

# Wardrum



# Biography

## English:

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Their successful fusion of power metal with unique melodic and prog elements as well as the band members professionalism, focus and high technical skills, showed their strong will to put their mark in the metal world. "Spadework" offered heavy and fast riffs, super melodic vocal lines, outstanding technical guitar solos and a strong tight rhythm section, all packed together in a solid quality sound production, a work made to please all true metalheads, real fans of Judas Priest, Dio, Sanctuary, Conception, Warlord. Strong songs, like the opening track "The Meaning Of Forever", the catchy "Crest Of The Wave", the epic "In Dependence", the fast "Soultrip", or the super catchy, totally acoustic ballad "Turn About", where definitely perfect examples of the skills and the range of Wardrum. Spadework was a very good start, the band was directly rated as one of the most promising Greek bands of all time and was proposed to open for Crimson Glory's gig in Thessaloniki on the 22nd of October 2011. This was scheduled to be the first show and the starting point of the "Spadework Greek Tour".

Three months later band had to stop collaborating with Piero and tried to find a local singer, in order to be more flexible and respond faster on the demands of the band's drawn plan. Soon Yannis Papadopoulos took over the band's frontman position and they entered the recording studio for their second album, "Desolation" released on the 25th of April 2012, exactly one year after the their debut release.

"Desolation" follows the soundpath of the band's debut "Spadework" in an even more powerful production, with strong, technical songs, lyrical choruses, melodic guitar solos, technical rhythm section, directly establishing the band's skills and songwriting abilities. The album was produced again by Kostas Scandalis and released by Steel Gallery Records.



The Desolation Tour started on November 2012 and the band had the opportunity to play all over Greece while the most important local Rock magazines (Metal Hammer, Rock Hard) included "Desolation" in 2012's top 20 Albums lists. Three months later, on the annual poll of the biggest Greek metal magazine METAL HAMMER, the readers voted WARDRUM as the 4th Best Greek Band for 2012!!!

2013 was also a quite busy one for Wardrum. The first half was dedicated to the pre-production and release of their 3rd studio album "Messenger", with a small break from the studio to play in two festivals, Ticherock Fest (GR) and Mental Noise Fest (CY). Moreover, they are going to perform on a UK mini-tour, and planning to tour more extensively in Greece and the rest of Europe.

On November of 2014 the band announced guitarist J. Demian as the band's 5th standard member. It's been less than a year since J. Demian joined their ranks as a touring member but the results of intense team work during the last months have proven him as a perfect match. The band performed as a quintet for the first time on 28.02.2015, in An Club (Athens)

Take a close look at the Wardrum logo and if you see it anywhere in the streets of your town, don't miss the opportunity to check them out on stage.

## **Wardrum have so far reached:**

- 4 studio albums releases (in 6 years) and all received consistently very good reviews from the press.
- Two tours in Greece, Great Britain and Cyprus.
- Wardrum are ranked 1st in the "Best Greek Band in 2014" in the Webzine "Rockoverdose" selection - the largest in Greece.
- Wardrum take 2nd place to the "Best Greek Band in 2013" in the readers' choice of the magazines Metal Hammer and Rock Hard.
- Wardrum take 4th place to the "Best Greek Band in 2012" in the reader's choice of the magazine Metal Hammer.
- Re-release of our current album "Messenger" in Japan with 2 Bonustracks (April 2014).
- Release of the album "Awakening" in October 2016, which was immediately selected in Metal Hammer Greece, in November 2016 the album of the month

## **Line-Up:**

- **Yannis Papadopoulos (Vocals)**
- **Kosta Vreto (Guitars - Vocals)**
- **J. Demian (Guitars)**
- **Kostas Scandalis (Bass)**
- **Stergios Kourou (Drums)**

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## Deutsch:

Zu Beginn des Sommers 2010 entschloss sich Drummer Stergios Kourou, gemeinsam mit dem Gitarristen Kosta Vreto und dem Bassisten Kostas Scandalis Wardrum zu gründen. Später tritt der Sänger Piero Leporale aus Italien ein und das Team ist jetzt fertig und arbeitsbereit. Im September 2010 startete die Band die Vorproduktion von 10 Songs und ging ins Studio. Das Debütalbum "Spadework" wurde von Kostas Scandalis produziert und am 20. April 2011 von Steel Gallery Records veröffentlicht.

