

Reptyle

Blazed Shades & Thorned Veils

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Four years after the release of "Decrypt the Void" and with nearly 27 years behind them since their inception in 1998, gothic-rock institution Reptyle from Bielefeld is proud to announce their fifth studio album: "Blazed Shades & Thorned Veils." Marking a triumphant return of founding keyboardist Andreas "Kufi" Schulze, the album blends the core melodies of their early years with a fresh, powerful energy.

Emerging nearly three decades ago with guitarists Slash and Keule at the helm, Reptyle has consistently united gothic-rock intensity with post-punk and new-wave elegance. Their storied discography includes early demos and EPs, and influential full-lengths: "A High and Lonely Place" (2004), "Consequence" (2007), "Corruption E.P." (2011), "Night and the River" (2014), culminating in the praised "Decrypt the Void" (2021).

"Decrypt the Void", released on vinyl by Equinoxe Records and on CD by Icy Cold Records, saw the band return to their wave-infused roots. Featuring standout tracks like "Bless the Dead", "Timeworn", and the title anthem - with guest appearances from Kai Hoffmann (Secret Discovery) - the album earned strong acclaim.

Now, with "Blazed Shades & Thorned Veils", Reptyle continues this exploration across eight intensely produced and emotionally charged tracks - ranging from epic dark atmospheres to driving gothic anthems. The album includes the already-released club hit "Never Complain". The limited-edition digipak CD features a bonus disc including a Whispers in the Shadow remix and a dark cover of The Church's "Reptile."

Follow-up singles, videos, and a tour are expected to roll out through 2026.

ABOUT REPTYLE

Reptyle has been a vital force in the gothic rock underground for over 27 years. Originally founded as a classic gothic rock outfit in Bielefeld, Germany, their sonic journey has expanded far beyond genre borders. With echoes of Fields of the Nephilim and The Mission, their sound incorporates textures from metal, wave, and punk - fusing atmospheric intensity with raw energy. This is goth rock with depth, edge, and emotional resonance.
The band's current lineup features the commanding vocals of Kai Roarside, guitarists Keule and Slash, returning founding member and producer Kufi on keyboards, and the ever-solid Dead on bass.

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