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Thomas Bergersen & Nick Phoenix perform **TWO STEPS FROM HELL - LIVE** Europe 2021

Petr Pololáník

Conductor

Petr Pololáník is a Czech conductor, orchestrator and music producer and has conducted most of the trailer and album recordings of "Two Steps From Hell". Petr, whose father Zdeněk Pololáník belongs to the foremost Czech composers, studied violin, piano and conducting. As a conductor, he was in charge of several recordings for film, TV, radio and sample libraries and made several dozens of concert appearances with leading orchestras, choirs and opera houses in the Czech Republic and abroad. Amongst others, he conducted the concert tour "Demons ,Dragons And Warriors" of the Metal band Manowar and the previous concerts of "Two Steps From Hell" at the Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles (2013) as well as at "Film Music Prague" (2019). He is the founder and president of Capellen Music Production and conductor and orchestrator of the industry renowned Capellen Orchestra & Choir.

Merethe Soltvedt

Singer

Merethe Soltvedt is a singer, songwriter and composer who was born and raised in Norway and now lives and works in Los Angeles. She is a highly sought-after session vocalist for composers of film scores, documentaries, video games, movie trailers and cinematic pop/epic orchestral music. Merethe has performed on several albums of "Two Steps from Hell" since 2006 and is considered as the main female voice of the successful music producer duo. Furthermore, she performed on the movie trailer for Steven Spielberg's film "Ready Player One" and recorded background vocals for Sir Ringo Starr. Merethe performed with "Two Steps From Hell" at the Walt Disney Concert Hall in 2013 as well as in Prague in 2018. She also releases her own music—and performs as a singer, songwriter, plays guitar and piano—and composes vocal-based music for documentaries and TV. Thomas Bergersen about Merethe: 'Norwegian Merethe

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Soltvedt has the most angelic voice I have ever heard. Her voice is like sunshine, it inspires you, makes you feel wonderful.'

Úyanga Bold

Singer

Known for her distinctive voice in film, television and video game soundtracks, Úyanga is a sought-after soundtrack vocalist, vocal arranger and songwriter. Apart from various recordings with "Two Steps from Hell", Úyanga's lead vocals are featured in many film, television and video game soundtracks and projects. She has worked as a vocal soloist with some of Hollywood's top composers, including Oscar-nominated composer Marco Beltrami, Harry Gregson-Williams, "Captain Marvel" composer Pinar Toprak and Grammy-nominated composer Austin Wintory. Major credits include Disney's "Mulan" (2020), Disney Freeform's TV series "Motherland: Fort Salem" (2020), "Waiting for Barbarians" (2019) starring Johnny Depp, "The Widow" (2019) starring Kate Beckinsale, Comedy Central's ongoing "Drunk History" TV series as well as the video game "League of Legends". International credits include popular Japanese animated feature films and commissions for Google and Disney Japan, as well as Chinese video games, including "Moonlight Blade", which received a Hollywood Music in Media Award in the "Original Song - Video Game" category. Úyanga performs worldwide as a concert soloist, including the "Masterpiece Experience" in Romania, the eSports World Championship Finals of "League of Legends" in Beijing and "Fimucite - Tenerife International Film Music Festival" in Spain.

Kamila Nývltová

Singer

The Czech singer Kamila Nývltová, whose repertoire includes world and soul-pop, has become known to a broad audience in her home country due to the Czech X-Factor competition in 2008, where she was among the 5 finalists. Since then, Kamila has been a soloist at the Karlín Music Theater, the Broadway Theater and the Hybernia Theater in Prague and has played the leading roles in the musicals "Aida", „Cleopatra“, "Dracula", "Angelika" and the fairytale-like

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musical comedy „Snow White“. In 2010-Kamila released her debut album called "Kamila Nývltová", followed by two further albums in 2013 and 2016. In 2018 Kamila participated at the "Two Steps from Hell" concert in Prague and impressed the composers so much that they chose to engage her for their 2020 live tour. Kamila is also working as an actress and played in Czech TV series and movies.

