

XCIII

BIOGRAPHY

Formed by Guillaume in 2009 in Nice/France, XCIII was first created with a lot of session musicians. The band released his first demo in 2010, *Majestic Grief*. The idea was to create a project around the 19th century romanticism in Germany as well as in France and England. The music is a personal way to describe tormented feelings about love and hate, the impossible quest of an ideal. Therefore, XCIII had a lot of Black Metal influences at the beginning.

After a few concerts (within one with the great *Dornenreich*), XCIII released a Split with the Band *Abyss Cerebrum*, *Nocturnal Promenade*. After that, XCIII signed a contract with German label *Naturmacht Productions*, and released his first album, *Like a Fiend in a Cloud* in February 2013, which was highly acclaimed by the specialized press. A lot of bands inspired XCIII by the time, as for example *My Dying Bride*, *Opeth*, *Porcupine tree*, *Katatonia*, *Anathema*, *Agalloch* etc. The former idea to play a folk black metal disappeared by the time Guillaume composed new songs, which were more open to new horizons, including *Experimental* and *Prog* elements. The result is a bleak experiment around a same idea. Destructed in the musical conception, the theme remains a whole.

By the end of the year 2013, XCIII and *Naturmacht* part ways because the music was not matching the labels policy anymore. For a better transition to different musical universes, XCIII released the EP *Event Horizon* in 2014. It was composed, mixed and mastered by the band itself in November 2013 and April 2014, at the *Forlorn Hope* studios in Lyon/France. XCIII wanted to experiment new sounds, new genres. The result is a complex psychedelic journey composed by traditional black metal music and more. Still melancholic, the music finds its inspiration in both the essence of life and catatonia. It is a mix between cold eerie sounds and warm encouraging rhythms. The cover artwork, a simple white painted picture of trees, was made by *Fanny R.*

The second album *Enlighten* was composed, recorded and mixed by the band itself from January to April 2015 at the *Forlorn Hope* studios in Lyon/France. The photo credits for the cover artwork are under copyright for *NOSIGNER* (Japan). XCIII found a new label, *Anesthetize Productions*. Before the album was released in June 2016, a video was shot for the song *Zeit(geist)*. Undergoing a lot of inspirations, only one year after, XCIII released *Theanomie*, a 3-piece EP, which emphasizes the significant influence of dark wave. After a weeks residency at *La Biscuiterie* in *Château-Thierry* and the release of two more videos, XCIII is now ready to share its cinematic soundscapes through intense live shows.



DISCOGRAPHY

2017 : *THEANOMIE* [EP]



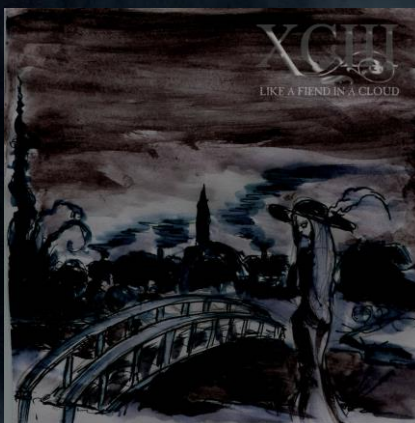
2016 : *Enlighten* [Album]



2014 : *Event Horizon* [EP]



2013 : *Like a Fiend in a Cloud* [Album]



2010 : *Majestic Grief* [EP]



LIVE SHOWS

XCIII is a one man band. During the live shows, the drums and the synths are sampled and launched with Ableton Live 9 and the Akai APC Key 25. Everything else is played and looped live.

- 07/2017 @ La Biscuiterie (Château-Thierry) [Residency]
- 06/2011 @ Le Korigan (Marseille) w/ Dornenreich
- 06/2011 @ Le Volume (Nice) w/ Ater
- 03/2011 @ Le Staccato (Nice) w/ Abyss Cerebrum
- 06/2010 @ Tapas (Nice) w/ Nuisance
- 12/2010 @ Tapas (Nice) w/ Nuisance



ADDITIONAL INFORMATIONS

Genre & Inspirations

Atmospheric Avant-garde Metal. A mixture of Black Metal, Dark Wave, Trip Hop and Prog Rock (Les Discrets, Porcupine Tree, Anathema, Katatonia, Agalloch, Dead Can Dance, Massive Attack and so much more)

Musicians

Guillaume : Bass, Guitars, Piano/Synths, Vocals

Recording and mixing sessions take place at Forlorn Hope, XCIII very own studio.

Videos

- *2017 // Chloroform youtube.com/watch?v=MXU8ITtU4SI*
- *2016 // Zeit(geist) : youtube.com/watch?v=qnw-YgkJYs8*
- *2012 // Like a Fiend in a Cloud : youtube.com/watch?v=Qe4SRVLubag*

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