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From the shadowy underbellies of Chicago IL and Cleveland OH, in September 2024, <u>Plasmata</u>, <u>[melter]</u>, and <u>2 Forks</u> converge to bring their dramatic and energetic live brew of hard-hitting dark electro, alt. rock, and industrial noise to audiences through the East Coast of the US.







"Chicago Glampires" <u>Plasmata</u> combine classic industrial rock with gothic horror and glam, helmed by project mainstay **Trent Jeffries** since 2005.

Produced by **William Faith**, of <u>Faith and the Muse</u> and <u>The Bellwether Syndicate</u> renown, Plasmata's *Portraits of Pain* EP (2021) explores themes ranging from Jeffries' harrowing recovery from a debilitating brain aneurysm; through to the "Jack the Ripper Manifesto" of 'Ten Bells', and its 'You Call Him the Devil' remix by <u>The Sisters of Mercy</u>'s **Ben Christo**.

Led by Jeffries' onstage theatrics and the guitar histrionics of **Marco Obaya**, Plasmata onstage are a fourpiece band, known for haunting Chicago's Liar's Club, where they have honed a live show that regularly brings the house down.

[melter] comprises **Robert Hyman** and **Jax Allos**: a sonic disturbance made of flesh, blood, and machine.

Their 2023 self-titled EP ranges from the jarring, distorted rhythms and menace of dark alt. rock and industrial noise, through to the brooding atmospheres of darkwave and grinding gloom. Since 2019, Rob and Jax have been gigging extensively together around Chicago and further afield, and are touring the US Midwest with Pittsburgh's <u>Hemlock for Socrates</u> during August 2024.

Onstage, Hyman's propulsive battery of live drums drives the duo's mix of electronics and heavy distorted bass; whilst Allos stalks the stage like some menacing hybrid of Peter Murphy's more sinister sister, and an animatronic pterosaur that threatens to malfunction at any moment.

<u>2 Forks</u> is a new dark electro / industrial rock outfit from Cleveland, Ohio, fronted by **Danny 2 Forks** alias **Daniel C**: longtime drummer for US goth icons The Wake.

The 2023 debut album, *Quanticode*, is essentially a "concept" album, dealing with a fictionalized hunt for a serial killer: each track representing a different chapter in the larger story. The album has produced three video-singles, generating attention from *Auxiliary* (US), *Orkus!* (Germany), *Post-punk.com* (US), *Vive Le Rock* (UK), *ReGen* (US) and many more.

Where 2 Forks is a new name to the live stage, Danny is a seasoned performer and touring artist of several decades: a fact made more than clear by 2 Forks' live debut in 2023.

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