



PRESS RELEASE

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Metal band Textures wins Buma ROCKS! Export Award 2017

Dutch progressive metal band Textures wins this year's Buma ROCKS! Export Award. The six-piece from the province of Brabant will receive this prestigious Award as a reward for their successful career abroad. The Award will be handed to the band in a special, one-off radio show of Buma ROCKS! on Pinguin Radio, Sunday May 21st between 10 PM and midnight, hosted by Frank Helmink, director of Buma Cultuur, and Peter van der Laan. In the past three years the Award went to Within Temptation (2016), Epica (2015) and Adje Vandenberg (2014).

Frank Helmink: "First and foremost the Buma ROCKS! Export Award is a prize that is handed to a Dutch band or artist that has considerable success outside of the Netherlands. Next to that the Award obviously aims to celebrate the winner. In Textures' case quite deserved, for the band's unique and unmistakable musical style - technical, yet beautifully played progressive death metal with a tinge of hardcore - has been recognized internationally from their early days on. Textures have made their mark on numerous other bands since their inception in 2001 and have helped to stress the Netherlands' importance as a (hard)rock and metal country." The fact that Helmink himself is a longtime fan of Textures doesn't have anything to do with the granting of the Award, he says with a grin: "It isn't up to me to determine who wins the Award. I rely on my team of musical experts who are happy to have a heated discussion about this."

Textures have expressed their joy on winning the Award: "From an audience of 50 to one of 50.000. From a busted van to a Boeing 747. From Etten-Leur to New-Delhi. From being trend setters to being an inspiration and from villagers to world citizens: we did make quite a promotion over the past 16 years. We've known hardships on the road, but that brought us some good stories. Thanks for the credits for that big part of our gigs - over 75 percent - we played abroad."

Textures

Founded in 2001, Textures have grown into an internationally famous and musically challenging band with almost a million touring kilometres under their belts. They recorded five groundbreaking albums and brought their dauntingly tight and energetic live shows to all the important rock and metal festivals. Nice to know: Textures has a massive fanbase in India and has performed there regularly to audiences of five thousand plus. The band will announce their autumn tour shortly.

Buma ROCKS! Export Award

Starting in May of 2014, the Buma ROCKS! Export Award has been handed to Adrian Vandenberg, Epica and Within Temptation consecutively. This Award is the continuation of the Conamus Export Prize (1972-2005) and the Buma Export Prize (2006-2012), who were awarded to the most

internationally successful artists, music producers and authors in the field of Dutch copyright. The Buma ROCKS! Export Award aims to emphasize the international reach of Dutch acts in (hard)rock, metal and punk.

Buma ROCKS! 2017

Buma ROCKS!, the international conference and showcase festival for loud music, remains active throughout 2017. In January Buma ROCKS! presented a showcase night and a Heavy Panel during Eurosonic Noorderslag in Groningen. In April Buma ROCKS! collaborated with the Roadburn festival in Tilburg and offered a networking lunch for the metal professionals attending, as well as a Heavy Panel for the general audience. On Saturday May 27th Buma ROCKS! is hooking up with metal festival FortaRock In The City in Doornroosje in Nijmegen, hosting matchmaking sessions and The Wheel Of Steel Rock Quiz, and presenting performances of Dutch promises Ulsect, Pelgrim, DOOL and The Charm The Fury. Combination tickets for Buma ROCKS!-FortaRock In The City are for sale here: <https://www.doornroosje.nl/event/fortarock-in-the-city-2017/>.

Buma Cultuur

Buma ROCKS! is an initiative of foundation Buma Cultuur, who supports and promotes Dutch music copyright in both The Netherlands and key export markets for Dutch music. The aim is to increase the percentage of Dutch music in the Dutch market and foreign markets.

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