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Artist: Subterfuge

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## Subterfuge:

Daniel Klingen (Drums), Kai Blankenberg (Bass), Lars Schmidt (Vocals, Guitar), Lorenz Naumann (Keys, Guitar, Bass), Thomas Baumhoff (Vocals, Guitar), Tom Blankenberg (Keys)

## Biographie:

Formed in '91 Subterfuge are one of a handful German first generation Indiepop groups that are still around. Between 1993 and 2005 the band recorded four studio albums, their third one *I Do Birds* was released in Japan by Philter Records. The Videosingle *Silly Girl* enjoyed rotation airtime on Germany music television VIVA2.

For the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their debut album *Fabulous* in 2003 twenty eight bands (Slut, Miles, Readymade, Virginia Jetzt!, Nova International, Liquido, Pale, Paula and many more) recorded cover versions for the compilation *Fabulous Friends*. Until 2007 the band played >250 shows, as headliners as well as tour support for larger acts and festivals (Bizarre, Immergut etc.)

Then priorities of the band members shifted towards solo projects while in parallel life's complexities kicked in. Even though the group remained closest friends, joint activities became scarce and the story seemed to be told.

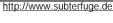
But after the odd acoustic gig here and there the songwriters Thomas and Lars started working on new material in 2019, which brought the band back together in practice rooms to work on a new album. In the meantime Lorenz had become a skilled producer while all band members were soaked up with more than a decade of additional musical experiences and influences. Hence arranging and recording the album at Hedgehog Recorders turned out to be a permanent discovery path for the band in all sorts of new musical directions while at the same time sticking to their roots in indie pop with jangly guitars and vocal harmonies.

After their return single *Stephanie Said* here is the second release THE SNAKE WIFE, showing the darker and more upbeat side of the band, indicating the variety of musical styles the upcoming album *Dots* will have to offer.

The price you pay is the slow decay

Indifference that keeps the dogs at bay.

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THE SNAKE WIFE is out Sept 3rd on Less Records, distributed by Cargo Records. DOTS will be released in early 2022 via Less Records, Kocliko Records and Shiny Happy Records, again distributed by Cargo Records.

Reviews (last single Stephanie Said, June 2021):

Rheinische Post: "The hymn this summer comes from Subterfuge: If the warm months become like this song, everything will be alright ... And the song would not even have to be so good to make people happy: Subterfuge are back!"

Janglepop Hub: "Finally they are back with this single and it could not be a better example of the perfect jangly simplicity of their sound."

MyMusicReview: "The perfect song for this season, a melody like a light summer breeze. I can actually recommend everything that this band does!"





