

DEFECTO

BIOGRAPHY

The formation of **DEFECTO** took place in 2011, when guitarist and frontman **Nicklas Sonne** was contacted by legendary producer **Flemming Rasmussen (Metallica, Blind Guardian)**, who wanted to help Sonne record and release his music. With Sonne already knowing lead guitarist **Frederik Møller** for several years, they soon joined forces and added bass player **Thomas Bartholin**, creating a band that could bring to life their unique ambition and potential. Already a year into the bands career, their particular brand of melodic and complex metal brought them the attention of the Danish media, winning them their first award, *“Best Metal Band 2012”* at the **Underground Music Awards**.

The collaboration with Flemming Rasmussen culminated with the release of DEFECTO’s debut album *“Excluded”*, released in 2016 via esteemed record label and PR-company **Prime Collective**. Excluded created a dedicated following for the band and a considerable breakthrough especially in the Danish metal scene. This led to DEFECTO playing the prestigious festival **COPENHELL** in 2016 and opening for huge acts such as **Metallica** and **Rammstein** in 2017. Additionally, Excluded won DEFECTO their second award for *“Upcoming Band of the Year”* at **High Voltage Awards** in Copenhagen, and led the band to sell out their first tour of Denmark in the fall of 2016.

Swiftly following the success of Excluded, DEFECTO’s sophomore album *“NEMESIS”* was released in 2017, this time on Swedish record label **BLACK LODGE RECORDS (In Flames, Sabaton, Katatonia)**. The album was met with positive reviews in both Danish and international media alike, leading the band to sign a deal with German booking agency **DRAGON PRODUCTIONS (Sonata Arctica, Volbeat, D-A-D)**, to book the bands’ concerts in Europe. The album release was followed by a sold out tour in Denmark as well as two successful European tours in 2018, the first with Andorran progressive metal outfit **Persefone**, followed by the band’s first headlining tour throughout Europe. Both tours featured the debut of powerhouse drummer **Mikkel Christensen**, who had joined the band in early 2018. The band continued touring into 2019, playing at several European summer festivals, while working on the compositions for their third album.

In 2020, the band is once again ready with a new full-length album, titled **“DUALITY”**. Following a period of creative experimentation within the band, DUALITY features an authentic mix of metal with attitude and powerful songwriting, whilst also exploring a more atmospheric and dynamic side of the bands sound. DUALITY is set to be released in the fall of 2020, and the band is posed to continue their advance onto the international metal stage, backed by international partners such as Swedish record label **BLACK LODGE RECORDS**, danish PR- and record label **Prime Collective**, Japanese & Korean record label **Avalon Sound** as well as German booking agency **DRAGON PRODUCTIONS**.

DEFECTO is (from left to right):

Thomas Bartholin \\ bass

Nicklas Sonne \\ guitar & lead vocals

Mikkel Christensen \\ drums

Frederik Møller \\ lead guitars

