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**ANNISOKAY**

**»Aurora«**

##### OUT: December 4th, 2020

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| **Line Up:**  **Line-up:** | **ANNISOKAY online:** |
| **Rudi Schwarzer** | Vocals  **Christoph Wieczorek** | Vocals/Guitar  **Norbert Kayo** | Bass  **Nico Vaeen** | Drums | [www.annisokay.com](http://www.annisokay.com) [www.facebook.com/annisokay](http://www.facebook.com/annisokay) [www.instagram.com/annisokay](http://www.instagram.com/annisokay) [www.twitter.com/annisokay](http://www.twitter.com/annisokay) |

**ANNISOKAY** - the German Rock / Metal band is releasing its fifth studio album **»Aurora«** in 2020 and is reinventing themselves. Old braids were literally cut off and a new front man brought on board. The musical foundation has remained. Heavy guitar riffs and driving drum rhythms, paired with a mix of melodic goosebumps singing and aggressive shouts. **Rudi Schwarzer** is now responsible for the latter. The new front man was already able to convince the fans live. **ANNISOKAY** played the **X-Mas Bash Tour** together with the **EMIL** **BULLS** in winter 2019. In winter 2020 the new album **»Aurora«** will follow in a completely new guise. As usual, guitarist and singer **Christoph** **Wieczorek** is in charge of the production, whose charismatic and melodic voice will continue to provide goosebumps. The quartet is completed by the rhythm group, consisting of drummer **Nico** **Vaeen** and bassist **Norbert** **Rose**.

**ANNISOKAY** was founded in 2007 and has since been considered one of the most talented German bands with an international flair. The band has already played successful tours in **Europe**, **Great** **Britain**, **Japan** and the **USA**. With several headline shows in **Russia**, **Belarus** and the **Ukraine**, the band gained a loyal and massively growing fan base. The highlights were support shows for **PARKWAY** **DRIVE** in sold out halls in **Moscow** and **St.Petersburg**. The established independent record label SPV signed the band in 2014 and three studio albums were released, all of which made it into the top 100 of **the official German album charts**. In 2018, **ANNISOKAY** switched from SPV to **Arising** **Empire**. In the same year, the fourth studio album **»Arms«** was released, which reached **#26**, making it the band's highest chart entry to date.

The idea for the band name comes from the song '**Smooth Criminal**' by **Michael Jackson**. With **»Annie Are You Okay?«** **ANNISOKAY** released a **Michael** **Jackson** cover EP in 2016 to honor a true musical genius who served as the inspiration for the band name. What sound and what kind of music do **ANNISOKAY** stand for? Free of clichés typical of the genre or current sound trends and yet sounding modern, that is the maxim. Guitarist and singer **Christoph** **Wieczorek** has been a producer since the beginning of the band. This is how all **ANNISOKAY** albums are created, under the direction of **Christoph**, in his recording studio "**Sawdust Recordings**" in Halle / Saale.

After four studio albums, the brand new album **»Aurora«** is all about the new shouter. **Aurora** symbolizes the mystical polar light, full of hope on the dark horizon. **ANNISOKAY** had toured extensively in the years before and made the leap to international stages outside of Europe. The start for this was a four-week USA tour with **I SET MY FRIENDS ON FIRE**, from **New** **York** **City** to **Los** **Angeles**. **Japan** and **Russia** followed, as well as an extensive European tour. The band spent almost a year together on the tour bus. After the summer 2019 festival, the big cut came and the band split from the previous shouter. Long-time friend and experienced shouter **Rudi** **Schwarzer** was hired for the upcoming shows in 2019. **Rudi** has been playing in various hardcore bands for over 10 years. It quickly became clear that it would fit! With new strength, fun and a lot of energy, **ANNISOKAY** continue their successful genre mix and set new standards for modern and melodic Rock / Metal music.