The True Bypass

About The True Bypass



The True Bypass was invented in 2001 when the Swedish singer & songwriter Thomas Isberg needed a breather from the rock band Rubbertribe. Having written, produced, performed, recorded and mixed the album Wound On My Neck For You in 2000, Thomas learned that leading a four piece rock band tied to a record label with its own vision wasn't the kind of fun he was looking for. An intense week in the rehearsal studio resulted in The True Bypass – the debut album for a music project with the same name.

All songs were recorded live with a lonely electric guitar and vocals soaked in reverb and analog delay. The instrumental simplicity supported the idea behind the project – to play songs straight from the heart, unsoiled by cosmetic adjustments and arrangements. *The True Bypass* was released by Elektrofuzz in 2002.

The nine tracks on the debut album correspond to the names of nine albums with a pre-determined concept, or theme, that would be released by The True Bypass:

The True Bypass

No Hero Sound

Plan Vanish

Bootleg

Machines

Mud

My Face

Fly Beauty

Your Voice Amused

The conceptual idea was later abandoned. It didn't take into account the fact that everything changes, all the time.

Thomas started university studies in 2002 and moved from the serenity of small town Enköping to the Swedish capital Stockholm. Life changed and the recordings for the follow up album No Hero Sound took place in various apartments and studios between 2002 and 2008. Thomas continued with a desire to keep the expression clean and real, but introduced a richer instrumentation. Spontaneous ideas and first takes were often kept, and noise and other imperfections seemed true to the idea. The name *No Hero Sound* mirrored his wish to present the true colours of the songs.

To be able to take full artistic control of their music, Thomas Isberg and Håkan Ängquist started their own record label in 2002 together with Lisa Walgeborg, Christoffer Lindström and Kristoffer Gustafsson. *The True Bypass* was the first release by Elektrofuzz. The following releases were signed The Bright And Shiny, which was a band with Elektrofuzz members. Thomas played the guitar and recorded many songs together with Håkan, who was the band leader and front man. The Bright And Shiny played electro / indie / new wave pop and produced an EP, a single and an album before both the band and Elektrofuzz was terminated in 2005. Thomas' focus shifted from music to web development. He finished his studies and took a job. Sporadically he would pick up the gear and record a new song, but after 2008 he went silent.

Early 2012 Thomas had started his own company Tintonic Interactive, and worked as a freelance web developer for three years. He decided that it was time to sort out his unreleased recordings. Twelve songs were organized into album number two, *No Hero Sound*, which was released on his own label Tintonic in 2013.

Links

Artist page:	https://tintonicmusic.com/artists/the-true-bypass
Spotify:	https://open.spotify.com/artist/7v2g49qOMju0NqHXszVJJL
Apple Music:	https://music.apple.com/us/artist/the-true-bypass/600952187
Tidal:	https://tidal.com/artist/4840964/u

Discography

Date	Title	Format	Label / Cat.no.
2002	The True Bypass	Album	Tintonic / TIN1501

The True Bypass members

Thomas Isberg