

PANTOKRAATOR

Pantokraator (pantokraator@gmail.com) is a rock band from Tallinn, Estonia.

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*Lauri Saatpalu * /4/10/1965 Vocals/
 *Triinu Taul * /3/21/1984 Vocals/
 *Erik Sakkov * /3/11/1967 Synthesizers/
 *Taavi Langi * /1/3/1984 Guitar/
 *Henno Kelp * /8/18/1973 Bass/
 *Roland Puusepp * /3/11/1970 Drums/
 *Mart Moldau * /5/20/1967 Technical engineer/
 *Ergo Ehte * /5/31/1973 Sound engineer/

History

Pantokraator is an Estonian band whose unique style blends elements of progressive rock and folk music. The band's catalog includes an LP released in 1990 entitled "Pantokraator I," followed in 2000 by a CD compilation "Jäi servi seisma…" ["Standing on the edge..."] and in 2009 by a new CD entitled "Tormidesööjad" ["The Storm Eaters"]. Pantokraator's roots took shape in Tartu's School #7, when a group of eighth-grade boys formed a band named "Propaan". Members included classmates Erik Sakkov and Riho Kukk, with brothers Priit and Mait Karm. In 1983, the band changed its name to Pantokraator.

The band held its first concert at school on March 12, 1983. Aivar Otsing joined the band on bass guitar.

In 1984, Pantokraator won the "Tartu Sügis" ["Tartu autumn"] rock festival's rising star and people's choice awards, and was allowed to rehearse in the "Sõprus" ["Friendship"] youth center. Mart Moldau joined the band as sound engineer.

In 1985 Pantokraator produced a rock opera "Merikajakas" staged by Priit Karm. The show played in Estonia's largest towns and was recorded by Estonian Television.

In 1986, Pantokraator made its first appearance at "Tartu Muusikapäevad", which at that time was the Soviet Union's most prestigious rock festival. Jaan Sööt joined the band.

In 1987 the band's only performance was at the "Tartu Autumn" festival, because the band members were all conscripted into military service.

In 1988, singer Lauri Saatpalu joined the band. Pantokraator gave concerts in Estonia, and performed in Armenia and Latvia. They completed the rock composition "Rännumäng" under the direction of Priit Karm. The band also took part in the VAT Theater's performance "Ma ei saa millestki aru…" ["I can't understand anything…"]

In 1989, Pantokraator performed at the Haapsalu and Viljandi rock festivals, the Tartu Music Days, the Pärnu Fiesta International, and at Rock Summer.

In 1990, the band re-formed, with drummers Roland Puusepp and Peeter Jõgioja as well as guitarist Andres Moro joining the band. They produced the LP "Pantokraator I".

In 1991, violinist Romet Pott and bassist Kaido Soobik joined Pantokraator.

In 1992, guitarists Kalle Vilpuu and Viktor Vasiljev joined the band along with violinist Tõnu Raadik. Pantokraator took part in Ruto Killakund's theater production "Pööre. Pirita Kloostri viimased päevad" ["Turn. Pirita Convent's last days"].

Estonia regained independence in August 1991, after the monetary reform in 1992, life in Estonia changed completely and Pantokraator's existence in its current form became impossible.

On October 13, 2006, Erik Sakkov and Lauri Saatpalu agreed to get Pantokraator back together.

In 2007 and 2008, Pantokraator worked on preparing new material and studio work. Singer Triinu Taul joined the band along with bassist Henno Kelp and guitarist Taavi Langi.

In March 2009 Pantokraator released a single "Metsavaht", .

In April 2009 the band released Tormidesööjad , a CD of new material along with a book detailing Pantokraator's history compiled by Erik Sakkov. Along with the book Pantokraator also produced two CDs featuring recordings of previously released and unreleased songs.

The band has composed and recorded over a hundred works, staged two rock plays and won numerous festivals and music awards.

More information on the band is available at <http://www.panto.ee/>.

