

# WICKED PLAN - Intense & Melodic Heavy Metal

## Bio (extended form // 3 pages)

Established in 2012 by Natali Keller and Dan Keller to form a high caliber Melodic Metal band.

**Natali Keller**, the singer with the powerful voice, studied Music at the Academy of Contemporary Music (ACM) and brings a lot of Hard Rock and Heavy Metal experience to the stage. Influenced mainly by singers like Dio and Bruce Dickinson, Natali performs extremely expressive in all registers.

Guitar virtuoso and songwriter **Dan Keller** lets his guitar scream and sing. Dan's compositions and guitar playing are mainly inspired by Yngwie Malmsteen, George Lynch and the great composers from the Baroque period. Dan creates a distinctive blend of Heavy Metal and Classical elements with strong melodies and high intensity.

**Ed Cuennet** entered the band in early 2016. He brought a new tone, drive and presence to the songs - powerful and melodic at the same time. With his experience of over 20+ years in various bands and musical styles Ed is an essential pillar of WICKED PLAN.

**Ingemar Schübnel** joined the band in late 2018 as new WICKED drummer. With influences from Death, Fusion, Classical and Indian music, Ingemar offers a lot of variety to the songs. He's driving the riffs and is responsible to set - together with Ed - the rhythmic basis for WICKED PLAN's catching songs.

## WICKED PLAN

Natali and Dan established WICKED PLAN in 2012 with the clear vision to form of a high-caliber Melodic Heavy Metal band. The first seeds were sown already in 2008, but it needed a couple of changes in the line-up until the whole band was ready to bring the demanding songs to life. With their second album "Out of Fire" (2016) the band has revealed its musical passion: a blend of Heavy Metal and Classical elements with strong melodies and high intensity.

The album OUT OF FIRE has been recorded in the ALBA STUDIO for the drums and in the band's own WICKED STUDIO for guitars, vocals and bass. For mixing and mastering they decided to work with FINNVOX STUDIO.

In 2016 WICKED PLAN was on the "get WICKED" tour to promote the OUT OF FIRE album. Among other things they toured for 10 days in south-east Europe through Croatia, Bosnia, Montenegro, Serbia and Bulgaria.

For the official music video „Wicked Plan“ the band managed to engage the wild „Monsters of Metal“ for a common headbanging in the fantastic woods of Fribourg. The video has 11'000 views, 100 likes and 10 dislikes.

In 2017 Dan started working on new songs for the LAND ON FIRE album, which was then recorded from 2017 until 2018, supported and coached by Ralf Scheepers (PRIMAL FEAR). The new songs have even more drive, and the band is totally motivated to perform them on stage! (Album release: early 2019)



Ingemar Schübnel (d), Ed Cuennet (b), Natali Keller (v), Dan Keller (g)

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## Natali Keller (Vocals)

*„I have always been fascinated to sing Heavy Metal with a hard sound - like many men and strong singers do. And with WICKED PLAN I can live it out finally. A female singer can hardly produce the typical metal frequencies and sounds before she is able to sing with the technique of a male singer! Because in the end she has to win the battle against rattling drums, a pumping bass and screaming guitars!“*

Natali is a founding member of WICKED PLAN and is shaping the sound and the energy level of WICKED PLAN with her voice massively.

As a teenager Natali has joined several bands to gain first experiences as a singer. In 2002 Natali has started the project „Queen of Nile“, together with Dan. The name "Queen of Nile" is reflecting Natali's affinity to the Egyptian culture, and one can clearly hear and read this in several lyrics.

Natali has studied music and vocals in the Academy of Contemporary Music (ACM) with Tommy Lion (ex-Drifter, Stormhammer, ManAPrime) and has also recorded with Tommy Lion.

Natali offers vocal lessons and vocal coaching (via Skype) and is currently working at TRITONE School of Music.

## Dan Keller (Guitars, Orchestra Programming)

Dan is a founding member and the composer/guitar player of WICKED PLAN. Inspired by musicians like Yngwie Malmsteen, George Lynch and the great composers of the Baroque era, Dan is creating an artful mix of melodic Heavy Metal, 80ies Hard Rock and Baroque/Neoclassical elements.

Beside Dan's composition skills, his biggest capital is the intensive and expressive guitar playing which - over time - brought him requests from several music projects.

Dan was "Artist of the Month" on Guitar9, the - at that time - biggest portal for instrumental guitar music. Shortly after that Dan has been asked to record the song „Dweller in the Cellar“ for the Japanese release of the Jason Becker Tribute album.

„Electric Storm“ was the first solo album which has been recorded and produced by Dan (2004). After that he started working with Natali on the Exotic Metal project „Queen of Nile“.

Dan has a "Professional Guitar Performer" diploma from the US SCHOOL OF COMMERCIAL MUSIC and has taken guitar lessons with Victor Smolski (ex-Mind Odyssey, ex-Rage, Almanac).

Since the early 90ies Dan is providing guitar lessons, currently for the TRITONE School of Music. For more information about Dan visit [www.dankeller.com](http://www.dankeller.com)



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## Ed Cuennet (Bass)

Even as a child, Ed had a special sensitivity for low frequencies. "That's what I always hear first, and what affects me...". It must be said that he was rocked with the sound of Deep Purple, Black Sabbath and Uriah Heep. "This helps!"

As a teenager, while he studied classical guitar and jazz bass at the Conservatory of Fribourg (Switzerland), Ed made his debut in Hard Rock and Heavy Metal. Heavily inspired by Steve Harris of Iron Maiden, he developed his play technique, his sense of harmony and the melodic use of the bass guitar.

After 20 years of playing with blues, hard, heavy & thrash bands and several concerts, he devoted a great part of his time to solo music and experimental sampling.

Ed entered WICKED PLAN in early 2016. He brought a new tone, drive and presence to the songs - powerful and melodic at the same time.

Beside music, Ed is an avid motorcyclist and a true tattoo addict.



## Ingemar Schübnel (Drums)

Ingemar Schübnel joined WICKED PLAN late 2018. With influences from Death, Fusion and Classical Indian music, Ingemar offers a lot of variety and drive to the songs. His drum style is influenced especially by Claire Litzler, who has an international reputation as one of the best classical musician and teacher in percussion.

Ingemar's musical development started at the age of 7. It led him from cello to guitar and ended in drums at the Sonor Drum School and a contemporary/jazz music school in Paris.

When Ingemar lived in Scandinavia he attended drum classes with Morgan Ågren in Stockholm and played for different Children of Bodom tribute bands.

Besides music Ingemar is interested in all kind of music gears - he even has a collection of Cow Bells! - and Powerlifting.

Stockholm... home sweet home! Ingemar likes to have a good time with Swedish friends, especially with his brother Artur.

Ingemar is a fan of Meshuggah, Mats och Morgan, Yngwie Malmsteen, Helloween, Testament, Death, Devin Townsend.

### Press text from Dr. Music Promotion: Release of the album "Out of Fire"

*WICKED PLAN's Female Fronted Melodic Metal Album „Out Of Fire“ makes the hearts of old-school metal fans beat faster!*

*An expressive female power voice and virtuoso guitars. These are the flagships of the Swiss Melodic Heavy Metal band WICKED PLAN.*

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