

What do you think are the most important events in year 2004 in your personal life or in metal world?

Probably the tragic murder of Dimebag Darrell on Dec.8th is the thing that hit the metal world the most last year.

What do you think is the best album from year 2004?

I'm not sure, I didn't really buy so many new albums last year. Maybe the Tom Waits album, I think it was called Real Gone.

What was your first metal album? How did you started to listen metal?

My first hardrock album was Ac/dc's Razor's edge and it sort of went from there...Metallica's Master of Puppets was the first album that was a bit on the heavier side.

What famous (or not famous) person would you like to meet?

Hunter S.Thompson but he just killed himself so it won't probably happend. ...Sture Dahlström would be nice to meet, he's an swedish author, writing really crazy stuff :)

What do you feel when you're on stage? What are you thinking about?

It depends, you can go through so many emotions during a show... mostly I feel pumped up and excited....thinking about ?? almost anything but mostly I'm just too much into the music to think about anything else, or checking out the babes in the front row.

What are your hobbies? What do you do in your free time?

I like to read and watch movies, I also try to do some sports from time to time to keep in shape...I don't have that much freetime anyways 'cause I have two other recording bands Silent Voices and MentalCareFoundation (www.silentvoices.net, www.mentalcarefoundation.tk) but that's the way I like it, I just love music !

You use interesting keyboards on concerts or in DSAW clip... why do you have this type?

You probably mean the shoulder-keys, right ? I think it's boring to be stuck in a fuckin' corner behind your keys , and this is a way for me to run around and go nuts, the downside to it is that it's really hard to hit the right keys when you're jumping around,but I'm getting to it.

How did you join Sonata Arctica? Where did you play before?

I saw that they needed a new keyboardist on their website, sent a demo and got an audition that I passed. I've been playing all kinds of stuff from jazz & rock to theater-plays and whatnot, but just before Sonata I had two recording bands Silent Voices and Requiem (www.requiem.kpnet.com) , I later left requiem to form MentalCareFoundation.

What SA song do you like most according to lyrics?

I don't care too much about lyrics but maybe Broken (from Winterheart's Guild) although Tony kinda ruined my idea of the song by telling me the real story behind it.

Will Sonata do a new clip for some song from Reckoning Night?

A video clip ? I'm not sure but probably not, we'll have to see about that.

Do you have any classical influences? Who's your favourite classical composer?

I had some classical lessons when I was a kid so I got all kinds of influences there, but today my favourite composers would be Chopin, Tsaiowsky and maybe Rahmaninov....I don't really listen that much to classical music anymore....

Did you play to any other instrument before you started play the keyboard?

Yeah, piano, which really is a completely diffrent instrument from synthesizers and organs, the keys are the same but that's about it.

Could you write a comment about Sonata Arctica's albums you played on? And what's your opinion about that ones where you haven't played on?

I rather not comment on the albums I didn't play on, 'cause it wouldn't be fair towards anyone. Reckoning Night is the only SA-album I've played on so far, and we did all kinds of keyboards on that one. I think that the main new thing for SA on Reckoning was the organ sound, and maybe some of the more orchestral parts. Otherwise we used the basic sonata ingredients, with unisonos, fast arpeggios and lot's of solos. I really look forward for the next one to see what kinda stuff we can come up with, and take sonata to the next level. Right now we still have a lot of touring to do so..It'll take a while.

Cheers, greeting and rock'n'roll

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