



# **MANIARD**

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Maniard is a Sludge Metal band from Bordeaux, France. While hailing from a decidedly Stoner/Doom background, the band aims for eclecticism within the genre, melding fusions of Desert Rock, Prog Rock, Sludge & Doom, (and even some electronic elements.).

Mixing intense, mid-tempo riffage with classic, monolithic, fuzz-soaked Doom sections.

In 2013, a teenage Maniard released their first self-produced EP: The Doomsday EP. A collection of ambitious and sprawling Stoner/Doom tracks, which, while not necessarily showing much technical prowess, proudly displayed the band's unbridled ambition to be part of the genre.

After many years of gigging, making a name for themselves in their home-town of Bordeaux and the eventual addition of Maniard's new drummer, the band found a new injection of ambition and decided to compile the tracks written over the years onto a fully-fledged album, aptly titled "Fragments of Time"

A science-fiction-flaired, 50+ minute, self-produced, semi-concept LP melding the colossal Sludge tracks that had become local fan favourites with newer, more distinct tracks that affirm an intent to add something new to the beaten path of Stoner/Doom.



Released in May 2025 and followed by several celebratory/promotional live dates, the reaction to Fragments, both online and in the crowds, has been very warm and receptive, featuring on many Doom-centric promotional pages such as Rob Hammer and Weedian.

At first thought of as a bit of a gamble, the massive runtime and expansive tracks actually seem to resonate with audiences who are looking for the "old-school" album experience. Fragments was also commended on its production, the intent being Stoner Metal compositions with a modern tone, another gamble owing its fruits to Tom Kaduk's inventive mixing and the incomparable mastering of Alan Douches.

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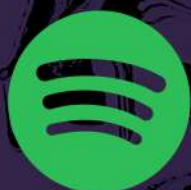


Left to right:

Thomas Vanhatalo - Guitar, Vox & Keys

Thibault Guezennec - Drums

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