

ALCHEMICAL PLAYGROUNDS



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The dry and hot summer of 2016 is almost over.
Our last mission for this season to be accomplished.
Pack the bare essentials and drive up to the mountains...
...to Marija's abandoned house.

An increasingly dense fog.
A prophecy?
The last house before we turn right to the narrow precipice road.
In front of the house...a chopping block...and an axe.
Alertness increasing in the twilight...
Look in the rear-view mirror!
Two men staring at us from the house window.

In Marija's place now.
A labyrinth of cellar rooms in the basement...
...full of old tools and gadgets wrapped in dense spider nets...
...inhabited by families of bats.
Is someone else leaving there?
A long axe just behind the main cellar door.
A Déjà vu?

The upper floor and the attic...left unfinished.
None of the doors can be locked!
Kitchen cupboards full of cleaning agents.
Who is cleaning what?
And those old bottles with spirits.
Did Marija tell us to just drink them all?

The not so obvious decorations.
A small doll on a kitchen shelf.
Is that a witch?
And then another one hiding in the cupboard!
And yet another one...on a broom...in the leaving room...
Observing us?

Sharp and deep sounds from the basement...
...and then from the upper floors...
Silence.
Time to sleep?
Wait. We can't lock the front door either!

Next morning...quiet rain...
...and finally the rest of the band arrives.
We had good intentions...
...and the witches have blessed us.
All the daily sounds have been recorded.
We knew it was time to leave.

*This album is dedicated to Marija and Igor.
We were complete strangers. Yet, without hesitation,
you so generously and kindly lent us
your dear old home in Šentviška Gora.
You and your spirits touched us forever.*

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Suhega in vročega poletja 2016 je skoraj konec.
Naša zadnja misija v tem poletju je pred nami.
Spakirati najnujnejše in se odpeljati v gore...
...v Marijino zapuščeno hišo.

Čedalje gostejša megla.

Prerokba?

Zadnja hiša preden zavijemo desno na ozko prepadno cesto.

Pred hišo...čok...in sekira.

Budnost narašča v somraku...

Poglej v vzvratno ogledalo!

Dva moža nas opazujeta iz okna.

V Marijini hiši smo.

Labirint kletnih prostorov...

...poln starih orodji in pripomočkov ovitih v pajčevino...

...naseljenih z netopirjevimi družinami.

A še kdo biva tam?

Dolga sekira tik za glavnimi kletnimi vrati.

Déjà vu?

Zgornje nadstropje in mansarda...nedokončana in opuščena.

Nobenih vrat ni mogoče zakleniti!

Kuhinjske omare polne čistil.

Kdo čisti kaj?

In tiste stare steklenice z žganjem.

Nam je Marija rekla, naj kar vse popijemo?

Ne zelo očitne dekoracije.

Majhna lutka na kuhinjski polici.

Je to čarovnica?

In potem še ena, ki se skriva v omari!

In še ena...na metli...v dnevni sobi...

Nas opazuje?

Rezki in globoki zvoki v kleti...

...in nato v zgornjih prostorih...

Tišina.

Čas za spanje?

Čakaj. Niti vhodnih vrat ne moremo zakleniti!

Naslednji dan...tih dež...

...in končno prispejo tudi ostali člani zasedbe.

Imeli smo dobre namene...

...in čarovnice so nas blagoslovile.

Vsi dnevni zvoki so bili posneti.

Vedeli smo, da je čas za odhod.

Ta album je posvečen Mariji in Igorju.

Popolni tujci smo si bili. Kljub temu sta nam brez oklevanja tako velikodušno in prijazno podala ključe vajinega dragega starega doma v šentviški Gori.

Vidva in vajini duhci ste nas zaznamovali za vedno.

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1. Marija's brum 04:02
2. Ventus Maleficis 09:54
3. Tail no chaser 08:40
4. Dancing witches - dedication 05:52
5. Bagno d'oro 06:34
6. Another time 05:38
7. Spider's rooms - prelude 09:12
8. Spider's rooms - hiding 06:32
9. Spider's rooms - game over 05:27
10. Fanfares of the upper plateau - married 05:14
11. Fanfares of the upper plateau - single 02:18
12. Marija returns home 07:55

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