

Golden Apes

Stranger (When I Left)

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Golden Apes return with haunting new single “Stranger (When I Left)”

Following the March release of *“The Highest Point"*, Berlin’s Golden Apes continue their ascent toward a new full-length album slated for next year. Their newest single *“Stranger (When I Left)”* will soon be available and marks a striking chapter in their evolving soundscape.

Driven by distorted guitars and dramatic dynamics, the track offers a powerful nod to the band’s Goth rock roots - no accident, as it serves as a spiritual and lyrical successor to *“Travelling Strangers”* , a song from their early catalog nearly 25 years ago.

With its textured blend of grit and glow, the single explores themes of departure, loss, and alienation. The atmosphere is chilling yet deeply melodic - a hallmark of the band’s signature style: melancholic, melodic, and impossible to pin down.

ABOUT GOLDEN APES

Golden Apes were founded in Berlin in 1998 around **Peer Lebrecht** (vocals, keyboards) and **Christian Lebrecht** (bass); the name refers to Nietzsche's *Also sprach Zarathustra*.
From *Stigma 3:am* (2000) to *Kasbek* (2019), which marked their twentieth year, and *Our Ashes At The End Of The Day* (2024), the band built a substantial catalogue of gothic rock and darkwave. For their 25th anniversary, more than 20 artists recorded Golden Apes songs for *Scattered Light* (2023). The latest album, *The Sun Came Up Tremendously*, was released on 18 September 2026 by Icy Cold Records.

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