

The Czech Film Orchestra with the arranger Ville Riippa on the right.

N othing is more Pepe Deluxé than Pepe Deluxé.

Of course it's easy for anyone to claim "we are the next Pepe Deluxé" (for some strange reason many have!) but doing a really outrageously good job of being Pepe Deluxé depends a lot on knowing the rules about what makes the BEST Pepe Deluxé. What is the archetypal definition of Pepe-ism? Hey we don't know

either... but we are ready find that out! Two Pepe rules have already been mentioned in the previous Album Companion, but here's another one: "Always try to get better at what you do by studying and working with those who are better than you and/or who know more than you." It also helps if they are smarter than you... that is until you realize that the carefully planned album budget has been blown

out of the window because someone convinced you the caves of Torremolinos⁽¹⁾ have "the best natural echo in the world, just perfect for recording drums and vocals!"

But that's another story: here's a group of world class aural craftspeople and sonic scientists who, despite the eccentricities of their producer, made **Queen of the Wave** happen.



singing for Pepe: Laura Kaartinen, Kaisa Saarikorpi & Minna-Liisa Tammela.



The man who can fix instruments almost as well as he can play them: Miikka "McGyver" Paatelainen.

Johanna Försti honed her skills by singing to the President before recording with us.

Sara Welling is a Danish-Finnish actress whose favorite roles include Little My (of Moomins) and the voice of Sleeping Beauty on Shrek.

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Lumimarja Wilenius: a singer and a vintage fashion guru. She is always wearing three colors at the same time.

Arranger, flutist and sax man Timo Lassy, one of the brightest lights in the vivid Helsinki jazz scene.



The official studio dog "Mike".





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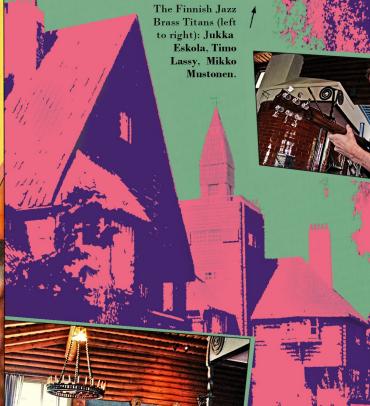
Otsola Studios near Lake Bodom. There are bats in the attic (literally) and deer in the forests that surround the little cottage where Janne Paasonen tries to unlock the mysteries of life with a Minimoog and a Space Echo.







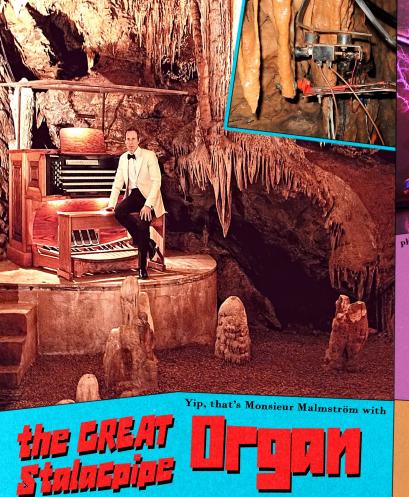
Taping Paul's acoustic guitars in the main hall of the ex-private residence of the legendary architect Eliel Saarinen.



Kalliu Zhursh

Organist Kati Pirttimaa rocks on the French Romantic pipe organ for "Iron Giant".







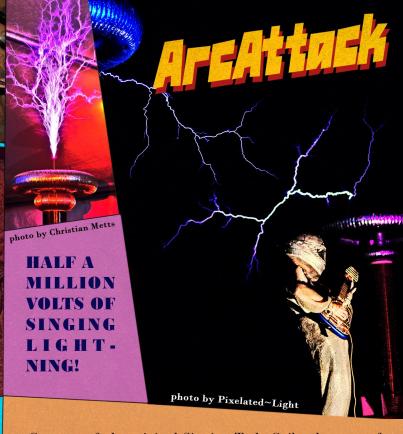
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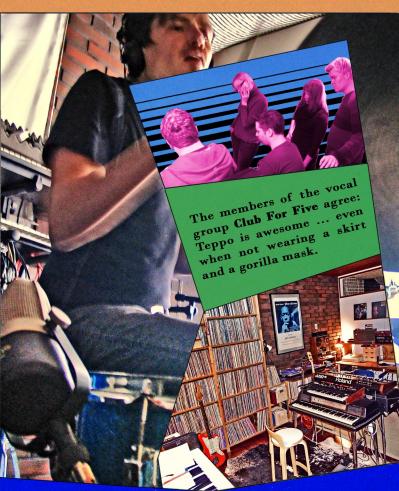


Here's Paul laying down some Link Wray-style riffs in his Illinois hideout ... but where's James? We'll meet him in the fourth album companion, titled "The Strange Science

of Sanctum Sanctorum".



Creators of the original Singing Tesla Coils, the crew of ArcAttack uses their high tech wizardry to open a dimensional gateway to the world ruled by Atlantis on the tune "Queenswave".





Teppo Mäkynen: an arranger, a composer, a producer, a record collector, a dj and a drummer extraordinaire.