

ANNEKE VAN GIERSBERGEN & AGUA DE ANNIQUE

Anneke van Giersbergen's fourth solo effort "**Live in Europe**" will be released on October 15, 2010. The album was recorded earlier this year during her performances in France and Spain. With this release Van Giersbergen celebrates, in her own words, her first successful steps as a solo artist.

"Holland's most credible female singer"

- **HP De Tijd** (NL)

When Anneke van Giersbergen started her solo career in 2007, she had been fronting Dutch metal pioneers **The Gathering** for 13 years. Together with her band **Agua de Annique**, she has released several outstanding albums in a short time span. With "**Air**" (2007), the acoustic treat "**Pure Air**" (2009) and "**In Your Room**" (2009), she immediately managed to draw attention as a solo artist. She also engaged herself into some interesting cooperation with the likes of **Within Temptation** ("Black Symphony" 2008), **Anathema**-guitarist **Danny Cavanagh** ("In Parallel" 2008) and eccentric multi-talent **Devin Townsend** ("Addicted" 2009).

These last few years, Anneke van Giersbergen has been exploring her musical boundaries to the fullest. In 2008, together with Dutch A-list bands **Racoon** and **Bløf**, she recorded a song in her native language: "Als je ooit nog eens terug kan", which shot straight to #1 on the Dutch charts. She's also made a couple of on-stage guest appearances with Portuguese metallers **Moonspell**, which included a visit to the Optimus Alive! Festival in Portugal, this past July.

For three years, Anneke van Giersbergen has been touring successfully with and without Agua de Annique, both in her home country and abroad. She has performed from Chile to Lebanon & from Mexico to Finland, as well as support for The Smashing Pumpkins and a special presentation in front of H.H. the Dalai Lama.

"Anneke is a very powerful girl"

- **Michel Schoots** (**Urban Dance Squad** and producer for "In Your Room")

With "Live In Europe" Van Giersbergen has successfully captured the energy of her live performances. Anneke states: "There are three brand new up-tempo songs on this album. Furthermore it's a mix between the dark melancholy of "Air" and "In Your Room"'s indie rock."

The album's release date of October 15th also coincides with the kick-off of an extensive Dutch club tour.



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