



## **Interview with Piotr Maślanka (voc, key) of Paprika Korps**

### **What is Metalchem? Is it an acronym for Metal-Chemistry?**

It's the name of abandoned factory in Opole, full of empty rooms, long corridors. Bit mysterious place which became home for our rehearsal room and where all of the songs from the album were created. Surely it had an impact on our songs

### **Perhaps you could also tell some more about the band. Why are you that famous in Finland?**

Well I don't know whether we're famous in Finland. We simply like to come back there as to many other countries. Finns are pretty open minded when talking about music in general. They listen to different stuff, are not afraid of music mixture and they still are more into rock'n roll than pop. It's probably one of the last country in the world where people respect bands and buy music instead of downloading for free.

### **Is there a special place that you visited during touring all over Europe and you could recommend to everybody to visit and if so, why?**

Europe is in general pretty unique part of the world with such a big amount of countries, regions, tastes, landscapes that it's quite hard to say where to go at first. We played nearly all countries in Europe. Shows from Tromso far north in Norway to Bosnia, from far west Irish Galway to Moscow and even Novosibirsk which is Asia already. Personally I like Balkans regions very much. Croatia, Bosnia very beautiful countries with interesting history. Norway is the only country where driving is a pleasure because of the incredible views all of the time. Every European country has something to offer

### **One of your band mates got a price for movie makers. Who is it and what he got the price for? What kind of price is it?**

Lukasz, our guitarist won the most important video clips award of Yach Film Festival in Gdansk. He made animated clip to song of *Pablopavo*. Big thing in Poland. We're all very proud to have such talented member

### **What are you guys doing besides Paprika?**

We run Karrot Kommando, our label and booking agency. Metalchem is actually album no. 30 in our history. Karrot released albums of *Vavamuffin*, the most important reggae/ragamuffin band from Poland, debut album of dancehall stars *EastWest Rockers*, very popular folk star *Żywiolak* and many many others.

Lukasz is drawing all of the time, Tomek is programming. None of us have regular nine to five job, which we're very proud of. Some of us are involved in other projects like *Duberman* or *Ragana*, which debut album was released worldwide by Universal Egg.



## What are you doing at the moment and what are the plans for 2010?

We've just finished long two weeks tour through Finland. Now starting very busy month full of open-air in Poland. Than the festival time all over Europe and club tour in Norway in September. In autumn we gonna visit Germany and play tour in Poland ? some of the shows together with High Tone from France. Paprika didn't have a break in touring longer than month for many years and it seems this state won't change soon.

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