

King King-Interview

1. Hello Alan, hi Lindsay welcome in Germany. I've learned that you are here for the first time – and your first gig's tonight in the „famous“ Topos.

Alan Nimmo: Well, it's great to be here and to play in this well-known and established club. We hope that we'll have a great night. As we knew, Topos has a very small stage – but we are not the smallest of man, but I see no problem that we'll overcome and we'll be the most explosive we can possibly get.

2. How do you feel as high-decorated “British Blues Award”-winner?

Alan: Well, it's a very fine honour...It's nice to be acknowledged for your hard work. It does make you feel good, but we just continue working hard.

3. Some questions to your band-history: When occurred the idea to found “King King” and what's about the name of the band?

Alan: Lindsay and I formed the band four years ago. Lindsay and I are friends for a long time and we've already played together in my other blues band, the “Nimmo Brothers” as a bass player. Then we changed things up, but we stayed friends, stayed in touch and decided to put a band together. Fortunately we came together very quickly – and here we are today! And the name of the band came from a famous blues club in Los Angeles, called “King King”. And another famous American blues band – the “Red Devils” – we were big fans of named their album “King King”. So it seemed to be an appropriate name and we thought it was a cool name.

4. B. B. King is also a good link to it, isn't it?

Alan: Of course, absolutely...

Lindsay Coulson: ...Well, that kind of link fits to B.B. King, also Freddy King plus Albert. And I suppose, we first got together, we were thinking we gonna do more straight ahead blues. That was our intention, we've both been fans of bands like “Fabulous Thunderbirds” and “Red Devils”. But then things gonna progress from there. We started to write...and the written stuff mounted more into crossover, bluesrock, funk and in some thing the soul was coming into it.

5. So your style is mixture of blues and rock and funk and soul-elements?

Alan: Yes, it's all so based and steeped in blues as we are as people, as players. Wherever influence we've drawn over the years just comes

together as King King. The tying element to all the musical influences brings together the sound of King King based upon feel true passion, nothing faked, music real from heart. That's a fantastic basis to start from and as long as you can keep it that way, and be honest in what you do... whether it's a twelve-bar blues, a rock ballad, a soul-funk song. Wherever as you're doing, if it's come the close that the people are watching that it's meant, that it's real, that it's from the heart – that's blues to us!

6. O.K., so what are your ideals and musicians you are mostly influenced by?

Alan: So for myself, personally I've been a massive fan of Peter Green, B. B. King, both the Vaughan brothers, Stevie Ray and Jimmie, Eric Clapton, T-Bone Walker, Muddy Waters. But also I have a large influence from bands like ACDC, Thin Lizzy, Free, Paul Rodgers and all of those bands are steeped in blues as far as I can hear. But also Motown music and bands like Nickelback...

7. So what about your new CD project...

Alan: ...well we've been in Belgium last week and when returned straight into the studio for recording. And when we're back home from here we go straight to the studio again to immediately finish our new album as quickly as possible. There is a whole bunch of new songs on it and it hopefully will be finished by the end of the year and will be ready for release probably by march.

8....plans for a tour in Germany???

Lindsay: Yes, we'll start in the UK, Holland and Belgium. In 2013 we'll also have some concerts in Germany and start to have more dates. And hopefully when the next album is coming out we'll probably have a more established tour in Germany.

9. Some question on your show-outfit, you perform with a kilt on. – Is this concerning your native Scotland or are you member of a clan?

Alan: No, we are not in a clan, it just pleases us...

Lindsay:... and keeps us cool when it's getting hot on stage (bursting in laughter)

10. Alan, the last question concerning your second project "The Nimmo Brothers". What are your plans there and how does it fit with your King King engagement?

Alan: Yes, the Nimmo Brothers are still going strong. In fact, just at the end of October we've finished another tour. We've just been to Austin,

Texas and recorded a new album "Brother To Brother". So we've been touring that album up to now. We had to do all over a logistical job to manage all this, 'cause you know both bands have been very busy. But it's family and my brother and I we're all good friends together. So we're all over in constant contact and manage just.

Thx for the interview Alan and Lindsay – so the message is: King King is coming to Germany again...

Alan and Lindsay: ... yes, you can't stop us (amidst laughter)
We come especially to Troisdorf in 15th of February and 16th of February in the "Bluesgarage" in Hannover. There we go! Dankeschön :-)

P.S.: King King have just finished their new album called "**Standing In The Shadows**" – don't miss!!!

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