

**ARTIST: NARNIA**

**ALBUM TITLE: Narnia**

**FORMAT: CD**

**LABEL: Massacre Records**

**CAT. NUMBER: MAS DP0986**

**RUNNING TIME: 43:55 Minutes**

**MUSIC STYLE: Melodic Metal**

**HOME COUNTRY: Sweden**

**BARCODE: 4028466119867**

**RELEASE DATE: 21.07.2017**

**ALBUM LINE-UP:**

Christian Liljegren - Vocals, Additional Backing Vocals

CJ Grimmark - Guitars, Keyboards, Background Vocals

Andreas Passmark - Bass

Martin Härenstam - Keyboards

Andreas „Habo“ Johansson - Drums

**CURRENT LINE LINE-UP:**

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**TRACK LIST:**

1. Reaching For The Top
2. I Still Believe
3. On The Highest Mountain
4. Thank You
5. One Way To The Promised Land
6. Messengers
7. Who Do You Follow?
8. Moving On
9. Set The World On Fire
10. Living Water (2017 Version) (Digipak Bonus Track)
11. Utvandarna (Digipak Bonus Track)

**FACTS:**

- **The Swedish melodic metal masters NARNIA are back with their new and 7th studio album!**
- Available as a digipak CD with exclusive bonus tracks.
- **Recorded by CJ Grimmark** at Area 52, Sweden.
- Additional drum recordings by Andreas „Habo“ Johansson at Gruvan Studios, Stockholm, Sweden.
- Mixed & mastered by Thomas „Plec“ Johansson at The Panic Room, Sweden.
- **Layout and artwork by Markus Sigfridsson.**
- **Guest appearance by Jens Johansson** (Stratovarius, Rainbow, ex-Dio & Yngwie Malmsteen's Rising Force) on „Living Water (2017 Version)“.
- **Official video clips for „Reaching The Top“, „Thank You“, „Messengers“ and „I Still Believe“ available on YouTube.**
- **Live shows with bands like Stratovarius, Children of Bodom, Sonata Arctica and Ronnie James Dio, among others.**
- **Festival appearances at Brainstorm Festival, Sabaton Open Air, Metalfest, Gates Of Metal or Legends Of Rock, among others.**
- **Full-page ad campaign in June/July/August with Masquerade, Wizard, Galderia, Blind Seer** and others, e.g., in Metal Hammer (D), Orkus (D), Nuclear Blast Magazin (D), Legacy (D), Rock It! (D), Hardline (D), Aardschok (NL), Rock Tribune (B), Hard Rock (F), Metallian (F), Terrorizer (GB), Powerplay (GB).
- **News campaigns on various social media platforms** and in various web forums.
- **Online promo incl. animated web banners, interviews and reviews**, for example on: bleeding4metal.de, concreteweb.de, emp.de, heavylaw.com, lordsofmetal.nl, metal.de, metalnews.de, metal-only.de, metalunderground.at, myrevelations.de, powermetal.de, powerofmetal.dk, rockoverdose.gr, soulfood-music.de, stormbringer.at, time-for-metal.eu, zephyrsodem.de, www.rockandmetalinyourblood.com and many more!
- Flyers and electronic newsletter distributed to more than 100.000 contacts via street-/e-team.

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#### **BIOGRAPHY:**

Vocalist Christian Liljegren and guitarist CJ Grimmark met for the first time in 1993. Both were active in other bands at the time - but remained in steady contact during the years that followed. A few years later, Liljegren phoned Grimmark and asked him whether he was interested in working together on a musical vision Liljegren had in mind.

Since the late 80's Christian has had a huge passion for bombastic, melodic, neoclassical hard rock & heavy metal, which he was not able to explore in his band Modest Attraction. CJ was instantly interested. After having seen the animated movie „The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe“, Christian figured NARNIA would be great name for the new band.

Grimmark soon became a full-time member of Liljegren's band Modest Attraction. During the time with Modest Attraction, Liljegren and Grimmark kept working on their vision of NARNIA, and entered the Topz Recording Studio in September 1996 to record NARNIA's debut album „Awakening“. NARNIA signed with the Japanese label Pony Canyon Inc., and released the album in the summer of 1997 on the Japanese market.

The demand to see this new metal outfit increased, and NARNIA started touring in Sweden in 1997.

