FUCHS – Leaving Home

Hans-Juergen (Hansi) Fuchs, multi-instrumentalist from Stuttgart, has been involved in many different musical projects. He is also one of the musical masterminds behind his wife's productions, the keyboardist Ines Fuchs, who recorded four highly acknowledged Progressive Rock albums under the name INES between 1994 - 2002. Guitarist, singer and keyboardist Hans-Juergen Fuchs is also a music producer. Around the beginning of the 1990s during the renewed evolvement of the prog-scene, he produced many albums of artists in his own Roxanne Studio, which later merged with the well-known Artes-Studio. With more than 30 productions for the meanwhile vanished label WMMS and other free productions, e.g. the German medieval rock band Adaro, this was a very productive era.

For more than 15 years Hansi Fuchs has also been the author, composer and director for a number of musicals designed for schools, which are primarily aimed for pupils of different ages. These musicals have been very successfully performed at schools all over Germany and German-speaking countries.

In the spring of 2012 Hansi FUCHS released his first solo album under the name of "Leaving Home". It tells the story of a German family between 1920 and 1945, beginning with the happy years of a young love, followed by Hitler's seizure of power ending in curse and expulsion. It is his father's family's story, pieced together from his grandmother's anecdotes. Hansi has rearranged the puzzle and managed to develop a very personal concept album. He doesn't want to hide his musical roots despite, or just because of, the story's severe content and drama. "Leaving home" illustrates various influences of the 1970s, of course mainly from the Art Rock, which later in the 1990s was renamed to "Progressive Rock" and then shortened to "Prog Rock". Hansi's wife Ines adds a beautiful synthesizer solo to the album, thus closing the circle to their successful Prog-Rock days.

Line-up:

Hans-Jürgen Fuchs – vocals, acoustic and electric guitars, lapsteel, bass, piano, keyboards
Baggi Buchmann – lead vocals, backing vocals
Andy Käfer – lead vocals, backing vocals
Mirjam Michutta – lead vocals, backing vocals
Sven Heine – backing vocals
Maike Mohr – grand piano solo on track 8
Ines Fuchs – synthesizer solo on track 5
Henrik Mumm – cello
Rafael Sonntag – guitar solo on track 7/ 11
Andy Bartzik – guitar solo on track 8/ 14/ 16

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