Ihre erfolgreiche Verschmelzung von Power Metal mit einzigartigen Melodic- und Prog-Elementen sowie die Bandmitglieder Professionalität, Fokus und hohe technische Kompetenz zeigten ihren starken Willen, ihre Spuren in der Metalwelt zu setzen. "Spadework" bot schwere und schnelle Riffs, super melodische Gesangslinien, herausragende technische Gitarrensoli und eine starke enge Rhythm Section, die alle in einer soliden Klangproduktion verpackt wurden, ein Werk, das allen echten Metalheads, echten Fans von Judas Priest, Dio, Heiligtum, Konzeption, Warlord. Starke Songs wie der Opening Track "The Meaning Of Forever", das eingängige "Crest Of The Wave", die epische "In Dependence", die schnelle "Soultrip" oder die super eingängige, total akustische Ballade "Turn About" Definitiv perfekte Beispiele für die Fähigkeiten und die Palette von Wardrum. Spadework war ein sehr guter Start, die Band wurde direkt als eine der vielversprechendsten griechischen Bands aller Zeiten eingestuft und wurde am 22. Oktober 2011 in Thessaloniki für den Auftritt von Crimson Glory zum Auftritt vorgeschlagen Dem Ausgangspunkt der "Spadework Greek Tour".

Drei Monate später musste Band die Zusammenarbeit mit Piero beenden und versuchten einen lokalen Sänger zu finden, um flexibler zu sein und schneller auf die Anforderungen des vorgegebenen Ziels der Band zu reagieren. Bald darauf übernahm Yannis Papadopoulos die Frontman-Position in der Band. Sie gingen ins Tonstudio für ihr zweites Album "Desolation", das am 25. April 2012 veröffentlicht wurde, genau ein Jahr nach dem Debüt Release.

"Desolation" folgt dem Soundpfad des Debütalbums "Spadework" in einer noch leistungsfähigeren Produktion mit starken technischen Songs, lyrischen Chören, melodischen Gitarrensolos, technisch anspruchsvollen Rhythmussection und der direkten Fähigkeiten jedes einzelnen Bandmitglieds und ihrer Songwriting Fähigkeiten. Das Album wurde wieder von Kostas Scandalis produziert und von Steel Gallery Records veröffentlicht.

A close-up, black and white photograph of a guitar pickup and strings. The pickup is a humbucker type, with two coils and a metal cover. The strings are visible, running across the pickup. The background is dark and out of focus.

Die Desolation-Tour begann im November 2012 und die Band hatte die Möglichkeit, in ganz Griechenland zu spielen, während die wichtigsten lokalen Rock-Magazine (Metal Hammer, Rock Hard) das Album "Desolation" 2012 in den Top 20 der Albumcharts listen. Drei Monate später, auf der jährlichen Umfrage des größten griechischen Metall-Magazins METAL HAMMER, wählten die Leser WARDRUM als die 4. beste griechische Band in 2012!

Auch in 2013 waren Wardrum ziemlich beschäftigt. Die erste Hälfte war der Vorproduktion und Veröffentlichung ihres dritten Studioalbums "Messenger" gewidmet, mit einer kleinen Pause vom Studio, um auf zwei Festivals, Ticherock Fest (GR) und Mental Noise Fest (CY) zu spielen. Darüber spielten sie auf einer UK-Mini-Tour und planten eine ausführliche Tour in Griechenland und dem Rest in Europa.

Im November 2014 verkündete die Band, dass fortan der Gitarrist J. Demian das 5. Bandmitglied ist. Es ist weniger als ein Jahr her, seitdem sich J. Demian als Tourmitglied in die Reihen Wardrums begab. Die Ergebnisse intensiver Teamarbeit, sowie die musikalischen Übereinstimmungen in den letzten Monaten ergaben, dass J. Demian die perfekte Ergänzung ist. Die Band spielte zum ersten Mal am 28.02.2015 in einem Club (Athens).

Werfen Sie einen Blick auf das Wardrum-Logo und wenn Sie es überall in den Straßen Ihrer Stadt sehen, verpassen Sie nicht die Gelegenheit, um die Livequalitäten der Band auf der Bühne zu überprüfen.

## **Wardrum erreichten bislang:**

- 4 Studio-Alben Veröffentlichungen (in 6 Jahren) und alle erhielten durchweg sehr gute Kritiken von der Presse.
- Zwei Tourneen in Griechenland, Großbritannien und Zypern.
- Wardrum belegen den 1. Platz zur "Besten Griechischen Band in 2014" bei der Leserwahl des Webzine „Rock Overdose“ - das größte in Griechenland.
- Wardrum belegen den 2. Platz zur "Besten Griechischen Band in 2013" bei den Leserwahlen der Zeitschriften Metal Hammer und Rock Hard.
- Wardrum belegen den 4. Platz zur "Besten Griechischen Band in 2012" bei der Leserwahl der Zeitschrift Metal Hammer.
- Re-Release unseres aktuellen Albums "Messenger" in Japan mit 2 Bonustracks (April 2014).
- Veröffentlichung des Albums „Awakening“ im Oktober 2016, welches auf Anhieb im Metal Hammer Griechenland, im November 2016 zum Album des Monats gekürt wurde

