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What's Up?

- Shows with Therion in Greece.
- Writing with Snowy for our S&M album. Also writing with Epicentre.



AXE MEN X 3

I've been fortunate enough to share the stage with those 3 swedish guitarists with 3 different styles...

The Fender

The most common question I get is about what it was like playing with **Yngwie Malmsteen**. Well, Yngwie is not an average guy in any way - neither is his guitar playing.

He's of course much more than a fast player, even though that's what people normally first recognize. During warm-up, I've heard him playing some great jazz stuff. I wish he gets the opportunity one day to do something out of his box. Without a doubt, Yngwie started a new thing when he arrived in the 80's.

The Ibanez

The guy I've played most shows with is **Kristian Niemann** from *Therion*. Not only a great bloke, he plays some bad-ass guitar as well. First time I heard him, his soloing reminded me a little of Alex Lifeson from *Rush*.

Both Kristian & brother Johan (bass - *Therion*) practice a looooot on tour, it sure seems to help.

The Gibson

Last, but not least: my man **Fredrik Åkesson** - King Of Kings. If any of you've seen him with *Arch Enemy* or *Krux*, you know what I mean.

Fredrik's got everything one could ask for - loud, aggressive sound with great tone and personality. He's also a bloody funny guy. We play together in *Krux*, but I'd love to play with him more frequently.

I've played with many other great guys as well, too many to mention this time - sorry...



Ruler Of The Ocean

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