

Nightwish

Symphonic metal band called Nightwish was formed in 1996 by lead songwriter and keyboard player Tuomas Holopainen, guitarist Emppu Vuorinen, and vocalist Tarja Turunen in Kitee, Finland.

Nightwish performs symphonic metal with soaring female vocals. Their music has been described as "bombastic heavy, symphonic and cinematic, with keyboards and strings creating a gothic atmosphere"

The usage of a female vocalist has become a sort of trademark, many bands has that style of music such as Evanescence, Within Temptation, Kamelot,

Current members

- [Tuomas Holopainen](#) - keyboards, synthesizers (1996-present)
- [Emppu Vuorinen](#) - guitars (1996-present)
- [Jukka Nevalainen](#) - drums (1997-present)
- [Marco Hietala](#) - bass, vocals (2002-present)

Session & Touring musicians

- [Troy Donockley](#) - uilleann pipes, tin whistle, backing vocals (2007-present)
- [Floor Jansen](#) - lead vocals (2012-present)

Former members

- [Tarja Turunen](#) - lead vocals (1996-2005)
- [Anette Olzon](#) - lead vocals (2007-2012)
- [Sami Vänskä](#) - bass (1998-2001)

Tuomas Holopainen

Holopainen has written several songs that have been included in movie soundtracks, including recent collaboration with Nightwish bass player, and male vocalist Marco Hietala on "While Your Lips Are Still Red", for the Finnish film *Liekksa!* in 2007. He also co-wrote Nightwish's own film, *Imaginaerum*, released in February 2012.

Emppu Vuorinen

Emppu is primarily a rhythm player, often supporting the keyboard or orchestral parts of Nightwish songs. However, he plays lead melodies and solos as well. His solos are more melodic than those of most metal bands.

Jukka Nevalainen

is the drummer. At the age of 17 (1991), Emppu had already been contacted by the songwriter and keyboard-player Tuomas Holopainen. Tuomas wanted to start an acoustic mood music project that would later become Nightwish and they needed a drummer so Emppu suggested Jukka to Tuomas.

Marco Hietala

is a heavy metal vocalist and bass guitarist. Internationally, he is most known as the current bass guitarist, male vocalist and secondary former of band. He is also the vocalist and bassist as well as composer and lyricist for the heavy metal band Tarot. Upon his arrival to Nightwish, several songs were written to contain duets with the Nightwish vocalist Tarja Turunen, A famous example is Nightwish's cover of "The Phantom of the Opera", from the album "Century Child.

Albums

- *Angels Fall First* (1997), *Oceanborn* (1998), *Wishmaster* (2000), *Century Child* (2002), *Once* (2004), *Dark Passion Play* (2007), *Imaginaerum* (2011)

Imaginaerum

Is their first movie, which was officially released on 23. 2. 2012, all members of Nightwish act in it including Anette Olzon. The genre of the movie is Drama, fantasy and musical. I would say that this is psychical movie and all of the songs are played by Nightwish.

Imaginaerum tells the story of an elderly composer, Tom, who suffers from severe dementia. As he has had the disease for years and has regressed into childhood, he remembers practically nothing from his adult life. His music, friends, all his past including the memory of his daughter are a blur in his mind. All he has left is the imagination of a ten year old boy. As he drifts away into coma, it seems impossible to get back what he has lost. Or is it?

The film is a journey between two different dimensions. Tom travels through his imaginary world seeking answers and finding memories etc.

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