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## A W A K E N I N G

01. The Unrepentant	04:47
02. Right Within Your Heart	04:09
03. Let The Flames Grow	04:28
04. Virtues Of Humanity	04:40
05. Sometimes	03:53
06. Medusa	04:42
07. Time Is The Enemy	04:10
08. On Skies Of Grey	05:33
09. Baptised In Fire	04:33
10. Shade Of Hope	04:40
11. Dreams In The Dark	04:36
12. The Awakening	05:42
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File under: Metal

Catalogue No.: SGR CD-052

Format: CD

Packaging: Jewel Cases

Hometown: Thessaloniki, Hellas

Artwork by: Piotr Szafraniec

Produced by: Wardrum

Mixing & Mastering: Chris Donaldson

Label: Steel Gallery Records

### Line-up:

Yannis Papadopoulos - Vocals

Kosta Vreto - Guitars

J. Demian - Guitars

Kostas Scandalis - Bass

Stergios Kourou - Drums



Greek metallers WARDRUM announce the release of their 4th studio album AWAKENING via "Steel Gallery Records" on the 25th of October 2016 for Europe and on 27th via "Spiritual Beast" for Japan.

AWAKENING is a pure metal album in the already known technical yet straightforward music style of the band, with 12 songs that take the band a huge step forward in terms of songwriting and performance. For the first time, WARDRUM had the pleasure to collaborate with "The Grid Studios" and Chris Donaldson (CRYPTOPSY), who took over the mixing and mastering of the album. The album's artwork and layout is done once again by Piotr Szafraniec.

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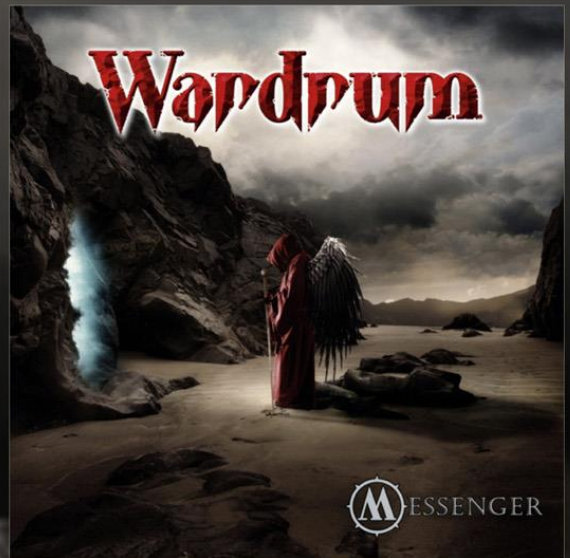


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**Release Date: November 4, 2013**

Thessaloniki, Hellas' Lyrical US Power/Prog. Metalers Wardrum release their third album. "Messenger" is a powerful album with more than 1 hour of music that invigorates the band's sound trademark with 14 heavy, ultra melodic, technical, brand new songs, taking them to a whole new level. Feat. members from Horizon's End, Until Rain. For all US Power metal fans especially Riot, Crimson Glory, Titan Force, Warlord, Queensryche, Fates Warning, Mystic Force, Lethal!!



YANNIS PAPANODOPOULOS - Vocals,  
KOSTA VRETO - Guitars

STERGIOS KOUROU - Drums,  
KOSTAS SCANDALIS - Bass

File Under:  
**Metal**

Running Time:  
**63':48"**

Produced By:  
**Kostas Scandalis**

Mastered By:  
**Kostas Scandalis**

Artwork By:  
**Piotr Szafraniec**

Layout By:  
**Greg Derekenaris**

Catalogue No.:  
**SGR CD-034**

Format:  
**CD**

Packaging:  
**Jewel Box**

Hometown:  
**Thessaloniki,  
Hellas**

## Track Listing:

1. Shelter
2. Messenger
3. Lady Jane Grey
4. Phoenix
5. After Forever
6. Looking Back
7. Travel Far Away
8. Oceans
9. Red Ruby Heart
10. Deceiver
11. Broken
12. Vengeance
13. Rebirth
14. Four Seasons

It's been three years since the Greek heavy / power metalers Wardrum were formed and now they return with their third full length studio album "Messenger", which will be released via Steel Gallery Records on the 4th of November-2013. "Messenger" is a powerful album with more than 1 hour of music that invigorates the band's sound trademark with 14 heavy, ultra melodic, technical, brand new songs, taking them to a whole new level. The album was produced by Kostas Scandalis, the cover artwork was created once again by Piotr Szafraniec especially for Wardrum, while the album's layout is a work of Gregory Derekenaris. "The story so far..."

