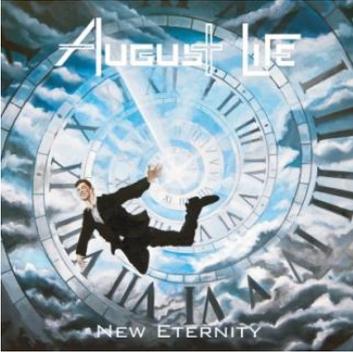


Holland has always had a strong, fruitful and enjoyable metal scene whose foundations were laid by notorious heavy acts such as Vengeance, Bodine, Helloïse, Highway Chile and Vandenberg.

Nowadays the Dutch scene is overcrowded and highly dominated by a wide variety of death, thrash, speed and female fronted metal bands. Within this undistinguishable yet gratifying scene, a new powerful Phoenix has risen: AUGUST LIFE.

AUGUST LIFE is a stunning new progressive/melodic rock/metal project by guitarist Gert Nijboer (Highway Chile, Deathriders, ex-Picture) and singer Bryan Ketelaars (Armageddon, Auracle).

They have been secretly working on their debut album 'New Eternity' at Jack's Place in Meerle, Belgium, with Jack Nobelen ( ex-Horizon, ex-Savage). The CD was released late August 2018 and the reactions of fans and magazines were overwhelming.



To give the new Eternity release that extra Nijboer and Ketelaars invited quite some interesting guests to participate on their debut. Guest performances include those from Rob Van Der Loo (bass guitars, Epica, Delain, Mayan ), Peter Vink (bass guitars, Q65, Ayreon, Star One ), Marchell Remeus (bass guitars, Highway Chile, Helloïse ), Harry den Hartog (bass guitars, Breaking The Chains ), Amèlie Mangelschots (backing vocals, Auracle ), Madicken De Vries (backing vocals, Annatar, Heidevolk ), Samantha Greenwood (backing vocals), Hein van Berkel (piano) and Jacqueline Hamelink (cello, Sounding

Bodies ).

Musically the 'New Eternity' CD displays a perfect blend of a stylistic variety across the individual tracks while maintaining a unified cohesive lyrical theme. Lyrically the album draws on the observations of Ketelaars on related events that can occur literally within seconds of each other. 'Coming Home' for instance is about a combatant heading home, 'Angels Of War' about high tech killing ISIS terrorists one by one and the title track is about brainwashed religionists.

AUGUST LIFE's music is for any fan of progressive melodic music in the vein of Rainbow, Dio, Queensryche, Dream Theater and Shadow Gallery. You can even notice a touch of Threshold and Cowboy era Pantera.

Late 2018 / early 2019 AUGUST LIFE has transformed from brilliant album project to a stunning energetic live band because they feel this music definitely deserves to be on stage.

AUGUST LIFE is proud to announce NEW ETERNITY is now also released on vinyl through [NO DUST Records](#) .

AUGUST LIFE is:

Bryan Ketelaars - lead vocals (Auracle, Armageddon)  
Gert Nijboer - lead guitar (Highway Chile, Deathriders, Picture)  
Hans in 't Zandt - drums, backing vocals (Praying Mantis, Mad Max, Vengeance)  
Gerald Vos - keys, Hammond, guitar, backing vocals  
Ronald Pieterse - bass, backing vocals (Disquiet, Divine Rebellion)



The Dutch metal scene has a new exciting and forward-looking name to reminisce: AUGUST LIFE!

Raving reviews for New Eternity at a.o.:

Aardschok "Muzikaal gezien staan de nummer als een huis"

Lords of Metal "Het album opent spectaculair met 'New Eternity' waarin Nijboer meteen indruk maakt met een geweldige riff en een vingervlugge solo in het midden."

Powerplay UK "An exceptional concept album that would sit comfortably alongside Operation Mindcrime"

Rockportaal "Ik kreeg déjà vu's van oer-Nederlandse bands als Helloïse, Bodine, Picture, vengeance en highway Chile"

Headbangers Lifestyle "A concept album with 10 killer prog rock/heavy metal tracks in the vien of bands like Dio, Deep Purple, Dream Theater and Shadow Gallery"

Progwereld "Voor een debuut vind ik "New Eternity" in elk geval erg overtuigend"

See you on somewhere the road in 2019! (for bookings [www.augustlife.nl](http://www.augustlife.nl))