

Artist Statement — Absinthe Green on *Of Love and Pain*

"At last, *Of Love and Pain* is here. This album is a vessel for my experiences, woven from love, grief, defiance, and redemption. Yet it is not only born of sorrow; within its depths there is also humor, playfulness, and the strange joy of turning darkness into sound. I wanted to create something alive, an album I cherish performing on stage, where vulnerability and strength can coexist and where even pain carries its own peculiar beauty.

I am profoundly grateful to the amazing Hiili Hiilesmaa, who understood my vision and helped shape it into something timeless. My thanks extend to my extraordinary bandmates—Harry, Villy, and Panos—each of them a force unto themselves, who believed in me and my mad ideas and made them shine brighter. And to Geegor, our sound engineer and in truth the fifth member of this band, whose dedication and artistry gave this record its beating heart, I am endlessly thankful. And also to our wider team, whose faith, hard work, and spirit carried us through this journey and helped us bring this music fully into being.

What began in 2016 as a solitary project has grown into something far greater: a band, a family, a gathering of kindred spirits. Together we have forged a sound that resists simple definition—both fierce and fragile, shadowed and luminous, where heavy guitars entwine with haunting melodies and voice becomes confession.

Of Love and Pain is more than a debut; it is an invocation. It speaks to those who understand that joy and sorrow are inseparable, that creation rises from ruin, and that even in darkness, a spark of laughter can flicker like a candle in the night. This is our truth, and now it is yours.

With a lot of Love, and a considerable amount of Pain,”

— Absinthe Green

