

Hi All

My name is Vitalij Kuprij. Basically I'm a professional artist, pianist, composer, etc., Google me if you must. ☺ Music is my life!

Certainly, music is a big part of life for Daniel J. Pluta and his band mates. Dan is the mastermind behind this very refreshing and attractive self-titled, debut release... Carpe Nota. I would encourage everyone to pick up a copy of the CD here.

I strongly believe that outside of the socially structured terms and conditions of our existence, there is still plenty of room for anyone and everyone to create something of their own, with the right passion behind it. That passion is what led to the birth of this wonderful band/album.

Carpe Nota is a progressive band that is not concerned about writing commercially, radio-friendly tunes, at least not yet, perhaps. ☺ They went right to the point to justify the true meaning of "Prog" as a genre, thereby creating a complex and multi-layered work.

Without going into details of each song, I will simply generalize in a few words about the musical essence of this CD. Their music has the passion, desire and joy as I witnessed during their rehearsals. Having been a personally invited guest to Dan and his family's heart-warming home, I had the opportunity to hear and meet the "gang" and see them in action. I met Phil – the drummer, Ken – the bass dude and Rubinetti - the guitarist – who contributed some of the song writing on the album as well. Nice Folks!! As a band, they have an interestingly mysterious chemistry and a lot of passion, which this record clearly demonstrates.

Personally, I enjoy "Thoracic Park" and its' complexity with its' multi-layered parts that continue throughout the entire album. The heavily dominating keyboards contain a strong vintage vibe.

Music has no ceiling, no endings, no stop signs; it is a continuous search, challenge and hopefully enough desire to always make it better!

Dan and I have been friends for many years now and I know how much Carpe Nota means to him and the band.

Fantastic job and huge congratulations to the band. Keep on rocking hard!!!

Always Yours and Always Musically,

Vitalij Kuprij