

## Full Band Bio

Hekate's Torch is a compelling force in the underground music scene, emanating from Victoria, BC, Canada. This witch and alternative rock band weaves together mythological themes and modern existential struggles, creating a sound that is both haunting and empowering. With their ethereal melodies and powerful lyrics, Hekate's Torch invites listeners to journey through the shadows, exploring the depths of spirituality and self-discovery. The band's name pays homage to Hekate, the ancient Greek goddess of witchcraft and the night, establishing a distinctive identity that reflects their influences and intent.

The group's musical style is Witch Rock, a unique blend of alternative rock infused with elements of post-punk, ethereal wave, symphonic and alternative metal, characterized by dynamic guitar riffs, atmospheric keyboards, and captivating vocal work. Each member brings their own artistic flair to the table, contributing to the rich tapestry of sound that defines Hekate's Torch. Their live performances are known for their immersive quality, often incorporating elements of theatricality that resonate with the audience, making each concert not just a show but a shared experience of magic and mysticism.

Hekate's Torch has been steadily gaining traction in the music scene, earning a dedicated following both locally and beyond. Their lyrics often touch upon themes of empowerment, love, and the embracing of one's darker sides, resonating deeply with fans who are drawn to their poignant storytelling and evocative music. As they continue to create and perform, Hekate's Torch stands as a beacon for those seeking connection through both the mystical and the contemporary, solidifying their place as a unique voice in the landscape of alternative rock.

### Hekate's Torch Features:

Brazilian-Canadian Femmy Heqet aka Mohana Dharma - Vocals / Songwriting

Canadian Robert Johnson - Vocals / Songwriting / Guitar

Brazilian Tadeu Vieira - Multi-instrumentalist

Brazilian Guilherme Lonskis - Guitar

Mexican Adrian Ventura - Drums

Meowstro Ebony Heqet-Johnson

As two worlds intertwined, the paths of Robert, an aspiring Rock Star, and our enigmatic Brazilian jungle girl, intertwined at the intersection of music, magick, and love. Their hearts beat in harmony, driven by a shared destiny and the presence of their Familiar - a beloved rescue cat that became the Meowstro of the band.

In his youth, Robert immersed himself in the arts, excelling in both music and poetry. His saxophone and guitar skills flourished during his school years, while his poetic expression found a natural outlet in songwriting. In his early adulthood, he performed with bands and published poetry collections. After pursuing an advanced technology career, Robert's

artistic spirit reawakened at the School of Mysteries, where he rekindled his passion for music through drumming and chant writing. This transformative experience culminated in a profound embrace of rock music upon meeting Femmy, leading him to fully immerse himself in the genre.

Amidst her vibrant Amazonian roots, our fire-haired vocalist honed her vocal abilities since childhood. She graced stages, mastered the art of lyrical songwriting, and excelled in both music and theater. Her melodies found airwaves across Brazil and Europe, showcasing her exceptional talent. After a lifetime spent immersed in music, from choirs and operas to rock concerts, Femi Heqet, aka Mohana Dharma made the difficult but fulfilling decision to follow her heart to Canada in 2015. This move was fueled by an old dream, one that finally took shape when she met Robert one year later.

Their journey began when they crossed the ethereal portal of love and truth, setting in motion a transformative timeline. Their friendship blossomed into a deep spiritual connection, as they are both real life Witches, amalgamated their musical talents, and extended beyond music and shared passions toward a magickal wedding bond. Femmy and Robert, now the dynamic duo behind this independent Rock band, bring a magickal energy from the Witch capital of Canada to the worldwide music scene.

### **Robert Johnson**

Robert's artistic journey began at the age of nine, ignited by a simultaneous passion for poetry and saxophone. Joining the school band, he honed his musical skills, and his poetic voice found expression in published works during his high school years. At 17, the allure of rock music beckoned, leading him to embrace the electric guitar. After graduation, Robert joined the White Knight band with friends, bringing original and cover songs to local stages. His musical path led him to C-Pan Entertainment, where he worked as a DJ, fulfilling his love for music but yearning to return to performing.

Acquiring equipment from the company, he established his own recording studio in a rented garage, nurturing his dream of a band. An advertisement seeking musicians for his studio, offering recording time in exchange for collaboration, resulted in the formation of "Available in Cream." Sharing gigs and recordings in Victoria, Robert's musical spirit flourished. Alongside his musical pursuits, Robert's poetic talent blossomed. He published his debut poetry collection, 'Emotional Undercurrents,' and actively engaged in the local literary scene. He became a prominent figure within the Bardic Union and the Victoria Writers' Society, sharing his work at numerous poetry slams and open mic events.

### **Femmy Heqet aka Mohana Dharma**

From the age of five, a passion for music and performance ignited within her. She graced the stage as Mary in a Christmas play, launching a career that spanned singing, acting, and musical theatre. Early school productions showcased her burgeoning talents, and she later honed her skills through formal training in acting, drama, and lyrical singing. This

dedication led her to become a professional actress and a leading soprano in Amazon Choirs.

