



***Gloom & Groove driven industrial metal hailing from Finland - Established 2004***

Finnish metal quartet Pohjoisen Soturit have been delivering their own unique twist of heavy-metal for over twenty years, blending thunderous riffs, industrial driving beats and the rumble of death metal vocals, following in the footsteps of Scandinavian giants such as Moonsorrow, Koorpiklaani and Fintroll.

In the beginning there were two sons; brothers Anssi and Ossi Leinonen, who in 2004 formed the band off the back of their childhood passion for Metallica, Pantera, Cradle of Filth, Dimmu Borgir and Moonsorrow. The bands name was taken from Moonsorrow's song "Taistelu Pohjolasta". Immediately in the founding year, bassist Teemu Hynynen joined the ranks, and the first original songs started to emerge, amongst various covers like 'Smoke on the Water'. Originality was their drive, and covers were just the stepping stone.

The following year in 2005, Riku-Pekka Savolainen joined as second guitarist, and the first demo entitled "Verisuot" was born, recorded at the Lapinlahti, Purkki-Studio. Anssi's early day vocals delivered a low and monotonous roar, lending more to the sounds and ferocity than the words themselves. The following the demo for "Kertalaaki" was also created. With the first two demos, no one really knew where the bands sound came from, or yet what it was to develop into, stitching together distorted guitars, powerful vocals and the drive of the double bass drum.

In 2005-2006, the bands' first shows were performed. School parties, bar gigs, any stage they could take to, with their main drawback being that Anssi was the only adult in the whole gang.

In 2008, the debut EP named "Pohjoistuuli" was recorded at Kujalandia studio in Lahti, southern Finland. During the years of 2009-2013 the crew underwent lineup changes, all the while recording 2011's 'Naimahauta' EP at Make Saaranen's studio.

In late 2013, the band's first music video "Korppi" [<https://youtu.be/-VbelsE1Jdg>] was filmed, with Sami Kokkonen, and following on from this the bands debut album was completed, mixed at Make Saaranen, and released via Inverse Records world wide. This was followed by a couple of festival gigs in Oluset Iisalmi and Runnirock, followed by music videos for "Verenpaisumus" [<https://youtu.be/SkioZr3UlnI>], "Sisu" [<https://youtu.be/tTprT96AD9k>], "Juopottelu" [<https://youtu.be/YU7NefLG6UU>], "Surumaa" [<https://youtu.be/Fe8ygSDXQSc>], cover song "Sheikki ali Hassan" [<https://youtu.be/baX81AjaDew>] and the "Henkeen ja Vereen" [<https://youtu.be/0k6bED98B8w>].

In 2020, Juuso Tujunen joined to solidify the present day lineup. The first song and video with this line-up "Halau" [<https://youtu.be/vXmQ3wHA7NE>] was released in the summer of 2020. In 2021, the band started recording new material and signed with worldwide agency Metal Music Booking, to bring gloomy groove Finnish metal internationally to the masses.

Though the band is almost twenty years old, it has aged for the band forty years, and is a fair trade to have got and get to do what you really want, and this story is just the beginning...

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