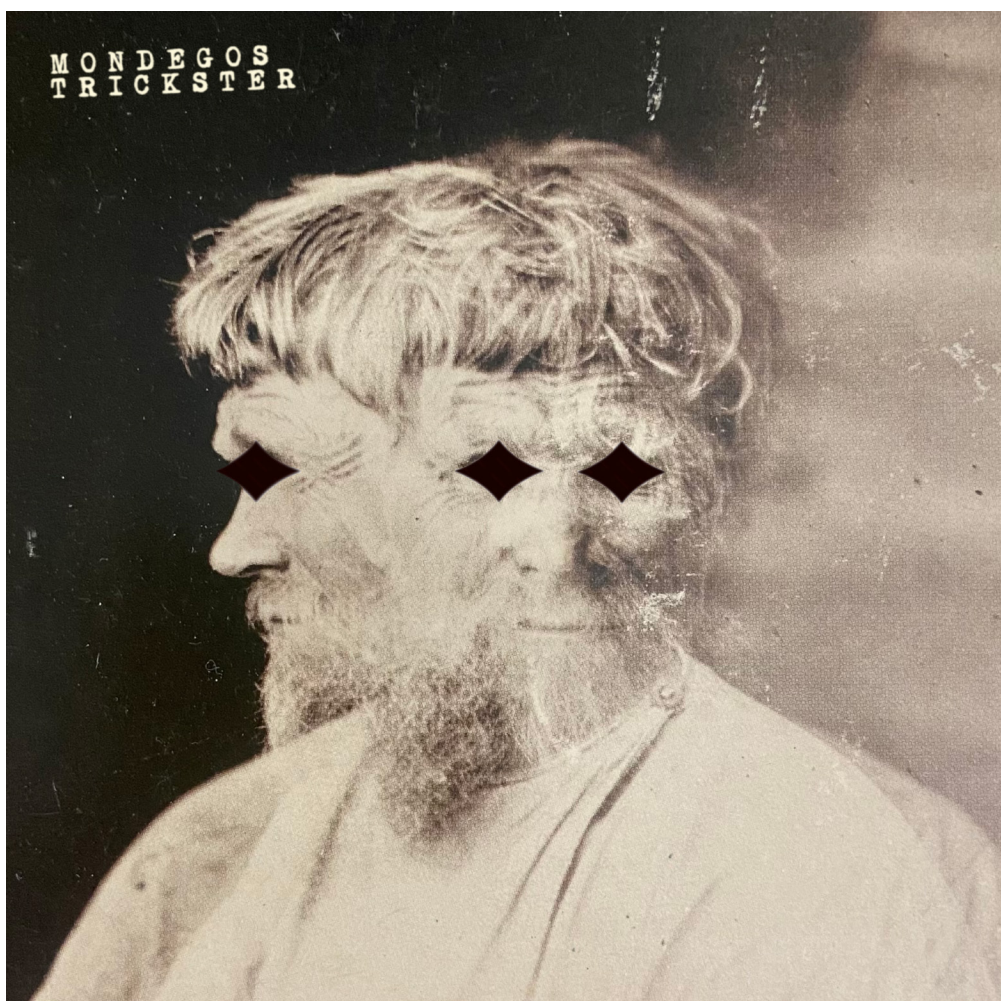


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Music for those who still believe songs can change the way we see the world.

MonDeGos is a Helsinki-based alternative rock band whose music blends cinematic soundscapes, heavy guitars, progressive textures, northern melancholy and emotionally direct songwriting. Rather than simply writing songs, the band creates immersive worlds where music, imagery and storytelling become inseparable.

Its debut album, *Trickster*, brings together everything MonDeGos has built over the past two years. Inspired by the ancient *Trickster* archetype, the album explores illusion, identity, memory, power and hope through twelve interconnected songs.

The *Trickster* appears as a guide, a shapeshifter, a master of ceremonies, an inner voice and a disruptive force that invites listeners to question certainty and step beyond familiar reality. Rather than telling one linear story, the album creates a symbolic world where masks become identities, stories become truth and music becomes a doorway between ordinary life and imagination.

