

is the band describes as “strong, rich, melodic, and driving Alternative Rock”. *Inter Vivos* sold 2000 copies and earned The Told a strong local fan base. Shortly after the release of their EP, the band also recorded a demo called *Revelations*.

On February 15, The Told entered the Deathtone Studio in Saarbrücken, Germany to put together their first full-length album, meaningfully entitled *Sedated Solace*. Once there, the chaotic energy of The Told’s recording experience sparked their creativity and pushed them to defy expectations. For their debut album, the band stayed true to their hard-rock, alterative roots while experimenting with “progressive elements like odd time signatures and weird guitar scales” to create a sound that was distinctively them. They also did a great deal of lyrical collaboration. Each song on the album, “Solace” in particular, received input from all four members of the band.

The concept behind the record, and its title, is based on the idea that “mankind has really shut its eyes or is ‘asleep’ to what is happening around us,” as J.R. explains. He feels that society is being taken advantage of by the power-hungry and that we remain comfortably “sedated” enough to let it pass us by. Daniel, or Dirty D, explains, “Concerning these issues, *Sedated Solace* can be considered as a thought provoking impulse,” Daniel explains. Put simply, The Told hopes that their music will wake the world from its ignorant slumber.

In addition to 12 songs recorded for *Sedated Solace*, the release will also include three live acoustic songs that were captured by The Told’s soundman during an unplugged show during the winter. The album package will also include a professional music video courtesy of a local producer. “We wanted to do something different and special,” J.R. says about the album’s extra

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material. The album is expected to be released some time in August, though no specific date has been set.

When asked what they think makes people immediate fans of The Told, J.R. Lee, said “I think fans can tell right away that we are no different from them” Daniel responded with “our music is hand made, actually contains meaning” while Marcus jokingly attributed the band’s success to its members’ sex appeal. And perhaps this is what makes The Told so great – they play for the fans, they’re passionate about what they do, and they don’t take themselves too seriously. Oh, and the music kicks a lot of ass too!



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