

ARKADIA

A Drop for the Past

Dear recipient

I would like to introduce You to ARKADIA, a melodic metal band founded in the year 2003 in Alavus, Finland. Two dozen gigs, a hundred songs and five self-released records have been added to the resume of the band since then. At the moment, you are reading the cover letter of the band's latest record, *A Drop for the Past*.

A Drop for the Past EP was under work for two years. The unchanged lineup of ARKADIA has enabled persistent training and arrangement work, as can be heard from the five songs of the record. The EP represents the absolute best in the band's unconventional, catchy yet melancholy metallic sound. Already the previous EP of the band, *Circle of Distress*, released in 2007, aroused interest in the music media.

It was characterized for example with the following words:

"Rather than being slick and streamlined, the sound is loud and raw and particularly benefits from such a style; the songs' catchiness lies in the powerful rhythm of its chorus, and the way the melody comes out somewhat 'forced' ... I think the band is worthy of being signed to a label." (The Metal Observer)

"Melancholic grasp á la Sentenced and utilization of several guitarists á la Maiden combine rather successfully in the songs of ARKADIA." (Noise.fi, translated)

There are bands that have lots of technical skill but no musical imagination. There are artists whose only goal is to please their audience. ARKADIA is a band that has since its foundation started to create its own sound and style with own songs and texts. The members of ARKADIA do not contemplate suicide, nor do they gloom in fear of death. They only point out what is inevitable. ARKADIA is a band, which You should get to know before death.

Yours truly,



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Vocalist of ARKADIA