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What's Up?

- Recording with Therion in Stockholm
- A couple of shows with AB/CD
- Writing with Snowy & Michael Blair



Sian Phillips in David Lynch's "Dune" (1985)

HEROES INSPIRE

Summertime can make one lazy, but inspiration hit me again after watching some great acting on dvd.

I first saw **Sian Phillips** playing the role of Livia in the BBC production of "*I, Claudius*" in the late seventies. Then, in the mid-eighties, I saw her again in David Lynch's "*Dune*" in the role of Reverend Mother Gaius Helen Mohiam.

Watched "*Dune*" again last week on dvd and though the movie itself has it's flaws, Sian's acting is second to none. The tone of her voice together with her british accent (she's actually from Wales) is fantastic. I hope to see her live on stage in the next few years.

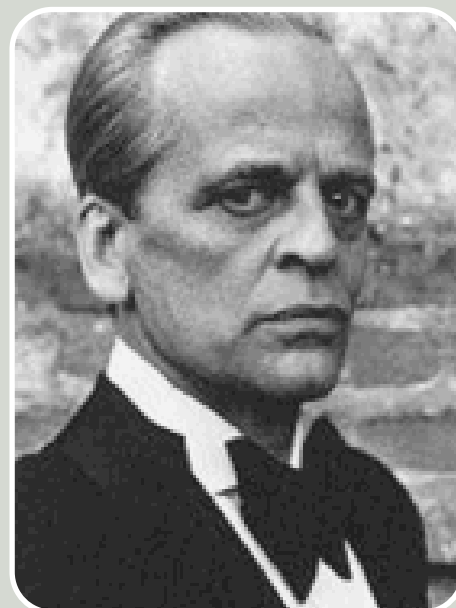
Another actor to admire was **Klaus Kinski**. His collaborations with Werner Herzog can be enjoyed in a 6-disc box set, including the one-of-a-kind documentary "My best fiend". Except maybe for swedish legend **Ernst-Hugo Järegård**, I've never seen the same level of intensity from an actor. They're both dead now, but they were everything but dead acting.

It's easy to get inspired by people with such strong personalities. Another great example is **Scott Walker**, listen to his new album "*The Drift*", and you'll know what I mean.

Writing this, I kind of understand why I never felt comfortable in most bands/projects I was a part of - too much compromising, not enough personality or experimenting. It's not all bad though.

For instance, touring with **Therion** is great. Not the usual metal shows and I don't get the opportunity to sing in five different languages too often...

Finally, I strongly recommend buying the 4-disc box set of "*The Blue Planet*", narrated by **David Attenborough**. If you -like me- sometimes lose hope in mankind, lose yourself in the animals and our earth instead.



No compromises
Read more about Klaus Kinski at www.kinski.de