



SCHMEERENBURGH

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Dear Friends and Fans:

The last month has been pretty hectic for Schmeerenburgh. We played two shows in Longyearbyen during Solfestuka and it was loads of fun. The first gig was with Frozen Fire at Ungdomshuset, and man those guys know how to rock. Even though they are constantly replacing band members they still kick ass. We would like to give our special thanks to all the youngsters and the Solfest crew for having us.

We played Kroa two days after Dumdum Boys and we used the same production. Best sound and light-rig we've ever had. The audience at Kroa was fantastic, jumping and singing along from the first song. We have a saying in Schmeerenburgh that: "Nothing beats the crazy audience in Ny-Ålesund"... but now we're not that sure anymore. By the end of the set there was beer and broken glass covering the whole front of the stage, one of the monitors went into the pit, and the crowd and band members were sweating like pigs, just the way we like it.

During the show Jeff usually has his way of falling off the back of the stage; however this time he managed to stay onstage for the entire show. Mads and Haakon were also starring in the Solfestrevy and the premiere was two hours before we went onstage. You might have noticed that Haakon still had his thespian makeup on. Good on him, he is the eye-candy of the band. Mads is really proud that he managed to stomp on Ketil's beer while he was doing one of his fancy punk-riffs, and he also got the crowd to do synchronized handclapping during a song which he can't remember. As usual Ketil feels sorry for telling too many bad jokes in between songs. We believe that he has some kind of onstage Tourettes-Syndrome.



A special thanks to Podium, who we shared the stage with, for the night. They made one hell of a show with their Norwegian rock'n'roll power-pack. Being from Troendelag, these guys really know how to party, compared to other moonshine sipping old bands from the same area. Thanks also to the always wonderful staff at Kroa for providing rock-fuel throughout the night.

TV Norge had a crew at Kroa and shot most of the gig. We

were afraid that they wanted to have us starring on shows like "Dansefeber", or even worse, "Fat Camp", but it turned out they were only shooting for a travel-program called "Hit og Dit". The Svalbard episode will be aired on the 15th of April, and maybe you can catch a glint of the show. The national radio with NRK P3's Kompani Knudsen aired live clips from our gig at Ungdomshuset, and did an interview with Jeff. He had a typical cool, laidback drummer attitude, but we feel bad about the fact that he refused to bring out the Norwegian swearing-words, even thou they asked him to. Most of the Norwegian words that Jeff knows is from the northern part of Norway and starts with the letter "K", and they are perfect for national radio.

This year we have new t-shirts for sale, with a brand new back print. We sold a lot of them during Solfest and the word has it that some guys got the ladies shirts by mistake. So, if you feel unusual wearing your new shirt you might want to change it. Feel free to contact any of us if you want to buy or change merchandise.

We got some nice feedback (from biased people that love us no matter what) on our new song "Veteran". The song is about you being intoxicated in the Svalbard wilderness while bragging about all the exclusive places you have been to, a situation familiar to most Svalbardiens. Recently we have tried to find our own creative spot, and if Mads and Ketil get their shit together and start to make some more riffs and lyrics we will have more of our own stuff for you on the next gig. Speaking of witch, we are hoping to play in Svalbard again before summer. Even though we are not part of Svalbard's cultural elite we believe that this archipelago is in desperate need of more Spekkbetong. In the meantime we trust you with all the others that have a rock'n'roll impact on the community. They are, in rapidly decreasing order: Scooters, Sysselmannen, shotguns, Nordpolet, nachtspiel in Nybyen, increased tax, whiteout, Svalbardposten... and Ptarmigan droppings.

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See ya in the pit!

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