

GROK : Song for Europe

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'Song for Europe' is a much needed alternative Eurovision anthem, an ode to Terry Wogan and a hymn to Stanisław Ignacy Witkiewicz. Witkacy was obsessed with Europe being invaded by the east, but finally it has been overrun by the west's pervasive influence.

We all gape in astonishment at the spectacle of Eurovision. Terry Wogan quaffs the brandy and GROK write an alternative anthem to celebrate their ambiguous relationship with Europe.

GROK's new single 'Song for Europe' is released on Dedear Records on 12th May in anticipation of Eurovision 2008.

GROK have no songs

All GROK songs are improvised and spontaneous, performed or recorded without any prior planning or rehearsal.

There are no mistakes in GROK.

This open approach lends the music a vital, dynamic, unstructured feel. In GROK a chance hook can form the basis for a repeated refrain, or a meandering atmospheric can suddenly burst into a three minute pop song.

GROK is for everyone.

GROK create an inclusive, celebratory atmosphere. They break down the traditional divide between band and audience by inviting people to suggest themes for songs, spin the Wheel of Chordal Destiny or occasionally to also play instruments

Moments of unpredictable serendipity are GROK.

GROK provide a counterpoint to the labouring songsmith. They explore randomness and opportunity while avoiding the pitfalls of indulgence or inaccessibility.

A GROK biography



The current GROK collective has been together since 2006 and comprises (from left to right):

Scott Brodie – bass/vocals, Rob Talsma – drums, Paul Fitness – synths, Chris Ayles – guitar, Pep Sanchez – synths and Peter Ocsenas – synths.

GROK includes members from New Zealand, Canada, Spain, Hungary, Scotland and England and is based in London, UK.

The GROK album 'Ruined Music for Everyone' will be released in July 2008. Based on 31 songs recorded in two days over a busy weekend in early 2007. All of the songs were performed live and spontaneously with no pre-conceived plans or ideas.

Upcoming GROK performances

The GROK single launch takes place on Friday 23rd May 2008 at The Spice of Life, 6 Moor St, London, W1D 5NA. To reserve a guest list place, please contact us.

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