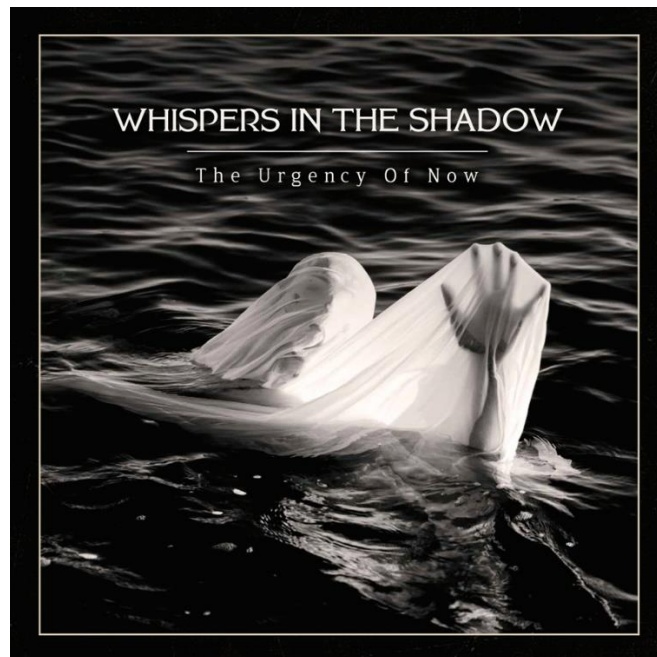


WHISPERS IN THE SHADOW

The Urgency Of Now



After four years Austria's longest living Gothic/Post Punk band returns to the stage with their ninth album **THE URGENCY OF NOW** (**Solar Lodge**). An album deeply rooted in the here and now, an album that could only have been written during the last year. After their cyclic conceptual work about occultism and magic that has spawned over their last four albums, it's time once more to find new ways of creativity and expression. New font, logo, new cover artwork style, even in their 21st year of existence WITS are open to walk the unknown path that leads to a sound unheard of by the band so far.

Raw, direct, without keyboards and atmospheric sounds the music provides the soil for the on point and almost uncomfortable urgent lyrics. Lines like: *No one controls the controls. Detractors on the rise. Spreading twisted truths and true lies*" (from **Detractors**) and *"Here come the colors. Here come the lights. Trumpets instead of flutes."* (from **The Rat King**) speak for themselves.

Singer Ashley Dayour:

"In times like these, you do have a certain kind of responsibility as an artist to your audience and to yourself. It's important to speak up for the freedom of humanity and art. It's almost negligent to sit back and just see what happens next, as if all this is nothing of one's concern."

Besides commentaries of the present state of the world the other big theme of the album is more of a personal matter. A self-critical review of the past and younger days of the band as in the track **Scavengers of Time**, or the loss of a close person in **Morning Falls**.

The Album closes with one of the moodiest songs in their entire discography. Exit-Gardens is a self-critical view in the mirror, a warning to one's self.

“One thing’s for certain, if we like it or not we are all sailing the same boat here, and it is upon every individual if you, like the person on the front cover, are drowning in the sea of propagandistic fear or not. If we can make just one person think twice, this album has fulfilled its purpose.”

Ashley Dayour, Januar 2018

**ATTENTION: THE URGENCY OF NOW IS HERE!
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?**

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