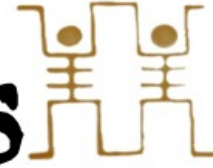


Mongrel News



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Fellow humans and supporters of our often bizarre, always exciting journey... we send you holiday greetings.

We give you also the first mongrel e-newsletter.

A look back at some of what happened this year

Being independent we have to consider carefully where we go and how. Getting a band around these days is no cheap nor easy feat. That said we love the road and playing for those that appreciate what we create. This year we were determined to get back to some places we hadn't been in a while like Arlington, Texas and others we'd never been to like Indianapolis, Indiana. Everywhere we were made to feel at home...

Speaking of which, we made several trips to Australia this year, playing our first shows there in many years. After getting back with Dalbo last year we knew we had to make it happen. The time away somehow heightens the uniqueness and beauty of the land for us all. Some amazing experiences there - tours to some truly remote outback places like Mungindi, community workshops - including one with our old high school pipe band, recording deep in the bush on a friend's farm, and of course a healthy dose of bodysurfing. Other places beckon and are on the list for next year... Colorado, Arizona, France, Egypt...

Being back in the studio with Dalbo for the first time in 7 years to record our 10th CD, Pax Romana MMV was truly a delight. Much of the material we'd been playing for several months and we were very ready to slam it down as live as possible. The rest we created on the spot in the studio. A wonderful group of musical humans added their magic to the process, headed by longtime friend Guy Erez at the production desk. The CD for us is very much our reflection of the world as we've been experiencing and seeing it. We really wanted it to be a continuous journey, taking the listener to a lot of different places without breaking the flow. Filming most of the process with b.o.b. was a first too. Some of that footage you can see on the CD, the rest will come to light sometime...

We released our first DVD this year also with the brothers Cahill. Far from your standard band DVD it is very much our story as we see it. The experience really opened the multimedia world up to us. Next year, look out. And yes, we too really want there to be a live BROTHER DVD - on the list for next year...

The Brown Bag Series Explained

We do like to be a bit mysterious but this little mystery took even us by surprise.

When we were set to launch the long anticipated DVD, Mongrel Mythology, Vol. 1 earlier in the year, it was our desire to reward our most committed supporters with something extra. So we determined that the first humans to reserve themselves a copy of Mongrel Mythology via the web site would also receive a bonus CD containing 2 tracks of something new or unreleased.

We had just toured Australia at that point and had spent a week recording on Miss P's verandah in the middle of the bush.

Dubbed 'the Verandah Sessions' these raw tracks felt really strong and evoked for us the spirit and power of a very magical part of the earth. It was these we wanted to

Album Pre-Releases

As an independent band much of our evolution is available for those of you who want to witness it. The album pre-releases represent highlight moments in that evolution that we're proud of but with versions we often move on from (as with much of Pax Romana MMV). To you who buy these versions, hold on to them, as they

The terrain around here is far too dangerous

BROTHER launched their long-time goal of a theatre show this month with three sold-out performances at the Two Roads Theatre in Studio City, CA. With 'the terrain around here is far too dangerous...' we challenged ourselves to present an artistic and provocative alternative interpretation of our songs. The

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together, making it happen in a relatively short space of time. Longtime friend and bodyworker extraordinaire, Ruthie Cryns, found the theatre for us and dressed the foyer. Our Philly connection provided the crew - b.o.b. Cahill storyboarded our ideas and handled the multimedia elements with the help of Barry Chalfie. Jeff Sauers, who did the artwork for Pax Romana MMV, provided original animated graphics, and ran lights. Didgeridrew was the soundscape magician, working with the inimitable Dave Dale (producer of Your Backyard) who handled theatre sound like the wizard he is. Also from the Philly tribe, Ben Kim videoed the weekend for us. The truly talented cast - Stew Richlin, Michelle Schonbrunn, Cece Pinto, Eric Kleifield (all of 12 and already a pro), Tom Moore (from Downtown Harvest) and Mickey Karpovitch (both also Philly tribesmen) - all rose admirably to the occasion, making magic for us. And of course, James and Leila Dalton

And finally

As we finish the year we want to acknowledge our incredible team without whom we couldn't do all this.

Prominent acknowledgement must go to Leila Dalton – the Operations Wiz; Tech Sgt. Jim Dalton – the Quartermaster; Lisa

And to you, our fans, thank you also. Your support keeps us going, literally. To those we inspire, thanks for the feedback. We're all in this together are we not? Waking up a little more each day.

Enjoy the hols. Take time for yourselves and those close to you and get ready for an amazing year.

love youse all,
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pulled it all together, making sure the whole weekend ran seamlessly... The power in doing our first theatre show like this was amazing.

It was rewarding to have fans travel from out of state to be part this occasion. Thanks to Josh King from Texas and Christine Columbus from Pennsylvania for making the trek.

"We really enjoyed the show last night. It was great to see them do something so deep and passionate." - Traci, Los Angeles, CA

"I came out of the theatre feeling truly creatively inspired." -Suzanne, Los Angeles, CA

BROTHER will present their theatre show again February 24th, 25th, and 26th, 2006. Tickets will go on sale in January.

Lanciano – Web Mistress Extraordinaire; and Liz Shook – our ever patient Transport Coordinator.

It is humbling to have the support we do. Truly it has become a shared and evolving vision...

Pax Romana MMV and holiday specials available at
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