An important part of MonDeGos' creative roots lies in North Karelia, regarded as the birthplace of Finland's ancient rune singing tradition and one of the landscapes that inspired the *Kalevala*. Many of the band's songs have been written there, surrounded by forests, lakes and long stretches of silence.

The visual identity of *Trickster* grows from the same source. Its cover artwork reimagines a photograph of a North Karelian rune singer taken around the turn of the twentieth century, suspended somewhere between history, memory and myth.

At its heart, MonDeGos celebrates the enduring power of rock music—not merely to entertain, but to challenge, comfort and reveal hidden parts of ourselves. The *Trickster* marks the beginning of the band's next chapter.

If music is more than background noise – if it is a gateway into other worlds – MonDeGos is for you.



Watch the Trickster Teaser video on our EPK website.
helsinki.moi/mondegos-trickster-fi



Listen to the full album.

The complete album is available for media, promoters, labels and festival bookers before its official release.

FEATURED TRACKS:



Joker. The door into The Trickster. Masks, colour and warped reality collide as the album's central figure steps forward. Joker pulls the listener into a world where music becomes both illusion and revelation.



Astral. A leap beyond the visible. Male and female vocals rise from fragile intimacy into one of the album's most progressive moments. Astral is the sound of doubt turning into motion—and the impossible coming within reach.



Saints. A dark anthem of hope and defiance. A driving synth pulse, massive guitars and soaring vocals push Saints straight to the heart of the album. It is a song about buried innocence, resilience and choosing humanity when the world turns cold.



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ALBUM INFORMATION

Release date

August 12, 2026

Written by

All songs written by
Tero Kuusi, except
Mindless Pictures written by
Sami Metelinen.

Produced by

Tero Kuusi
Sami Metelinen
Vesa Nupponen
Mika Taskinen
Martti Viljainen

Recorded at

Sonic Pump Studios,
Helsinki

Recording, mixing & sound engineering

Eero Kaukomies

Mastered by

Jaakko Viitalähde

Artwork

Duncan Butt Juvonen

Released by

MonDeGos (Independent)

Distribution

DistroKid
(6925770 Records DK)

Genre

Alternative Rock
Progressive Rock
Cinematic Rock

For fans of

Faith No More
Radiohead
A Perfect Circle
Alice in Chains



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THE JOURNEY SO FAR

2021–2023

MonDeGos begins to take shape during the isolation of the COVID-19 pandemic.

2024

- Debut EP *Bridges*
- First live performances

2025

- Second EP *Authority*
- Live shows at venues including Semifinal, Bar Loose, Playhouse and Boothill

2026

- Singles from *Trickster* released
- Saints surpasses 13,000 Spotify streams
- Debut album *Trickster* released

WHAT WE BELIEVE

MonDeGos believes in freedom of expression, open-mindedness and independent thought.

We question prejudice, easy answers and every form of power that discourages people from asking questions.

Our songs are not political manifestos. They are invitations to think, imagine and see familiar things from unexpected perspectives. Yet our music is never built from darkness alone. There is movement. There is playfulness. There is resistance. And above all, there is the possibility of transformation.

LOOKING AHEAD

Trickster is only the beginning. MonDeGos is already writing material for its second full-length album, planned for release in 2027.

Our ambition is to continue building our artistic world, reach new audiences and bring MonDeGos' cinematic alternative rock to clubs and festivals across Finland and Europe.

We believe meaningful music grows through patience, curiosity and genuine connection with listeners – and we hope *The Trickster* is the first chapter in a much longer story.



BAND MEMBERS

Tero Kuusi – Lead vocals, guitar

Sami Metelinen – Grand piano, keyboards

Vesa Nupponen – Bass, backing vocals

Mika Taskinen – Lead guitar, backing vocals

Martti Viljainen – Drums

UPCOMING SHOWS

13 August 2026

Album release show — Bar Loose, Helsinki

22 August 2026

KontuFestari, Helsinki

28 October 2026

Käpygrilli, Helsinki

More dates to be announced.

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Trickster Teaser Video by Tuukka Ylönen.

Band photo by Tuukka Ylönen.

Live photos of band by Teemu Pitkäkoski.