the Gates of Heaven has been hidden since beginning of time.

The scrolls talk about the Lightbringers - the Guardians of the Light - who are the ones destined to keep the peace and order in Aldaria. No one has ever known who the Lightbringers are or where they are hiding, not even the Chosen themselves. All we know is that they are born under the Star of Light, in the month of April. The legend says they will receive their calling in a dream, where the Archangel Michael will lead them to their destiny.

The scrolls tell about a portal to Aldaria, hidden in a hallway below what once was the ancient city of Babylon, where the Lightbringers - the hooded bringers of peace and light - will transcend into the Land of Light.

Now the time has come, where the Lightbringers are called upon for the first time since the beginning of time. Will this be the fall of all mankind, in eternal darkness, or will the light prevail?

*"At the end of time, at the dawn of a crimson sky, bring forth the chosen, Awaken the light"*

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