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## Desolation

**Release Date: April 25, 2012**

Thessaloniki, Hellas' Lyrical US Prog-Power Metalers Wardrum release their second album. 12 songs full of strong metal, energy, art, melodies and lyricism! Feat. members from Horizon's End, Until Rain. For all US Power metal fans especially Riot, Crimson Glory, Titan Force, Warlord, Queensryche, Fates Warning, Mystic Force, Lethal fans!



YANNIS PAPAPOPOULOS - Vocals,  
STERGIOS KOUROU - Drums



KOSTAS SCANDALIS - Bass,  
KOSTA VRETO - Guitars

File Under:  
**Metal**

Running Time:  
**53':52"**

Produced By:  
**Kostas Scandalis**

Mastered By:  
**Kostas Scandalis**

Artwork By:  
**Piotr Szafraniec**

Layout By:  
**Greg Derekenaris**

Catalogue No.:  
**ASR CD-030**

Format:  
**CD**

Packaging:  
**Jewel Box**

Hometown:  
**Thessaloniki,  
Hellas**

### Track Listing:

1. Unforgiving
2. Sign Of Treason
3. Parental
4. Common Ground
5. Tide Lakes
6. Higher Sky
7. F.A.I.T.H.
8. Urban Storm
9. No Retreat
10. Abound In Nothing
11. Sailing Away
12. Rainy Day

Back 1 year after their debut, Greek heavy / power metal act Wardrum, return with their brand new opus "Desolation" via Steel Gallery Records on 25th April 2012.

Taking a step onwards from their debut 'Spadework', Wardrum have delivered an even more powerful sound that still retains the melodies and technicality of its critically acclaimed predecessor. 'Desolation' also marks the first album recorded with new singer, Yannis Papadopoulos (Until Rain, Crosswind) who also lives in Thessaloniki and have brought stability to the band's working timetable, not to mention bringing a new dimension to the lyricism heard on the new album.

The works for this album started right after "Spadework" was released. Preproduction took place in October 2011, final adjustments were made and full recording took place November 2011/February 2012. Through "Desolation" the band delivers for once more strong songs, catchy choruses, melodic guitar solos, technical rhythm section, highly establishing the band's skills and songwriting abilities. The album was produced again by Kostas Scandalis and released by Steel Gallery Records, while the Cover artwork is a work of Piotr Szafraniec especially for Wardrum.



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## Spadework

**Release Date: April 13, 2011**

Thessaloniki, Hellas' Lyrical US Prog-Power Metalers Wardrum release their debut album. Ten songs full of strong metal, energy, art, melodies and lyricism! Feat. members from Horizon's End, Uli Roth. For all US Power metal fans especially Riot, Crimson Glory, Titan Force, Warlord!!



PIERO LERORALE - Vocals, STERGIOS KOUROU - Drums  
KOSTAS SCANDALIS - Bass, KOSTA VRETO - Guitars

Running Time:  
52':00"

Produced By:  
Kostas Scandalis

Mastering By:  
Kostas Scandalis

Cover Artwork By:  
Michal Karcz

Artwork &

Layout By:

Kostas Athanasoglou

Photos By:  
Fotini Makridou

File Under:  
Metal

Catalogue No.:  
SGR CD-027

Format:  
CD

Packaging:  
Jewel Box

Hometown:  
Thessaloniki,  
Hellas

### Track Listing:

1. The Meaning Of Forever
2. Crest Of the Wave
3. In Dependence
4. Yesterday
5. Circle Of Hate
6. Spadework
7. Turn About
8. Soultrip
9. Inner God
10. Last Neverland

Wardrum is a new Lyrical Prog-Power Metal band from Thessaloniki (GR), formed in June 2010 by drummer Stergios Kourou (Horizon's End). The line up completes the great singer Piero Leporale (Uli Jon Roth, 60-70 Rock Band), the "finger-picking" guitar hero Kosta Vreto (Horizon's End, x-Vavel) and the bass master Kostas Scandalis (Horizon's End). Their debut "Spadework" will be released by Steel Gallery Records in the beginning of April 2011.

The Wardrum songs, in spite of their characteristic technical rhythmic patterns and riffs, are all based on the vocal melodies and certainly keep an easy to catch mood with their emerging chorus parts and breathtaking guitar solos, while the cover artwork was done by Michal Karcz, member of the Rainer Kalwitz crew (cover artworks for Shadow Gallery, Century Media, Massacre a.m.m.).

For more information, please visit the Wardrum Official Website <http://www.wardrum.gr> or the band's Official Myspace page <http://www.myspace.com/wardrumband>



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