

# WICKED PLAN - Bio

## Highly recognizable Melodic Metal

### Review Highlights from the album OUT OF FIRE (2016)

*“...**thrilling voice!** The distinctive element of the WICKED PLAN sound is the voice (once again deep bowing in the direction of the singer), but the guys on the other instruments deliver a truly splendid performance too!”*

*“An energetic mixture of **artfully composed, neoclassical heavy metal** tracks with a strong shot of powerful 80s hardrock.”*

*“**Very catchy Metal** [...] has everything I expect from this music!”*

*“A band needs a great singer! Exactly! And Wicked Plan definitely has one. Frontwoman Natali Keller **impressed me from the first note!**...”*

*„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 Metal band WICKED PLAN.“*



## ICARUS Music Video from the new album LAND ON FIRE (2019)

[youtube.com/watch?v=ly89aBIWPF4](https://youtube.com/watch?v=ly89aBIWPF4)

Check out all videos on [www.youtube.com/wickedplanband](https://www.youtube.com/wickedplanband)

## The 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, on the LAND ON FIRE album even a **duet with Ralf Scheepers**.

**Dan Keller**, composer and guitar virtuoso, 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 Baroque music**.

**Ed Cuennet** entered WICKED PLAN 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.

**Martin Hämmerle** joined the band in the late summer 2019. Known for his versatility, he brings a wide range of influences and experience to WICKED PLAN – for him the perfect band to make his trademark drumming which blends perfect into their stunning sound.

## Foundation, Style, Evolution, Records, Monsters of Metal

Natali and Dan established WICKED PLAN in 2012 with the clear vision to form of a high-caliber **Melodic 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.

While the second album OUT OF FIRE (2016) revealed the band's musical passion - an **artful blend of Heavy Metal and Baroque music** with strong melodies and high intensity - the new album **LAND ON FIRE (2019, STF-Records)** makes clear even to the sceptic how much intensity and energy the band and the songs can transport. On the album and also live on stage!

**Ralf Scheepers (PRIMAL FEAR)** has provided a vocal **duet with Natali** and vocal coaching for the LAND ON FIRE album.

This album again has been recorded in the WICKED STUDIO. For mixing and mastering they decided to work with Achim Köhler.

In 2016 WICKED PLAN was on the “get WICKED” promo tour. Among other things they toured for 10 days in south-east Europe through Croatia, Bosnia, Montenegro, Serbia and Bulgaria.

For the official videos „Wicked Plan“ and „Icarus“ the band managed to engage the wild **Monsters of Metal** for a common headbanging in the woods and caves. Don't miss this!

## 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 an example for Natali's exceptional voice one can check out the duet with Ralf Scheepers (PRIMAL FEAR) in the song SOUL HUNTER on the album LAND ON FIRE (2019, STF-Records).

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/coaching (Skype) and is the owner of the TRITONE School of Music.

## Dan Keller (Guitar, 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'n Heavy and Baroque/ Neoclassical elements.

Classical music has been a constant companion since his childhood: Dan's father was a classical pianist and church organist.

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

Dan owns a "Professional Guitar Performer" diploma from the US SCHOOL OF COMMERCIAL MUSIC. Dan was "Artist of the Month" on Guitar9 and has recorded for the Japanese release of the Jason Becker Tribute album.

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

## 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.

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

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Martin started drumming at the age of six, at age of 19 he decided to make a professional career as a musician/drummer. For that Martin started his studies at the Jazz School St. Gallen (Switzerland) and moved then to the well known „Drummers Focus“ to continue with his studies.

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