

Riven Earth

Riven Earth is a German music project that formed in 2016.

The band released their debut album "*Project One*" in December 2018 followed by the epic album "*Space Of Time*" in October 2020. Two years later the 3rd album "*The World Is Turning*" followed in October 2022

Riven Earth current line-up is:

- Günter Schlünkes (guitars, bass)
- Uli Krücken (vocals, acc guitar)
- Wolfgang Beckers (keyboards).



History

Formation and first YouTube videos (2016-2018)

In 2016, the three musicians, Uli Krücken, Günter Schlünkes and Wolfgang Beckers, got together in Uli's recording studio to rearrange, record and release unreleased song ideas and songs that could not be implemented in their previous bands. When the first songs like "Darkness" and "Stop!" were produced, the musicians looked for a way to make their music available to a wider audience.

Günter Schlünkes, who had also trained as a sound engineer, produced videos with still images supporting the lyrics. Since they hadn't bothered about a name for the music project until now, they decided on the name "Riven Earth" ([rɪv.ən ə:(r)θ], torn earth) and released the video "Darkness" (Krücken/Beckers) on Youtube. "Darkness" is indeed dark and deals with child abuse in the church institutions. The song content is supported by corresponding still images; all in all "Darkness" was very successful and it was decided to release more songs.

Shortly thereafter, "Stop!" (Krücken/Schlünkes) followed in a similar format. Two songs composed by Uli Krücken, which revolve around events in the Middle East, were then already produced with video scenes using green screen technology: "Boat People". The song is about the refugees in the Mediterranean (with video scenes provided by Seawatch) and "History Has Thought Them Nothing" with images from Aleppo, which were kindly allowed for us to use by the Berlin photographer Boris Niehaus.

With a video team (SocketBoys) David Lennartz and Andreas Dederichs, the song "Till The Last Curtain Falls" (Krücken/Beckers) was then recorded, edited and also published on YouTube.

Releases 2018



After the number of songs piled up and new ideas came up, "Riven Earth" thought about releasing an album. The choice fell on the Munich label "**ZOUNDR**". Videos were also produced and published: "**Out Of The Blue**" (Krücken/Schlünkes) and "**Mad Man Moon**" (Krücken/Beckers) have meanwhile been published on YouTube. In December 2018 the time had come; the debut album "**Project One**" left the pressing plant. At the same time, the album was released on popular streaming platforms such as Spotify, Deezer, Amazon Music and Apple Music and can be heard in over 80 countries.

Releases 2020



The second album followed in October 2020: "**Space Of Time**", also under the **ZOUNDR** label. The impressive cover was designed by the Wittenberg graphic artist **Willgard Krause**, with whom a fruitful collaboration is indicated. Also with 9 songs and more than 64 minutes of music you can enjoy a complex work of the 3 musicians on the disc. Of course, the songs were released at the same time on the above streaming platforms. "Space Of Time" was even exported to Tokyo.

Releases 2022



The third album followed two years later: "**The World Is Turning**" again on the **ZOUNDR** label. This time not in a jewel case but as a digipack. The beautiful cover was again designed by **Willgard Krause**. "**The World Is Turning**" contains 9 songs and over 66 minutes of music; an epic work. Of course, the songs were released at the same time on the above streaming platforms.