A timeline of PANTOKRAATOR members

(v - vocals, g - guitar, k - keyboards, s - synthesizers, dr - drums, b - bass, vi - violin, fl - flute, s.e . - sound engineer, t.e - technical engineer)

PROPAAN 1981-1983, Erik Sakkov (k,g,v), Priit Karm (dr), Riho Kukk (g,v), Mait Karm (g)

PANTOGRATOR 1983 Erik Sakkov (k,g,v,fl), Priit Karm (dr,v), Mait Karm (g), Aivar Otsing (b)

PANTOGRATOR 1984-1985 Erik Sakkov (s,v), Priit Karm (dr), Mait Karm (g), Aivar Otsing (b), Mart Moldau (s.e)

PANTOGRATOR 1985-1986 Erik Sakkov (s,v), Jaan Sööt (g,k), Mait Karm (g), Peeter Jõgioja (dr), Toivo Sõmer (g), Tarmo Tabas (v), Aivar Eimra (b)

PANTOGRATOR 1987 Erik Sakkov (s,v), Priit Karm (dr), Mait Karm (g), Aivar Otsing (b), Jaan Sööt (g,k), Mart Moldau (s.e)

PANTOKRAATOR 1988-1990 Erik Sakkov (s), Lauri Saatpalu (v), Priit Karm (dr), Mait Karm (g), Jaan Sööt (g,k), Aivar Otsing (b), Mart Moldau (s.e), Toomas Vabamäe (s.e), Jaanus Meinart (dr)

PANTOKRAATOR 1990-1991 Erik Sakkov (s), Lauri Saatpalu (v), Peeter Jõgioja (dr), Roland Puusepp (dr), Andres Moro

(g), Kaido Soobik (b), Romet Pott (vi), Mart Moldau (s.e), Toomas Vabamäe (s.e)

PANTO 1992 Erik Sakkov (s), Lauri Saatpalu (v), Kalle Vilpuu (g), Tõnu Raadik (vi), Viktor Vassiljev (g), Peeter Jõgioja (dr), Roland Puusepp (dr), Kaido Soobik (b), Mart Moldau (s.e), Toomas Vabamäe (s.e)

*PANTOKRAATOR * 2006 -… Erik Sakkov (s), Lauri Saatpalu (v), Triinu Taul (v), Taavi Langi (g), Henno Kelp (b), Roland Puusepp (dr), Mart Moldau (t.e), Ergo Ehte (s.e)

Other bands in which PANTOKRAATOR members have performed over the years are:

Aivar Otsing Jäääär

Andres Moro Okey, Forest

Erik Sakkov Unita Rocks

Henno Kelp Hetero, House of Games, Terminaator, Maha, Lili, Hamoh, Die Pohh, Vinnie Puhh, Ka-Funky, Hot Rod, The Names

Jaan Sõõt Jäääär, Jääboiler, Raadio Maria, L`Dorado, Tulli Lum, Lindpriid, Killep

Kalle Vilpuu Seitsmes Meel, Ultima Thule, House of Games, Tõnis Mägi & 777, Data, Magnetic Band, Saxxappeal Band

Lauri Saatpalu Folkmill, Beep Shop Boys, Dagö

Mart Moldau Beep Shop Boys

Mait Karm Ara Pacis, Raadio Maria, Folk Highlights Orchestra, Paraspunt, Propaan

Peeter Jõgioja Suveniir, FIX, Rosta Aknad, Ultima Thule, The Nationals, Heney B & T - Bones, Compromise Blue, Led R

*Roland Puusepp * Terminaator, Saxappeal Band, Ummamuudu, Easy Living, Suveniir, After All, Moon Principle Orchestra, Why Not, Groove Group, Division, C-7, Raba

Romet Pott Die Pohh, Super Slinky

*Taavi Langi * Brides in Bloom, Vanilla Ninja, Glive, Maarja, Vunkz, Spido

Tõnu Raadik Kratid, Kukerpillid, Reval Sunny Philharmonics

Triinu Taul Virre, Vinland, Tuulepill, Anu ja Triinu Taul

Toomas Vabamäe The Speculative Rock ’n Roll Band, Claymakers, C7, Albert’s

Viktor Vassiljev Fix, Rosta Aknad, Justament, Pilvepüüdjad, Kaabu, The Pickups, Volax