



## VALKYRIE'S FIRE AWARDED 2024 EP OF THE YEAR AND BEST BREAKTHROUGH ARTIST

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## BAND BIO



### THE HISTORY OF VALKYRIE'S FIRE

VALKYRIE'S FIRE STARTED AS A VISION FROM THE HEART AND SOUL OF FOUNDER AND BASSIST DAVE HALE IN EARLY 2020.

DURING THE SUMMER OF 2020, DAVE STARTED THE PROCESS OF DESIGNING THE LOGO, CREATING SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES, A MARKETING STRATEGY, AND LOOKING FOR BANDMATES THAT HAD THE SAME PASSION FOR SYMPHONIC POWER METAL.

DAVE'S BACKGROUND CONSISTS OF BOTH INFORMAL MUSIC TRAINING AND RECORDING ENGINEERING DURING HIS FORMATIVE YEARS FROM HIS FATHER - WHO WAS ALSO AN ENGINEER AND BASSIST - AND FORMAL EDUCATIONAL TRAINING IN BOTH MARKETING AND RECORDING INDUSTRY MANAGEMENT. THIS HAS ALLOWED DAVE TO BRING HIS VISION TO LIFE IN CREATING THE BRAND BEHIND THE BAND. DAVE'S TALENTS INCLUDE WRITING LYRICS, AND CREATING THE UNIQUE BLEND OF RHYTHMIC TIMING MIXED WITH HIS PRONOUNCED LOW END ATTACK ON THE BASS GUITAR, WHICH PROVIDES THE PERFECT STYLE OF POWER AND SYMPHONIC METAL ON WHICH VALKYRIE'S FIRE HAS BEEN BUILT UPON.

MALE VOCALIST ADAM SANDERS JOINED IN THE SUMMER OF 2021, BRINGING HIS BACKGROUND OF MUSIC COMPOSITION TO THE BAND. HIS EDUCATION IN MUSIC THEORY AND COMPOSITION HAS PROVIDED THE BAND WITH THEIR SIGNATURE BLEND OF METAL AND CLASSICAL STYLES, WHILE HIS LYRIC WRITING, VOCAL ABILITY, AND FORMAL TRAINING HAVE ALSO CONTRIBUTED TO THE SIGNATURE VOCAL SOUND VALKYRIE'S FIRE WERE LOOKING TO CREATE WITH A DUAL VOCALIST APPROACH.

IN THE SUMMER OF 2021, BASSIST DAVE HALE WAS APPROACHED BY A COUPLE OF BANDS FROM NASHVILLE - INCLUDING LYDIA'S CASTLE AND INSANE - TO JOIN AS THEIR BASSIST. DAVE ACCEPTED THE POSITION OF BASSIST FOR A SHORT DURATION WITH THE BAND INSANE, WHERE HE PERFORMED A FEW SHOWS AND WAS IN ONE OF THEIR MUSIC VIDEOS, AND WHILE HE STILL REMAINS FRIENDS WITH HIS FORMER BANDMATES, DAVE KNEW WHERE HIS HEART WAS LEADING, AND HE CONTINUED TO MOVE FORWARD.

WHILE STILL DILIGENTLY WORKING TO CREATE THE VALKYRIE'S FIRE BRAND, THE SEARCH FOR BANDMATES FOR VALKYRIE'S FIRE CONTINUED MOVING FORWARD, WITH DRUMMER RYAN METROKA - FORMERLY WITH THE PROGRESSIVE METAL BAND CRUSADE - JOINING IN THE FALL OF 2022. RYAN'S UNIQUE ABILITY ON THE DRUMS COMBINED WITH HIS FORMAL EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND IN PERCUSSION, HAS CREATED THE SIGNATURE POWER METAL BACKBEAT THAT IS SO PROMINENT IN VALKYRIE'S FIRE.

FINDING THE IDEAL CANDIDATES FOR GUITARIST, KEYBOARDIST, AND FEMALE VOCALIST PROVED TO BE A LONG PROCESS, WITH DAVE, ADAM, AND RYAN NETWORKING WITHIN THE LOCAL MUSIC METAL SCENE IN NASHVILLE, AND SEARCHING FOR THE IDEAL MUSICIANS THAT WOULD BRING THE VISION OF VALKYRIE'S FIRE TO LIFE.

IN JUNE OF 2023, GUITAR VIRTUOSO JOEY GRIMALDI, JOINED VALKYRIE'S FIRE AFTER BEING APPROACHED BY BASSIST DAVE HALE AND DRUMMER RYAN METROKA DURING A LOCAL RECURRING MUSIC EVENT HELD IN NASHVILLE - CALLED GUITAR NIGHT - WHERE DAVE AND RYAN HAD FREQUENTLY BEEN SPECTATORS AND SUPPORTERS.

JOEY'S TRAINING AND FORMAL EDUCATION IN CLASSICAL MUSIC, BLENDED WITH HIS PASSION FOR SYMPHONIC METAL, BRING A UNIQUE SET OF SKILLS TO THE BAND. JOEY HAS FORMAL TRAINING IN BOTH GUITAR AND PIANO, AND HIS ABILITY TO COMPOSE AND WRITE MUSIC, CREATES THE SIGNATURE SOUND, FOR WHICH VALKYRIE'S FIRE IS KNOWN.