Her artistic journey continued to flourish. She graced the stage in numerous plays, choirs, and even an opera. Years later, her creative spirit extended to songwriting, bringing her melodies to life in English, Portuguese, Spanish, Sanskrit, and Tikuna. These songs resonated across borders, reaching listeners on major radio stations in Brazil and the Galapagos Islands, as well as club scenes in Argentina and the USA, and even web radios in Europe. Collaborations with DJs, producers, and bands, as well as teaching young dancers, became integral parts of her artistic tapestry. International performances in Brazil, Venezuela, Ecuador, and Canada further enriched her career. Her talent was recognized with a first-place prize for her writing and production of the play 'Reflexiones de la Naturaleza' at the 2010 Drama and Music Festival in Ecuador. She also garnered acclaim as a co-producer, winning the award for best play soundtrack at the 5th Annual Amazon Drama Festival in Brazil with 'Yebah-Buroh'.

In 2017, she embarked on a new chapter in Canada, establishing the band Hekate's Torch with her husband, the poet, songwriter, and musician Robert Johnson. Her musical influences are as diverse as her career, encompassing heavy metal, rock, pop rock, alternative, dream pop, new age, ethereal, classical/lyrical, Bossa-Nova, world music, and electronic sounds.

### **Marcos Tadeu**

Marcos Tadeu Vieira, known as Tadeu, is the multi-talented keyboardist for Hekate's Torch. His musical journey began at 15 with acoustic guitar, influenced by Brazilian rock bands like Legião Urbana. A church invitation honed his improvisation and 'play by ear' abilities, while exposing him to new instruments such as bass, keyboard, viola caipira, and harmonica. During college, self-directed classical guitar lessons deepened his music theory and arrangement skills. Tadeu also contributed to authoring projects and performed with cover bands in Brazil. His captivating stage presence reflects his innovative spirit, where he seamlessly blends feel and experimentation, creating a truly unique musical experience.

### **Guilherme Lonskis aka Mr. Lonskis**

Eleven-year-old Guilherme returned to his hometown of São Paulo after a six-month sojourn, his heart ablaze with a newfound passion: to play the guitar and become a renowned musician. The spark had been ignited during his time away, where the music of the Beatles served as a beacon of hope, keeping his spirits high amidst the pangs of separation from his family.

His dream, however, proved to be a challenging pursuit. Though the path was arduous, Guilherme remained steadfast in his determination. Years of dedicated practice, countless gigs, and even a post-graduate degree in music laid the groundwork for his ambitions.

But a harsh reality soon emerged: the rock and roll music he adored was losing its grip on the Brazilian music scene. To truly live his dream, Guilherme knew he had to venture elsewhere. Fate, it seemed, had other plans. Meeting his future wife, Marilia, and considering their options, Guilherme made a life-altering decision. He packed his bags and, with Marilia by his side, moved to Canada, a land where rock and roll remained vibrant. Now, as a member of Hekate's Torch, Guilherme is poised to conquer the global rock scene, his passion and perseverance carrying him to new heights.

## **Adrian Ventura**

Adrian Ventura's musical journey began with a simple act – tapping pencils on a desk to the rhythm of classroom music. This early passion blossomed into a full-fledged pursuit when, at 14, he started learning drums and jamming with friends in a rock band. Throughout high school, Adrian honed his skills, uploading drum covers to his YouTube channel and constantly pushing himself to improve. However, life took an unexpected turn when the chance to study in Canada presented itself. At 19, Adrian left the familiar comfort of his hometown, Mexico City, to embrace a new city, new challenges, and a fresh chapter in his musical life. His passion for music remains constant, fueling his drive in this exciting new environment.

## **The Meowstro**

Ebony, a rescued feral cat, quickly found her forever home with Femmy and Robert on December 15, 2018. Though her exact age was unknown, her youthful spirit suggested she was around two years old when she was adopted. After a brief period of adjustment, spending three days and nights tucked under her new parents' bed, Ebony emerged to embrace the human world. She charmed everyone with her playful nature, happily socializing with Femmy, Robert, and their friends. Ebony quickly adapted to life with her humans, joining them for meals, enjoying strolls in her stroller, and even venturing out with her mom in a special backpack. Her adorable presence made her a local celebrity, turning heads and winning hearts wherever she went. But Ebony's true talent was yet to be discovered. One evening, as Femmy and Robert were jamming in their home studio, Ebony decided to make a grand entrance.

She effortlessly leaped onto the PA system, taking in the musical vibes. At the end of the session, when asked her opinion, she responded with a single, eloquent 'meow,' which, in cat language, meant 'wonderful!' From that night on, Ebony became a regular fixture at their jam sessions and recordings, earning the title of 'Meowstro.' Ebony's star power shone even brighter during a quarantine music video filmed live at their home studio. As Femmy sang, Ebony, the Meowstro, gracefully settled beside her, right in front of the camera, and punctuated the video with a perfect meow. It was a moment of pure magic. Another home studio video showcased Ebony's feline charm once again. In another home studio video, the Meowstro made another memorable appearance and her parents allocated her an entire scene at the end, showcasing her mixing skills. Recently, the band

recorded 'Kick of the Broom' and extended an invitation to the Meowstro to feature her famous meows on their 2023 song.

Through her countless hours of musical collaborations and recordings, her unwavering dedication to the band, and her undeniable charm, Meowstro Ebony Heget-Johnson has demonstrated that the apple doesn't fall far from the tree.

May Her Torch Be With You!