

Dear Joe Biography

It was 2010 and it all started with an idea to start a punk band. It turned into something quite different. Although Joel Kriget and Harald Lönnbro formed the band, the members formed the music and it became what it is today – a melodic and emotionally compact indie music meeting folklore with their own touch of electronic ingredients.

It was in 2011 they had their first EP released. Miles Away made radio plays in almost every country in Europe and finally in the US as well. Even in South Korea. On a tour in Central Europe Dear Joe recorded the video for the title single “Miles Away” and unknowingly started something of a tradition for the band, namely exactly that: recording their own music videos.

It was in 2012 that Joel Kriget and Harald Lönnbro asked Johan Stenström to help produce and record another five songs to make the EP an album. At the renamed Decibel Studios the creative process of composing and recording saw Johan turn into the guitarist of the band and later that year the album Every Eye was released.

Shortly after the band was joined by Josefin Palmstedt on bass. Her contributions with bass synth and keyboards yet again finalized the sounds of Dear Joe.

In 2013, a crucial moment appeared after an out-doors show as the band was approached by a German couple. They were spellbound by the performance and wanted to buy the album but Kriget’s inability to remember bringing albums to the gigs instead started a long and fruitful conversation. They were thrilled and began to help setting the band in contact with agents and in June 2014 the band packed all their gear and headed south for their first German concert.

In 2015 the band released their new single “Call My Name” together with the German promotion company CE-Promotion and in early 2016 the second album “The Broken Diamond” arrived. Both music videos for “Call My Name” and second single “Let’s Ride” were recorded by the band on location in Germany and Stockholm.

The warm and true engagement from the audience made Dear Joe return for more and extending visits and as of today they have completed seven tours in Germany and the Netherlands and is already planning the next. The work on a third album is already in progress.

In early 2016, drummer Harald Lönnbro regrettably decided to leave the band for personal reasons and since the summer of the same year, Linus Svahn has replaced him and did his first appearances for that summer tour.