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## The band The Moonchildren presents their new album "Grace" after turbulent years

The legendary band The Moonchildren, founded in 1986 by visual artist and singer-songwriter Oliver Fauser, announces their latest musical work: "Grace."

The album not only highlights the versatility and creative mastery of songwriter Fauser but also represents his personal journey through highs and lows, loss, and new beginnings.

After a successful phase in the art scene and the 2016 album "Feel," the Covid-19 pandemic brought an abrupt end to his upcoming exhibitions. In 2021, Fauser returned to his musical roots. The first song he wrote, the captivating country-pop song "My Darling One," served as the catalyst that inspired Oliver to dedicate himself more intensively to music. The tragic suffering of his mother from dementia and her eventual death became a dramatic backdrop to the production.

The grief and tumultuous events in his life, including the sale of his long-time home in a small town in the Black Forest, became a source of inspiration for Fauser. From this challenging time, he drew new joy and strength that propelled him. Months of writing followed before he decided to embark on the Camino de Santiago in Portugal, continuing to Santiago de Compostela and further to Finisterra. This adventurous journey became a turning point, encouraging Fauser to write and record more songs.

Upon his return, Fauser's father passed away, just six months after his mother's death. Two close family members fell seriously ill with cancer. Despite these setbacks, Fauser remained committed to his musical project. He shed the bad habits of the past and found the love of his life. A three-month joint journey through South America ensued.

The result of this transformation, loss, and love is the album "Grace." With 17 songs, 14 of which will be released on CD, Fauser presents a blend of various styles. The catchy choruses and raw guitar riffs unmistakably identify the songs as Moonchildren songs. The album, a true one-man project, showcases Fauser's versatile talents as a songwriter, singer, and multi-instrumentalist. He was supported by talents such as the guitar virtuoso Bart Dietvorst from Holland, the Argentine singer Laura Loise, and the bassist Loïc Espesset. The production and mixing of the album were handled by Fauser and his longtime sound engineer and musical companion Mario Melle. He also designed the cover artwork, videos, and all artistic elements of the album himself.

"Grace" is a tribute to the strength of the human spirit and the transformative power of music. The album was mastered by the renowned three-time Grammy-winning sound engineer Bob Katz from Florida and promises an emotional rollercoaster for the listeners. The Moonchildren are back - stronger, more creative, and with more depth than ever before.

The album will be released on CD on February 14, 2024, and will be exclusively available on <a href="https://www.themoonchildren.eu">www.themoonchildren.eu</a>. The Earlybird release on Bandcamp will take place on March 1, 2024, followed by the release on all major platforms such as Spotify, Amazon, iTunes, etc., on March 8, 2024.