„Awakening“ was released in Europe via Nuclear Blast in February 1998. The band was promoted as „The Melodic Metal Masters“ and along with Hammerfall and a few other acts, NARNIA pioneered the new wave of melodic metal of the late 90's.

Some line-up changes have taken place over the years. Bass player Jakob Persson left the band in 2001, and was immediately replaced by Andreas Passmark (Royal Hunt, Rob Rock). Keyboard player Martin Härenstam departed from NARNIA in 2003. During the years 2003-2009 Linus Kåse, Andreas Lindahl, and Anders Berlin fulfilled the keyboard duties the road.

Vocalist Christian Liljegren left the band for personal reasons in 2008. NARNIA then recruited singer German Pasqual to finish the album „Course Of A Generation“, and the tour that followed. In the first days of 2010 Grimmark made the decision to put NARNIA to rest.

The break lasted for four years. In late 2013 CJ Grimmark & Christian Liljegren started discussing a possible reunion and the idea of making the best and strongest NARNIA album ever. On January 31, 2014, the band announced its return. Celebrating the 15th anniversary of the classic album „Long Live The King“, NARNIA got back on the road for a few shows.

In March 2016, while the band worked hard on the new album, all previous albums were released for digital download and streaming, some of them for the very first time.

So far, 2016/2017 have been the most active years since the beginning of NARNIA's career.

The demand from fans to see NARNIA live in concert became bigger, as the band has a reputation to be one of the best metal live acts these days. NARNIA decided to make a new, great live show during 2016, featuring new songs and a best-of set from NARNIA's career, way back from the start in 1996. A lot of time was invested in creating and designing a fitting image for NARNIA, as the band once again hit the road. And of course, there's the exploding, new album...

During the pre-production of the live shows, bass player Andreas Passmark decided to take a break for family reasons, so the band hired Jonatan Samuelsson as replacement on bass for the Sweden tour that took place in September, followed up by the European dates in November.

In December 2016 Andreas Passmark decided to leave the band permanently.

Around the same time, in January 2017, Massacre Records and NARNIA planned how to deliver a first-class product to be released on July 21, 2017. Massacre Records wanted some more songs, and a new version of NARNIA's biggest hit „Living Water“ was re-recorded. The song, originally taken from the bestselling album „Long Live The King“, features a very special guest: keyboard player Jens Johansson (Stratovarius, Rainbow, ex-Dio & Yngwie Malmsteen's Rising Force), who plays a marvelous duet with guitar-virtuoso CJ Grimmark.

In the beginning of 2017 it was confirmed that NARNIA would be touring South America for the first time. After tons of requests to see the band there, it finally happened.

This also marked the start for the „I Still Believe Tour“ that will take Narnia around the world in 2017/2018.

During this South America-tour Jonatan Samuelsson became a permanent member of NARNIA.

The „I Still Believe Tour“ continues this summer with Swedish festivals like Sabaton Open Air and Skogsröjet Festival, along

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with festivals around Europe together with acts such as Sabaton, Steve Harris (Iron Maiden) British Lion, Saxon, Pretty Maids, Yngwie Malmsteen, D.A.D, Blind Guardian, Hammerfall, Eclipse, and many more.

On the new self-titled album, NARNIA re-visit their melodic roots but with an updated sound, thus creating a perfect blend. A powerful production by CJ Grimmark, that was mixed and mastered by Thomas „Plec“ Johansson.

The lion roars again!

#### **DISCOGRAPHY:**

1997 Awakening  
1999 Long Live The King  
2001 Desert Land  
2003 The Great Fall  
2004 At Short Notice - Live In Germany (DVD)  
2006 At Short Notice - Live In Germany (CD)  
2007 Decade Of Confession (Compilation)  
2006 Enter The Gate  
2009 Course Of A Generation  
2017 Narnia

#### **TOUR DATES**

(Date format: DD.MM.YYYY)

I Still Believe Tour

08.07.2017 SE Halmstad - Gullbrannafestivalen  
04.08.2017 SE Rejmyre - Skogsröjet Festival  
18.08.2017 SE Falun - Sabaton Open Air  
19.08.2017 SE Sävsjö - Sävsjö Celebration  
09.09.2017 SE Uppsala - Kulturnatten  
02.12.2017 FI Pieksämäki - GoodMoodStock Festival

Additional dates are already planned.