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## ROCKY KRAMER®

A Viking Rocker Emerges!

Hailing from the Scandinavian Peninsula country of Norway, Rocky Kramer is truly a modern day Viking, poised to take no prisoners as he conquers the hearts, minds and souls of rockers around the world! Armed with a guitar, this graduate of Metal 101 constitutes a triple threat as a composer, vocalist and formidable musician.

Born in the 1990's to musician parents, Rocky's father was a first violinist in the Trondheim Symphony Orchestra, while his mother was an accomplished pianist in her own right. At the age of four, young Rocky's mother succumbed to cancer, leaving Rocky, his older brother and their father to fend for themselves. Shortly after his wife's passing, the professional violinist began teaching five year old Rocky the smallest stringed instrument. Although he demonstrated incredible skills, Rocky yearned to play more contemporary instruments, such as the drums and guitar. Rocky played violin by day and rocked out at night on friends' guitars and drums. Rocky saved his allowance and all other earnings, eventually buying his first guitar – "a Les Paul Double Cut knock-off," but it didn't take long before Rocky discovered he was "a Fender® man;" a religion validated by his lifelong influence, Yngwie Malmsteen. To his credit, Rocky's father embraced the sweeping love for music, over his own desire to see a son follow in his footsteps. Throughout the next couple of years, Rocky put together a number of bands, including Svidd Rock, Psycho Soldiers, Black Magic, Dark Symphony and finally Armed Science. By the age of 16, Rocky's bands had become legendary amongst local audiences, even racking up top honors with Armed Science at the UKM Regional Music Competition.

Rocky wrote his first album at the age of 13, his second album followed a year later, with yet a third album emerging a year after that. At the age of 17, Rocky completed his fourth album. Amazingly, all are concept albums that speak to the maelstrom that often challenge youth during their formative years.

By the time Rocky reached high school, he and his bands had become well known throughout Trondheim. Yearning for more, Rocky decided to focus on developing his skills as a singer / songwriter, making a number of appearances as a solo artist.

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Playing the keyboard and learning to record his own music enabled Rocky to begin creating demos of his four completed albums. Rocky combined different genres of music to create his own unique sound. What emerged might be properly classified as metal symphonies for the rock enthusiast! After spending a year in university, studying film, Rocky left for the United States to augment his already impressive English language skills. Although Norwegian is his native language, Rocky felt from a very early age that he could best convey music in the English language. Consequently, he now speaks English and Norwegian interchangeably.

While attending school in the United States, Rocky caught the attention of the late Stephan Bauer, then Allied Artists Music Group President, who soon inked a deal with this inimitable musician. Thus began Rocky's journey toward the creation and recording of his first album.

Rocky was voted Best New Male Rock Musician by the editors of Rock Over America Magazine and was recently welcomed as a new voting member of the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences ("The Grammys").

Rocky released his debut album, "Firestorm," in August of 2019, along with an epic music video and has begun touring and headlining festivals before wildly enthusiastic audiences around the world.

Rocky proudly plays and endorses Fender® Guitars, ENGL Amplifiers, ClearTone Strings,® Jim Dunlop® Jazz III Guitar Picks & Cry Baby® Wah Wah and DigiTech® / DOD Effects Pedals. Indeed, Rocky only endorses products he truly enjoys playing.

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