

SHELL BEACH

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Dancing between post-hardcore, alternative and experimental rock genres, Budapest-based quintet **Shell Beach** deliver an incredibly eclectic rock album **Solar Flare**, out via Wild Thing Records on February 17th, 2023. Initially formed in 2007, and with several European tours under their belt, Shell Beach's line-up has evolved over time into what is now a Hungarian supergroup from Budapest's highly respected underground rock scene. As a result, the band have expanded on their post-hardcore and shoegaze roots, with a well-crafted and evolved record.

Recorded in seclusion at LA Garden studios situated in the picturesque forests in Southern Hungary, **Solar Flare** is the third album by Hungarian alternative-rock quintet Shell Beach. Enduring several line-up changes, Shell Beach's current line-up now consists of a Hungarian supergroup from Budapest's highly respected underground rock scene. This includes newest member Zoltán Bodóczy (Grand Mexican Warlock) who was asked to fill in on vocals for the band on a Berlin show with one week's notice due to a last-minute yet amicable resignation from the band's former vocalist. Zoltán not only accepted the late request, but the band also felt re-ignited with new energy and vocal direction, sparking a reborn fire in the band not felt previously.

Shell Beach's current members includes founding member Paul Somló on guitar (son of famous Hungarian musician Tamás Somló from the bands Omega and Locomotiv GT), Zoltán Bodóczy (vocals), Mátyás Mohácsi (bass), Viktor Sági (Guitar) and Dániel Szalay (drums). Written during the Covid lockdown, **Solar Flare** delves deep into themes of mental health, loss and rebirth, as well as the enduring will to survive despite life's trials and tribulations. Vocalist Zoltán explains:

"The lyrics deal with a difficult period in my life and I processed my confusion in them. Everything's here: breakup, depression, starting again, failure, new love, unfinished business. From this cavalcade, I was able to highlight some ideas and these served as the basis of the lyrics. We tried to arrange the order of the tracks in such a way that a story emerges from the album as a whole."

Shell Beach's new record also features a unique cover of the Hungarian 1994 hit 'Olyan Szépek Voltunk' (We were So Beautiful) written by guitarist Paul Somló's late father Tamás Somló from the world famous Hungarian bands prog-rock bands **Omega** and **Lokomotiv GT**. Guitarist Paul Somló explains:

*"Olyan Szépek Voltunk is a very beautiful song from my father, which was a big hit in the 90s, and still a very well known song here in Hungary. I remember when I was around 24-25 and always played on my father's guitar at his place for hours when I was staying there, and once I played the chords of 'Be Quiet And Drive' by **Deftones**, and turned out if I sing my dad's song on top of it, it would almost fit as a mashup. So I decided to do an acoustic cover of this song, and for many years it was in my mind to somehow turn it into a rock band version. After my father passed away, and I started to write this record, it was a must for me to finally make this cover, and this is the only song which I sing entirely. I dedicate this song to my dad and his immortal legacy."*

To date, Shell Beach has released an EP and two full length albums, collaborating with **Matt Geise (Lower Definition** and ex-**Dance Gavin Dance**), with guest vocals on Shell Beach's second record 'This is Desolation'. **Shell Beach** are no strangers to the European touring circuit with 6 European tours under their belt as well as appearances at several major European festivals. The band has toured Europe supporting **ENTER SHIKARI** and a handful of their own headline tours. **Shell Beach** has also graced the festival stages of **GROEZROCK** Festival (BE), **SZIGET** Festival (HU), **ROCK FOR PEOPLE** Festival (CZ), **ELECTRIC CASTLE** (RO), **VOLT** Festival (HU), and many others. Touring helped mature the band's sound and helped **Shell Beach** get further established as the most prominent band of the Hungarian rock music scene, leaving the band's fanbase eagerly awaiting their forthcoming record.

MEMBERS

Pal Somlo – guitars, vocals

Matyas Mohacsi – bass

Viktor Sagi – guitars

Zoltan Bodóczy – vocals

Daniel Szalay – drums

RELEASES

Acronycal (2009)

This Is Desolation (Redfield Records, 2013)

Changes x Restless x Faithless – EP (Redfield Records, 2016)

Solar Flare (Wild Thing Records, 2023)

Shell Beach - Online

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PAST TOURS

European Headline tour (May 2018)

European Headline Tour (March/April 2017)

Enter Shikari European Tour (October 2014)

European Headline Tour (June/July 2014)

European Package Tour (October 2013)

And So I Watch You From Afar European Tour – selected dates (2011)

PAST SUPPORTS

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