FEMALE VOCALIST BETH FLOYD - KNOWN TO HER FANS AS BETTIE - JOINED FORCES WITH VALKYRIE'S FIRE A FEW WEEKS LATER, IN JULY OF 2023, BRINGING HER PASSION AND LOVE FOR SYMPHONIC METAL TO THE BAND. SHE STARTED HER VOCAL TRAINING IN HER TEENAGE YEARS, TAKING VOCAL LESSONS REGULARLY, AND PURSUING HER DREAM TO BECOME A SYMPHONIC METAL SINGER.

BETH'S UNIQUE BLEND OF LYRIC SOPRANO AND MEZZO SOPRANO VOCALS ARE DRAWN FROM HER LONGTIME INSPIRATION TARJA TURUNEN - FORMER VOCALIST FOR THE POWERHOUSE SYMPHONIC METAL BAND NIGHTWISH - AND BETH HAS THE ABILITY TO EVOKE THE EMOTIONAL AND POWERFUL SOUND THAT VALKYRIE'S FIRE WAS LOOKING FOR IN A FEMALE VOCALIST.



Valkyrie's Fire (L to R)

Bettie (Vocals), Adam (Vocals), Salem (Keys),  
Joey (Guitar), Ryan (Drums), & Dave (Bass)

LAST, BUT NOT LEAST, IN AUGUST 2025, KEYBOARDIST AND CELLIST SALEM BELLADONNA JOINED THE BAND. HER BACKGROUND IN MUSIC BEGAN IN HER EARLY TEENAGE YEARS, AND SHE HAS COMPLETED CLASSICAL AND FORMAL TRAINING - GRADUATING FROM COLLEGE IN LOS ANGELES WITH A DEGREE IN CELLO, AND MUSIC COMPOSITION & ARRANGEMENT. SALEM IS ALSO A VOCALIST AND WILL JOIN FORCES WITH ADAM AND BETTIE IN SEVERAL POWERFUL 3 PART HARMONIES.

ALL MUSIC AND LYRICS IN VALKYRIE'S FIRE SONGS ARE COMPOSED AND WRITTEN BY ALL MEMBERS OF THE BAND. EACH MEMBER CONTRIBUTES EQUALLY, OFTEN PULLING ELEMENTS FROM THEIR OWN RESPECTIVE TALENTS AS WELL AS THEIR MUSICAL INSPIRATIONS. THIS PROCESS HAS ALLOWED A GREAT AMOUNT OF CREATIVITY WITHIN THE BAND DURING THE SONG WRITING PROCESS, AND CREATES THE UNIQUE AND POWERFUL SOUND THAT VALKYRIE'S FIRE IS KNOWN FOR.

VALKYRIE'S FIRE IS CLASSIFIED AS A SYMPHONIC POWER METAL BAND, AND CITES THEIR MUSICAL INFLUENCES AS BANDS FROM BOTH THE POWER METAL GENRE AND SYMPHONIC METAL GENRE. THOSE INFLUENCES INCLUDE EUROPEAN BANDS AND ARTISTS SUCH AS NIGHTWISH, AMARANTHE, WITHIN TEMPTATION, TARJA TURUNEN, DIANNE VAN GERSBERGEN, EPICA, DELAIN, BEYOND THE BLACK, NOCTURNA, SONATA ARCTICA, POWERWOLF, BATTLE BEAST, VISIONS OF ATLANTIS, AND AD INFINITUM: AS WELL AS AMERICAN BANDS SUCH AS AFTERTIME, SHIELD OF WINGS, ANARIA, SEVEN SPIRES, EMPRESS, KAMELOT, AND SAVATAGE.

VALKYRIE'S FIRE HAS RECENTLY WORKED WITH PHOTOGRAPHER JESSICA SULLIVAN OF SYNNFOX PHOTOGRAPHY FROM LATE 2023 TO CURRENT - WHO CAPTURED THE OUTSTANDING BAND IMAGES THAT ARE PORTRAYED ON THE WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS.

VALKYRIE'S FIRE CONTINUES TO PUSH FORWARD AND IS IN THE PROCESS OF FINISHING THE COMPOSITION OF THE MATERIAL FOR THEIR NEW SONGS THAT WILL BE UNVEILED ON THEIR FULL LENGTH ALBUM IN 2025.

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## WE ARE VALKYRIE'S FIRE

WE ARE WARRIOR OF THE NIGHT

VALKYRIE'S FIRE WAS BORN FROM  
PASSION FOR THE MUSIC WE LOVE,  
AND WE ARE PROUD TO BE  
CREATING SOMETHING SPECIAL  
AND UNIQUE.

SOARING VOCALS, BLAZING  
GUITAR LICKS, AND A POWERFUL  
BACKBEAT CREATE THE  
SIGNATURE SOUND THAT FANS  
ARE RAVING ABOUT AND WHICH  
HAS BROUGHT THE BAND INTO  
THE SPOTLIGHT IN A VERY SHORT  
PERIOD OF TIME!

BASED IN NASHVILLE, TN.,  
VALKYRIE'S FIRE IS SET TO BECOME  
THE SYMPHONIC METAL  
POWERHOUSE OF THE SOUTH.  
JOIN US ON THIS JOURNEY, AND  
EXPERIENCE THE MUSIC THAT  
WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE!

