

1. when did you started this band and why?! Was it an old one that you changed due to line up problems or it is a brand new band?! How old are you and how did you meet?

We started playing two years ago without any definite idea. It began with me as a guitarist player(Rob) and Matthieu as a drummer that I met at a concert in Strasbourg. I really don't know why! It began and that's all. After all the bands I have tried to play with, this beginning seemed to work openly for us.

2. Why are you three?! Is it just easier or you never found the fourth one?!

I think that three is a good number for a band, but i realized it only today because before being three, we spent more than one year searching for somebody to play with us and it is at this time that i began to sing for the band 'cause there was nobody to do it?! Whatever, we had composed some songs with this line up, waiting for some changing. We tried for a moment to play with two guys but there were some misunderstanding from each parts and after all it didn't work. So, it is only when a new bassist came on that we felt a certain dynamism and also due to the compositions that became properly what they are today. It is at this time that we have worked to release this autoproduction, but the bass player that you can see on the back cover decided to leave the band just after that, so due to some concerts in our town, we have been able to find another one quickly. We are feeling a certain unity with three members now, so we continue like that. Archaeus is definitely a three-member band.

3. I must say I'm quite impressed , how do you manage to play guitar and scream like this?! you must be exhausted after a song?!

We like playing fast and precisely. We have done all for this and so, you can be exhausted, but it just may be a bad day.

4. Your first CD, if it is... as an interesting approach. the first song shows more a Death Metal band and only the voice make it Grind. The second song is more into Grind screams and the last two ones sounds very Mayhem (Black Metal)/ So what exactly is the way you want to take and why so many influences?! Do you label yourself Grind 'cos the French scene is into it at the moment?!

Yes, it is our first real demo. All our music is a result of our approach of being. We have always followed our instinct musically but never without any structure on it. I listen to a lot of music and I think that the more music you listen to, the more influences you have. But the most important thing is to keep these listenings only in mind; but when you create, the way must be different, it has to be always "your" direction. Musically, our approach is based on open structures that are made from some riffs and developpements of them. We don't label ourselves Death/grind but black metal 'cause it is a way of being for us and so not strictly a musical direction.

5. So what do you think of the French scene and why so many bands these days are just playing noise or Death/ Grind like you?! Is life such a pain in the arse in this country?!

A lot of bands in our country have a stupid attitude or they are just copies. Our scene is poor, but thanx to all that aren't weak or just sick. The music you play is a revelation of who you are and what you feel, so the bands that play noise only want to hit their heads on walls!?! In our country, the system makes me sick! It's just what constructs those walls, for them!?! So, I prefer taking my time playing music with fewer things from that system, so I can work consciensly on what I think is real.

6. Is Archaeus a spiritual band?! you have the logo which represent an Eye and on the back of our Cd you have a triangle with the three members on each corner?!

You can see what you want for the logo but the concept of the demo reveals on one side the image of something serene, calm and free, and on the other side, an energy created by us on the centre of the triangle. And all this energy makes the musical substance.

7. Can you tell us what the lyrics about and what do you try to express with this kind of music?!

The lyrics are about the global fact that death makes us live, for the moment of our living but only if you're able to consider it properly. If not, you're already dead. It's all about our will!! All can be created by this will, 'cause we have the time. I only pretend to show what's in my mind 'cause I have no interest in keeping it for myself. We express our vision of "the bestiality in man" with this 'kind' of music and so it is violent.

8. Do you have lots of friends in the music?! Have you got some bands with a stupid attitude?!

On my side, I know some musicians, good and bad and not only who play metal music. But when you see how many bands exist and how many of them can pretend to renew a metal scene that becomes only a grinding shitty thing, you can realize that our scene is very poor. Most of the bands in our country have this stupid attitude that mostly, only shows guys who are weak. Our favorite bands are Scandinavian 'cause they keep on creating their own way and it is the only way to create music, and for us too!!

9. So do you know if there are still Metal bands in France ? (Heavy /Thrash...) IS the media helping the underground bands and is there a radio station which plays some of your bands?!

You won't see anything interesting in France with Heavy/Trash bands. No metal radio here. Maybe because the media doesn't do anything for young talents?! Here, an underground band can only trust in himself!!