Satnam Ramgotra

Drums/Percussion

Satnam Ramgotra is a Canadian-born drummer and percussionist who is blending traditional drums with Indian, African-and world percussion elements into modern musical environments. Satnam brings over 30 years of experience as a studio musician for TV and film as well as a live-performance drummer/percussionist for world-renowned artists and composer to the Hollywood landscape. At the age of 10 he started his foundational training on drums and the classical Indian tabla. His formative years were filled by performances and competitions at national band festivals throughout Canada, and his talent has been repeatedly rewarded with prizes. To further develop his technique, Satnam studied at the world-renowned Percussion Institute of Technology in Hollywood and at the Ali Akbar Khan College of Music in San Rafael. Among the 'A-list' composers Satnam collaborates with, he is a house musician at Hans Zimmer's Remote Control Productions and has worked on projects such as "The Lion King" (2019), "The Dark Knight", "Black Hawk Down" and "Dunkirk", where he was also a co-composer. His versatility in the industry allows him to perform, record or tour with artists like Beck, Sting, Pharrell Williams, Macy Gray as well as Shakira, and he has appeared on "The Late Show" with Stephen Colbert, "The Tonight Show" with Jay Leno & the 84th Academy Awards. Satnam has recorded several times with "Two Steps from Hell" and has also performed in their concert at the Walt Disney Hall in 2013.

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Helen Nash

Solo Cellist

Helen studied cello and piano at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama. She is the cellist of the leading female electric string quartet Escala, based in London and has been enjoying international success with the group. Amongst others, Escala's credits include Sam Smith's Number 1 album "In The Lonely Hour" and Pink Floyd's new Number 1 album "The Endless River". Helen has appeared with the quartet and individually on some of UK's biggest TV shows including The Royal Variety Show, The Graham Norton Show, Jonathan Ross, The Michael McIntyre Show, The X Factor, The Voice, Strictly Come Dancing, National TV Awards and Sunday Night at The Palladium, amongst others. Helen has performed with artists such as Enya, Pink, Cher, Rod Stewart, Robbie Williams and Josh Groban and has played at venues like The Royal Opera House, The O2 Arena, Monte Carlo Opera House, Kensington Palace, St James's Palace, Millennium Stadium and Wembley Arena. Helen also holds piano residencies across London, one of her favourite being the "in house pianist" at London Fashion Week.

Saulius Petreikis

Multi Woodwind Soloist

Saulius Petreikis is a multi-instrumentalist from Lithuania and one of the few people in Europe who has a unique collection of musical instruments from all over the world, which he uses to create and perform his music. Saulius plays various wind instruments from all over the world. He can skillfully handle various horns, panpipes, whistles, Indian bansuri, Chinese, Nepalese, Irish and Scottish flutes, Persian ney, Armenian duduk, Australian didgeridoo and many more. Furthermore, he plays the string instruments Hawaiian ukulele and African kalimba, the percussion instruments shekere and djembe and even practices Tuvan guttural singing Tibetan overtone chanting. Saulius collaborates with various musicians, dancers and actors and has performed in Europe, the USA and China. In Lithuania Saulius mostly performs with his band

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"Saulius Petreikis World Orchestra" and participates in various projects with symphonic orchestras of Lithuania and Poland. Saulius has released 9 albums of his own music and has participated in more than 30 albums of other musicians.

Skye Emanuel

Acoustic Guitar/E-Guitar

Skye Emanuel is a Los Angeles based guitarist, music producer and composer. He was born in London, England in 1999 and started playing guitar when he was 13. Skye was heavily influenced by rock and blues music. At the age of 17 he received the "Ronnie Montrose Rock the Nation Award" for aspiring young guitarists from Guitar Player Magazine in 2017. Skye studied at The Blackbird Academy in Nashville, Tennessee, graduating with a degree in audio engineering and now composes for television alongside session work and touring. His repertoire includes many musical genres including rock, pop, hip hop and blues.

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