

Advocatus Diaboli

30 Farewell & Origins

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For the 30th anniversary of Advocatus Diaboli, the album "30 Farewell & Origins" deliberately places the origins of the band at the centre. A large part of the tracks comes from the 1997 demo "Darkside of Spring", which was originally planned as an official album and for which a record deal already existed, but which the label never released at the time.

The album is supplemented by early recordings from the founding year 1996 as well as tracks from the later demos "Escapatience" (1998) and "Tanz mit mir" (1999). The selection focuses on songs from the band's creative core phase and on material recorded by Tom alone or together with Chris.

The collection also includes two new tracks, "Vergiss mich nicht" and "Auf die Barrikaden", marked as featuring Advocatus Dei and with Advocatus Dei's regular guest singer Anja. Since Tom and Chris continue as a duo under the name Advocatus Dei, this is the fitting classification for the new songs within the anniversary album.

For mixing and mastering, Tommy Steuer returns; as the former head of the label Sonorium, he was already involved in earlier Advocatus Diaboli releases. He handles both the production of the new tracks and the mastering of the historical demo recordings, giving the album a cohesive, contemporary sound.

"30 Farewell & Origins" is not intended as a best-of, but as a retrospective, proof of origins and farewell at the same time. The later albums - "Enter Your Forest" (2001), "Sterbend durch die Sonne" (2004) and "Sternenmarsch" (2006) - are deliberately not included, as they remain available.

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16 tracks

Advocatus Diaboli:
Tom - vocals, guitars, synths, bass (13), songwriting (except 13), lyrics, arrangement
Chris - bass (1, 12, 14-16), guitars (13), songwriting (13)
Anja (guest) - vocals (1, 2)

ABOUT ADVOCATUS DIABOLI

Advocatus Diaboli was founded in 1996 by **Tom**, soon joined by **Chris**. The band released the albums *Enter Your Forest* (2001), *Sterbend durch die Sonne* (2004) and *Sternenmarsch* (2006); today Tom and Chris continue as **Advocatus Dei**. The anniversary album *30 Farewell & Origins* (2026) collects the band's origins - early recordings and the unreleased 1997 demo *Darkside of Spring* - plus two new songs.

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