

DAMIAN WILSON BIOGRAPHY

Damian Wilson is an English musician, songwriter and vocalist that has appeared on over 70 separate album releases. His latest solo album, Built for Fighting, was released September 9th 2016.

Damian is mostly known in the progressive rock genre, for bands and projects such as Headspace, Threshold, Star One, Ayreon, Praying Mantis and Rick Wakeman's English Rock Ensemble. As a solo artist he has released 5 solo albums, a DVD and a retrospective compilation album.

Damian began recording music in 1991 with the band Landmarq. He featured on their first 3 albums. In 1993 he recorded his first album with Threshold 'Wounded Land'. He would return for their third album 'Extinct Instinct'.

He was approached by Iron Maiden to audition and considered as a replacement for the departing Bruce Dickinson in the 1990s. Around the same time he mistakenly auditioned for what he believed to be Slayer, but was in fact Slade.

In 1997, Damian's debut solo album 'Cosmas' was released. This album was a departure from the heavy/progressive rock sound that people had been used to. He managed to surprise people even more by landing the role of Jean Valjean in Cameron Mackintosh's touring production of Les Misérables. He played lead role for two years.

In 2000 Damian fronted Rick Wakeman's New English Rock Ensemble and toured and recorded with them for two years. During that time he also featured on several Ayreon albums. This collaboration with Arjen Lucas sen would result in three more Star One albums.

In 2007 he was asked by Threshold to return as lead singer. Three studio albums and numerous tours followed, after which Threshold and Damian parted ways in 2017.

He formed the progressive rock band Headspace in 2007 with Adam Wakeman. They released an EP and supported Ozzy Osbourne on his 2007 tour, but it would take 5 years for their debut album 'I Am Anonymous' would be released. As part of a 3 album deal with InsideOut Music, the second Headspace album was released in February 2016.

'Is there a better singer on the live circuit today? Quite possibly not' - PROG magazine

'Literally Breathtaking' - Classic Rock Magazine

'One of the most versatile voices in rock, with an incredible range' - Ronnie James Dio

Solo Discography:

- Cosmas - 1997 (Remastered version released in 2012)
- Disciple - 2001
- Live in Rehearsal - 2002
- Let's Start a Commune - 2003
- Cheers Lads; Live in Zoetermeer (DVD) - 2011
- I Thought The World Was Listening – 2011 (Retrospective double album)
- Built for Fighting - 2016

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