



Interview with Project 86

[Project 86](#) is an US American Rock band founded in 1996. Their music is a mixture of Rock, Post-Hardcore and Alternative.

At Balingen Rockfestival we met frontman [Andrew Schwab](#) and spoke about him, e.g. about the new album. Andrew is not just the frontman of Project 86, he's also author and journalist. And he is also often invited to speak at special events and festivals.



CDs:

Project 86 (1998)
Drawing Black Lines (2000)
Truthless Heroes (2002)
Songs to Burn Your Bridges By (2003)
... And the Rest Will Follow (2005)
Rival Factions (2007)
The Kane Mutiny (EP, 2007)
This Time of Year (EP, 2008)
Picket Fence Cartel (2009)
15. Live (Live album, 2010)
Wait For the Siren (2012)

DVD:

Subject to Change: The Making of ...And the Rest Will Follow (2004)
I Want Something to Have: Rival Factions The DVD (2007)
XV The DVD (2012)

Books of Andrew Schwab:

We Caught You Plotting Murder
Do Not Disturb
It's All Downhill From Here: On The Road With Project 86 (Autobiography)
Fame Is Infamy



You were talking about your new CD, when will it be out?

August 14 it will be released in the US.

Is there something special on the CD or something you say that's really cool?

The title is "Wait For the Siren." I think that's cool!

Why do we need to hear it and buy it?

For starters, we have Celtic instruments, e.g. hammered dulcimer, mandolin, and Uilleann pipe, on certain songs. That's definitely a new thing for us. Also, we have many great guest appearances, such as [Brian "Head" Welch](#) from Korn, Bruce Fitzhugh from [Living Sacrifice](#), Blake Martin from [a Plea for Purging](#), Andrew Welch from [Disciple](#), and many more. The theme of the album is discovery. One step of that process means cutting yourself off from generational curses, for example. When you become an adult you have to find a way to separate yourself from that. You have to find your own identity apart your own family, and create your own roots, create your own sense of self. So that's what this album is about--the journey to find identity in God no matter where you come from.

How is it to be back in Germany?

It's great. We are not here long enough, though. That's the only problem. We only play Balingen Rock Festival, and then we go home.

Your band name is Project 86, what does it mean?

Well, we originally chose the band name it was in reference to the idea of being 86-ed which is a phrase in America, which means to be rejected or separated. So we applied it to mean that we are going to make music on our own terms, the way that we think is right. We are going to stick to our motivation whether it is accepted or rejected.

Is there some other news except for the new CD? For example a tour or something like that...

We have a U.S. tour; there we're going out on in April, which will be exciting. This summer we actually have our most festival dates in the states that we've ever had. So for that occur right now, I don't know, I just take it as ...divine. We are just planning. But there will be a lot of touring this year. Hopefully international, hopefully in Europe.

So, is there a difference between the fans in America and the fans in Germany?

I think the most obvious difference is ... things like the wall of death. That's a thing that does not naturally happen in the states. I feel like the crowd here is a little bit more "in tune." I don't have to tell them to clap or mosh or break into a wall of death...they just do it!

That's good to hear. Our blog is called "Burnin' Heart Reports", so let's talk about burning hearts. What does your faith means to you in your everyday life?

I think right now it's about waking up every day being intentional about my time. It's very easy to get trapped in just paying bills or doing work, or whatever task is in front of me on that particular day. I have to be intentional when I wake up every day--And pray and thank God. My life is about something more than just tasks, music, writing, etc. It's important that I am conscious of that. I have been put on Earth to know God and love others, first and foremost.

Is there a last sentence you want to say to our readers?

I want to plug myself just [facebook.com/project86](https://www.facebook.com/project86), [facebook.com/andrewschwabofficial](https://www.facebook.com/andrewschwabofficial). I would say being "on fire" is a fragile thing. You have to be aware if you are Christian in your personal faith about how fragile that is. And how important it is to stay close to God in small things. Because when you make a decision to rebel you grieve the Holy Spirit and you push God away. And then to get back to that place where you were fiery, it's harder every time you do that. You know that's just a natural element of a relationship with a person or with God. For example, if I claim you and I are friends, yet I continue to break your trust, it's harder for you to trust me and stay close to me. It takes more and more efforts. It's the same with God. It's an organic relationship. We have to remember that God is a person. I think it's easy to forget that because we do not see him with our eyes. He is real, and our relationship with Him is real.

