

Message from Michael Sadler at twitter (13. Dezember 2011)

:) and then there were three

Once upon a time there were five musicians who embarked on a journey, much like many other journeys they had enjoyed in the past ... but little did they know what was lurking in their immediate future! But seriously, after a week of reflection most of what took place is still a bit of a blur. Probably because it all happened so quickly and we barely had time to think, just react and move forward.

Let me start by simply saying thank you. Thank you to everyone, and I mean everyone, who helped make it possible for us to not only continue the tour when everything hit the fan, but also helped make it possible to still deliver a show up to the standard that our audience has grown accustomed to. The support and level of professionalism shown by everyone involved was the only way we were able to pull this off and each of you deserve my complete and utter respect.

It was almost miraculous the way we were able to secure the services of Andreas Gundlach, and then Thomas Elsenbruch & Hans-Willi Carl (of the German band "The Chapters") to take over the keyboards for Jim Gilmour when it was discovered that he required immediate eye surgery, followed by Stefan Peschgens (also from "The Chapters") taking over the drums for Brian Doerner when he injured his shoulder with only three shows to go. Gentlemen, you know we couldn't have done this without you and I hope we get the privilege of working with you all again sometime in the future. Thank you so much!

And to our crew; Gentlemen, you are the best and I mean that on every level. Your normal workload is at least twice that of other crews and yet you continue to not only never complain, but manage to rise above any adversity thrown at you on any given day and take great pride and care that the stage is "show-ready" for each night's performance. And if that wasn't enough, on this tour we asked you to set up a full rehearsal setting in the dressing room on the day of the show not once, but twice! Unbelievable! Like I said, you're the best! Thank you. What happened happened, that's it. And while some felt we shouldn't continue without all the members, we felt it was in the band's best interest, as well as for all the fans who had already bought tickets, to find a way to continue and finish the tour. In retrospect, and judging by the reviews and reactions, I'm certain that we made the right decision.

Finally, to our fans; What can I say? You continue to show your support regardless of the situation and consistently remind us of the primary reason that we do what we do. From all of us to all of you...THANK YOU! So there you have it. When I put everything else aside and just focus on the actual performances, I consider this tour to have been a very successful outing and we look forward to seeing everyone in 2012 with a brand new album and tour.

In the meantime, Happy Holidays to you all and may 2012 be the year we've all been waiting for!