

BRIGHT LIGHTNING - BIOGRAPHY

History

Bright Lightning landed in Sweden from the Southern California desert region in the summer of 1985 on the California State University of San Bernardino college exchange program. During that year, he worked at collage radio in Uppsala, where he also played in some bands. He started making contacts and being the "rubbad utter" (=Crazed Otter) he is, he worked like hell to get the record deal, which always seemed to escape him. He would play people his demos with country, singer-songwriter stuff and no-depression music.

After a few years and some experimentation and band politics he had enough and stopped looking for a deal. He did not stop writing songs though. He released a record on his own but nothing happened.

But in early 2006 Bright Lightning meets with Ill Wind Records. He plays them a single that he has recorded and they like it and agree to distribute it in Scandinavia. A spark is hit and the fire slowly starts to burn.

Ironically after all the hard work to get a deal, it is blind fucking luck that it happens. A strange story where someone gave someone a copy of his first album Pawn Shop Lives to Virpi Immonen at Wolfgang Records (home of Hanoi Rocks) in Finland and a series of discussions began and a deal was agreed upon and off to Finland. Bright Lightning went to record at Seawolf studios on the island of Suomenlinna (Sveaborg) outside of Helsinki's harbor in the hot Scandinavian summer of 2006, where Franz Ferdinand, The Bellrays, Mark Lanegan and Hanoi Rocks have recorded. The musicians in the recording session were Sami "Kuoppis" Kuoppamaki - drums (Zook, f.d. Kingston Wall), Petri Peevo - guitar, (The Flaming Sidebums), Joakim Jähnke - bass, and Lauri Murtomaa - guitar (Clifters).

Bright Lightning now lives in Östuna, Sweden and he loves to write songs and record them. He is part Swedish part American and part Finnish, too (by tattoo).

- LIFETOWN single out 4th October 2006 Ill Wind Records (distribution Playground Music Scandinavia).
- The new album TAKING A VACATION FROM ME will be released early 2007 on Major Leidén label (a division of Wolfgang Records). The album features special guest artists from Finland.



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