

Ahead of their one-off UK show in London, Lacuna Coil's Cristina Scabbia chats with Secretia about London amongst other things...

The highly acclaimed Italian outfit, who's current album 'Comalies' is still earning the band rave reviews across the world, are looking forward to returning to London's Astoria on Saturday 27th December. "As usual, we'll be putting a lot of energy on stage," says Cristina. "The people are really warm in London, they like to enjoy our gigs, dancing and singing along with us. It is always really important, for an artist on stage to see people really into the show, because if the reaction is good you can give back the double the energy." After the release of their fifth studio offering Cristina feels that the direction of the band has gone well. "We are more dynamic and aggressive in our compositions and we are definitely more complete. We found our own style that a lot of bands are now taking inspiration from. That was the first goal we had. But the fans can always recognise the Lacuna Coil sound. I think that a band has to improve, not to change."

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She carries on to explain how the band feels with newcomers, Evanescence, on the scene and the comparisons that have been made between the two bands. "We are still unique because we did it first and nobody can deny that - the date is printed on the first CD!. Sometimes it is better to build everything step by step instead of a big boom success. We are not interested in a competition and we don't look at them as clones or enemies. Besides, they are more pop orientated than us, we belong to the metal scene." She pauses. "Plus, we are Europeans, not Americans - that makes the big difference.



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I guess the point is, when you are under an independent label and not a huge major one spending millions of dollars on promotion, you can't work at the same level. But we have experience, and a loyal base of fans that have followed us through the years - that is something you can't buy. Anyway, the fact that they are compared to us in the press and not the other way round is cool anyway. They know we have been around a lot longer!"

Cristina discloses some of the band's plans for the future. "We have a new video for 'Heaven's a lie' requested by MTV2 America, and the song is rotating regularly on the radio stations there, too. I'd also really like to do something with Peter Steele [Type O Negative]. Maybe a duet taken from 'Beauty and the Beast'," she laughs. "That would be amazing."

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Lacuna Coil Play the one off date at the London Astoria on Saturday 27th December. More information is available from The Astoria Box Office on 020 7434 9592.