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MOONSPELL is approaching their 30th anniversary as a band more ambitiously and stronger than ever. ***Hermitage*** – the gothic metal pioneers' 13th studio album – was recorded, mixed and mastered by Jaime Gomez Arellano (Paradise Lost, Primordial, Ghost, Sólstafir & many more) at the Orgone Studios in the UK. Building upon the album's dark, revolutionary and sensitive facets, it's an entertaining yet epic journey through the darkest days of human existence. Beautifully crafted tracks such as *"The Greater Good"* show us the modernity of the wolves in 2021, while *"Common Prayers"* embraces the **MOONSPELL** tradition of writing a dark, gothic metal song like no other band can. *"All Or Nothing"* brings back the ethereal and melodic sounds of **MOONSPELL**, served by a beautiful musical landscape, making it most likely one of the deepest and most sincerely heart-breaking tunes the Portuguese dark metal titans have ever written. But of course, they don't stray away from their metal roots, especially influenced by underground metal bands like Bathory on tracks like the bombastic and epic metal anthem *"Hermit Saints"*!

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"We know that we are entering the final years of our career as musicians: the winter of our lifetime." Lead singer Fernando Ribeiro reveals. "We don't care about people saying we're still young at heart, or "leading" wolves in a pack. We are not! But we do care about how those around us feel about us, and this album is all about how we feel, our answers to your questions.

Under these circumstances, we feel our musical stakes are higher than ever. For us, it's not about likes or algorithms, reach, or opportunity of growth. We only care about the music. Music does come first on this album you will hold in your hands soon enough. The record is called Hermitage and it's about turning our backs to the conventions of modernity. We are currently convincing ourselves that it's all about us, that we (humanity) are everything. That the world revolves around us. However, ipsi facto, we are nothing and nothing revolves around us. Moonspell's goal, on these last turns around the Sun, are to write the best music we possibly can. To tell you a few stories with our lyrics, to be close to you in these times of distancing. We wish not to tease you or to influence you or to sell you our fish. We want to sit down with you at your table and feast together upon our notes and words. Like if we were close friends, like back in the time where music matters the most. In your bedroom listening to music, without having to post our smart remarks about it, inviting the hate in.

Hermitage is an open-hearted invitation to simplicity. To be humble. To be thankful. To serve you solace. Provide you comfort, entertainment. We sincerely hope this call reaches you. That

you kindly accept what we offer. That you take our music with you to the place you must feel as yours. To your secret place, to your hermitage. Blessed be. “

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