

Pegasus *Unplugged*

Pegasus have recorded their musical autobiography in the form of a unique acoustic album called *Unplugged*, to be released on 15 January 2021. The album features brand-new acoustic arrangements of all the Biel-based band's biggest hits, including 'Metropolitans', 'I Take It All' and 'Skyline'. In addition to the two new singles 'Victoria Line', featuring Anna Rossinelli, and 'Better Man', fans can look forward to another unreleased track. The album's timeless sound has a perfect contemporary feel, but has its roots in the Schützengasse in Biel, where the four boys grew up and began their journey to success 20 years ago.

After five successful studio albums that have achieved multiple gold and platinum awards, innumerable hits, four Swiss Music Awards and successful tours in Switzerland and abroad, Pegasus took a step back during this unusual period to focus on a very special project. *Unplugged* reveals the band from Biel in its purest form: acoustic and stripped of all amplified studio sound. 'Pegasus has its own unique sound with its own distinctive signature. Studio recordings often reflect a particular zeitgeist. We want to show that these songs have a timelessness in their pared-down form,' says singer Noah Veraguth.

Unplugged is both a retrospective of their musical career to date and an homage to their friendship. The original, authentic Pegasus emerged not in a studio but in a quiet neighbourhood in Biel two decades ago. Singer Noah Veraguth, bassist Gabriel Spahni and guitarist Simon Spahr – who re-joined the band in February 2020, after a four-year break – grew up on the same street. As young teenagers, they were already entertaining their neighbours with concerts in their living rooms, basements and out in the park. When drummer Stefan Brønner joined a little while later, the band was complete. At the age of 17, they signed their first record deal together with their parents.

Their breakthrough album was the platinum-selling *Human.Technology*, released in 2011, and this, followed by their number-one hit 'Skyline' in 2012, put the four friends from Biel firmly on the mainstream music map. Few Swiss pop bands have seen as many singles and albums hit the charts as Pegasus. 'Music comes above most other things for us. Music is our passion. And a true passion can never fully be explained. What's even better is that we have been able to share such unforgettable moments as friends,' says Veraguth.

The new album's warm, natural sound can be attributed in large part to producers Philipp Niessen and Lillo Scrimali – true musos who used to play for big names such as Die Fantastischen Vier and Max Herre, and were responsible for musical quality control on several major German TV shows. For *Unplugged*, the two co-producers, together with the band, put their heart and soul into creating complex and intricate new arrangements of Pegasus songs. The 16 tracks comprise a mix of pop ballads spanning almost two decades, with an authentic feel and unmistakable Pegasus sound. The album includes just one carefully chosen featured artist: singer Anna Rossinelli's gentle tones combine with Veraguth's distinctive voice in the enchanting

duet 'Victoria Line', the first single to be released from the album. The result is an honest, upfront album that reflects on the things that really matter.

The band will perform *Unplugged* for the first time at the Hallenstadion in Zurich on 21 May 2021. It will be the first show performed at Switzerland's biggest venue after some 15 months of pandemic-enforced closure, making it a symbol of hope for the whole industry. As one of the most successful Swiss bands of recent years, Pegasus have always seen themselves first and foremost as live performers, and as part of a large community of musicians.

Unplugged by Pegasus will be released on 15 January 2021. It is the next chapter in the success story of a band powered by longstanding friendship and an overwhelming passion for music.