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## **Badhoven: "The band name resembles what the band does in terms of style, musicians and their background well."**

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*Austrian rockers Badhoven paid a visit to Ljubljana as they were supporting local hero Dr. Evil. We caught up with the band before they hit the stage and here are the excerpts from the conversation.*

**1. This is the first time that you are playing in Slovenia. Are you excited?**

We are very excited. This club is just the right size.

**2. You've been playing since 2001 as Badhoven...**

Yes with this name, but we made music before that under a different name, Blackrose. We came together in 1995 and started in 1996 with the first album called "Blackrose". We also released it in Japan a year later. Then in 1998 we released our second album "Time Doesn't Matter at All". By 2001 there were many bands named Blackrose so we thought of having a new name and also to go a bit more hard rock and thus Badhoven came into existence.

**3. How did you decide on the name Badhoven?**

It's like a mixture of hard rock, harmonics and melody. The name resembles what the band does in terms of style, musicians and their background well.

**4. The band's latest album Obsession was released last year. Can you tell us something about it?**

It's the first album with our new bass player Erwin Lichtenegger who joined the band in 2009. A year before the release of this album we had released a single CD named "I will be There" and also shot a video for it. And then we started recording for a full length album. There is a new kind of Badhoven on this album because Erwin joined the band and our sound went a bit more metal. There is a large variation with different types of rock music on this album. It's a mixture of everything – classic, rock, hard rock and metal.

**5. Are you satisfied with the end result?**

Yes, we are very satisfied. Also the reviews that we have now are great and positive.

**6. Can you tell us a little about the writing process?**

There are so many different songs on this album. We re-recorded the old songs and wrote new ones in the studio. There are some which

didn't make it on the album. Kurt is the main song-writer and the rest of the band members are arrangers. We put the pieces together like a puzzle. We like this as there are many ideas flowing and sometimes we also end up changing the parts in the songs.

**7. The artwork is very interesting. How did you come up with the idea of it?**

The cover is designed by a tattoo artist who is a friend. His cousin made the first drawing of the picture. Firstly it was a handmade design and then it came to us and we digitalized it with some colour changes.

**8. The band released a live DVD in 2007. How was the experience recording it?**

It was great, like any other gig you need to come along the way you would as if there was no video. We had seven cameras and one chance to record it. One needs to find a balance between concentration and having fun. As we look back now, we can say that we were very focussed while recording it.

**9. After the DVD you released *Obsession* in 2013. Is there is a reason behind such a long gap between the two?**

Yes, after the last album "*Believe*" my brother who was the bassist had to leave the band due to his work commitments. After a long search we found Erwin and he found us. He was our sound engineer and did two live shows with us so we asked him if he wants to stay. He agreed and we came back together as a band.

**10. What kind of music do you guys like to listen to?**

**Gerhard Paar** : I listen to a lot of jazz, rock and also the real Austrian style music with accordion.

**Gerd Sojka** : For me it's a mixture, I listen to bands like Whitesnake and Journey, classical music sometimes but mostly hard rock and melodic metal.

**Erwin Lichtenegger** : For me, heavy metal and death metal.

**Kurt. C** : When I grew up I mostly listened to Beatles up to the age of 15 or 16. Then there was Whitesnake! Also during the 80's Iron Maiden and many other great bands which influenced me.

**11. Are you happy with the attention that you get in your home country Austria?**

It's different. It's very hard to get on the radio however there are certainly some radio stations which try to get bands on air. It's good to have concerts in Austria, Graz is a good place and so is Vienna. It'd be good for us to play in the western parts like Salzburg which we are trying to do.

**12. Which is your favourite show that you've played so far?**

It was when we supported the Graham Bonnet Band in Vienna. Also, the show when we were supporting Austrian hard rock band No Bros. This was also the farewell show for our ex-bassist and it was very special.

**13. What are the band's plans for the future?**

Our plan is to play a lot of live shows and to release is new album in 2 years.

**14. And lastly, what can we expect from *Badhoven* tonight?**

A real hard rock and metal night. We will prepare the audience for Dr. Evil.