

Origin: USA/EUROPE Genre: Classic Hard Rock

CD: Lake of fire

Released: Lion Music July 20, 2017 (discontinued)

New album: tbc spring time 2024

Jo Amore – Vocals Joe Stump – Guitar Mark Cross – Drums / b.vocals Mistheria – Synth / Organ Nic Angileri – Bass / b. vocals

### ::: E P K :::

- Tower of Babel comprises of five musicians who have all in their own right been involved in world tours, festivals and recordings. Boasting members, ex-members and collaborations with Firewind, The Scorpions, Alcatrazz, Tank, Jorn, Bruce Dickinson, Glenn Hughes, Helloween, Vivaldi Metal Project, Tainted Nation, Holy Hell, God's Army, Nightmare and others.
- The music walks the line between old school hard rock and classic European power metal with healthy doses of each heard throughout.
- Strong compositions, with a stellar performance by excellent players! Arena Rock songs that will give the fan what he asks for.
- ❖ TOB is a product of combination of influences, in this case the main and most obvious one being Ritchie Blackmore and his work with Rainbow and Deep Purple. Both Blackmore and Yngwie Malmsteen are Joe Stumps 2 biggest influences, which you can of course hear out on the album, as there's some tracks on the record reminiscent of the early Rising Force Material.

Joe Stump, the Shredlord, Csaba Zvekan and Craig Gruber (Rainbow, Elf, Gary Moore) on Bass started TOB in 2014.

With the addition of English/German powerhouse drummer Mark Cross and Mistheria, the Italian Keyboard wizard and mastermind behind the Vivaldi Metal Project, the line up formed a convincing and strong ensemble. TOB Music was written sounding close to original work of early Rainbow that had featured Craig and Dio at the time.

However in late 2014 Craig was diagnosed with cancer and sadly passed on May 5th, 2015.

The band was devastated, but decided a few months later to finish the writing of the album. Mark had already laid down the drum tracks in February 2015 at Pontus Egberg's Studio (Bassist of The Poodles, Tainted Nation, King Diamond and The Treat) in Stockholm, Sweden and finished three remaining tracks at Mark's Studio, «The Drum Dungeon» in Hamburg, Germany in February 2017.

Nicola Angileri (Jorn, John Petrucci, Mike Portnoy, Ian Paice) was given the Bass player's position and finally recorded all Bass tracks on the Album, the perfect match for the band.

On July 20, 2017 TOB released their first album «Lake of Fire» through Lion Music, which unfortunately lasted not long and was taken off the market soon after its release, due to a dispute with singer Csaba Zvekan, who claimed all copyrights to be his, which he deliberately registered behind the band's back.

The limited number of the CD "Lake of fire" is only available on the band's official merchandise store website https://towerofbabelrock.com.

After a long break, the band agreed to continue working under the moniker of «JOE STUMP's TOWER OF BABEL» and with the addition of French - Italian singer Jo Amore (Nightmare, KingCrown), singer of the band Nightmare and King Crown. Jo's vocal abilities were the perfect match for TOB's music.

### ::: A L B U M :::



Format: CD / Digital Produced by: Joe Stump

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# :::TRACK LIST :::

Dragonslayer
It's Only Rock'n'Roll
Lake of Fire
Addicted
Midnight Sun
Eternal Flames
Once Again
Stardust
Eyes of the World
Lamb and the Wolves
Thoth
All Out Warfare

# ::: LABEL-PROMOTION:::

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# :::INTERNAL AFFAIRS :::

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### ::: ON THE NET :::

OFFICIAL WEBSITE https://towerofbabelrock.com

On September 16, 2022 the band performed their comeback concert at Mennecy Festival, near Paris, France.

With fresh material and newly recorded 10 songs, outstanding musicianship and performance, TOB presents a massive sounding crystal clear analog production which holds a mixture of classic rock, hard rock and metal as we know it from the masters like Dio, Rainbow, Schenker and Deep Purple.

All drums & vocals (track 1, 2, 4, 6 & 7) were recorded at "The Drum Dungeon Studio" Lavrio, Greece – All other vocals in Cannes, France

Guitars recorded at "Stump Studio" Boston, USA

Bass recorded in Switzerland and re amped at Studio Aspiotis.

Hammond, synths & Organs recorded at Mistheria's Studio in Zagreb, Croatia and Rome, Italy

Music written by Joe Stump, Mark Cross and Jo Amore Lyrics written by Jo Amore and Mark Cross

Produced by Mark Cross, mixed by George Aspiotis and Mark Cross at "Studio Aspiotis" in Athens, Greece.

Mastered by Ade Emsley at "Tone Table Mastering" London, UK.

# **Video link HERE**



# **TOWER OF BABEL are:**

• JO AMORE – Vocals. Jo started out as a drummer with French band Nightmare, recorded two albums with them in the late eighties and rejoined them as their lead singer from 1998 – 2015. With numerous appearances on tours and festivals supporting Iron Maiden, Def Leppard, Saxon and Sabbaton he made a name with his vocal abilities.

In 2012, Jo worked with Ricky Marx & Kenn Jackson, two former band members of Pretty Maids and released with their project "Now Or Never" two albums. In 2015 he formed power metal band «Oblivion», today called «King Crown» and toured with his tribute band to «Ronnie James Dio», who had been his biggest influence.

 JOE STUMP – Guitars. American shred legend heavily influenced by the European hard rock masters Richie Blackmore, Yngwie Malmsteen, Uli Jon Roth, Michael Schenker and Gary Moore.
 Joe has released over 13 solo albums on Leviathan, Magic Circle and Lion Music. He has toured the world both as a solo artist and with bands Joe Stump's Reign of Terror, Holy Hell and since 2018 also with Alcatrazz.

Joe was named by Guitar One Magazin as one of the top ten fastest shredders of all time, Guitar World as one of the 50 fastest players and Guitarist Magazine as one of the top 25.

Joe has been an associate Professor at the esteemed Berklee College of Music in Boston MA, where he's been the metal/shred

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### **INSTAGRAM**

htps://instagram.com/towerofbabelrock

#### **TOB TV**

https://youtube.com/joestumpstowerofbabel

# :::BAND ON THE NET :::

- Jo Amore Facebook
- Joe Stump Official website Facebook
- ❖ Mark Cross Official website Facebook Instagram
- MistheriaOfficial websiteFacebook
- Nicola Anglieri Official website Facebook

specialist for the last 29 years.

 MARK CROSS - Drums. Mark is known for his association with the bands Firewind, Helloween, Kingdom Come, Metalium, Tainted Nation, Vivaldi Metal Project and God's Army, a touring member of UK NWOBHM pioneers Tank in 2011 and the mighty Scorpions in 2014 to name but a few.

He has also worked with US band Hardline, Deep Purple's frontman Ian Gillan and Joe Lynn Turner.

Mark has toured the world and recorded on more than 50 studio albums. The very talented veteran powerhouse, who is the idle of many budding players worldwide.

 MISTHERIA - Synth/Organ. The musical genius who is the mastermind behind the mass production «The Vivaldi Metal Project». With two VMP Studio albums and a live CD/DVD (also featuring Mark Cross on drums), he gained being a high profile respected musician, composer and arranger in the worldwide industry.

In 2023 he re-joined the ranks with Bruce Dickinson (Iron Maiden), who recently announced south American and Festival dates for his solo Tour "The Mandrake Project". In 2024.

NICOLA ANGILERI - Bass. Nicola started playing bass at an early age
and was greatly influenced by most of the known worldclass
players. He his a very respected musician and has toured with Jorn,
Tore St. Moren, Gotthard and Carl Verhayen (Supertramp), played
a few shows with Ian Paice (Deep Purple) and worked with Mike
Portnoy and John Petrucci (Dream Theater) on their workshops.

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**Rockpages GR 10/10** - This is an album that leaves you gasp for air from the very first moment when you load it on your stereo, PC or mobile phone. The production is old-school, crystal clear and that also plays a great role in this hell-of-an-album.

**Powerplay UK 10/10** – If you love Rainbow, UFO and Roth era Scorpions, you will kill for "Lake of fire".

Crossfire Metal DE 8/10 – Die fast ausschließlich, mindestens fünf Minuten andauernden Stücke profitieren von dem charismatischen Gesang und dem starken Gitarrenspiel von Joe Stump, bis hin zu dem Finisher ein energiegeladenes und modernes Machwerk, welches die gute alte Zeit, mit versierten Kräften, gekonnt wieder aufleben lässt.

Metal Factory CH – 8.5/10 Passzio HU – 8/10 Danger Dog USA – 4/5 Deaf Forever DE – 9/10