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# Darkwave Trivia: 25 interesting facts about the music genre!

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Dark wave is a musical term used for dark, usually gothic rock-influenced music that incorporates synthesizers, or elements of New wave and Synth-pop, although the term is also applied to post-punk bands that produce a dark atmosphere. Let's see some amazing facts and trivia about it!

1. The term was coined in Germany in the 1980s to describe a dark and melancholy variant of new wave and post-punk music, such as gothic rock and synthwave (i.e. electronic new wave music).
2. It was first applied to musicians such as Bauhaus, Joy Division, The Sisters of Mercy, Tears for Fears, Cocteau Twins, The Cure,[ Siouxsie and the Banshees,[The Chameleons,Depeche Mode, Gary Numan, and Anne Clark.
3. The movement spread internationally, spawning such developments as French coldwave.
4. Coldwave described groups such as KaS Product, Martin Dupont, Asylum Party, Norma Loy, Pavillon 7B, Résistance, Clair Obscur, Opera Multi Steel, Museum of Devotion, The Breath of Life, and Trisomie 21.
5. Subsequently, different dark wave genres merged and influenced each other, e.g. synthwave (also referred to as “electro-wave” in Germany) with gothic rock, or used elements of post-industrial music.

6. Attrition, In The Nursery, Party Day [and Pink Industry (UK), Clan of Xymox (Netherlands), Mittageisen (Switzerland), Parálisis Permanente and Los Monaguillosh (Spain), Die Form (France), and Psyche (Canada) played this music in the 1980s.

7. German dark wave groups of the 1980s were associated with the Neue Deutsche Welle, and included Asmodi Bizarr, II. Invasion, Unlimited Systems, Mask For, Moloko †, Maerchenbraut and Xmal Deutschland.

8. In the United States, Eleven Pond were the most prominent darkwave act, releasing just one album, Bas Relief, in 1986.

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9. After the new wave and post-punk movements faded in the mid-1980s, dark wave was renewed as an underground movement by German bands such as Girls Under Glass, Deine Lakaien, Love Is Colder Than Death, early Love Like Blood, and Diary of Dreams as well as Project Pitchfork along with its offshoot Aurora Sutra, and Wolfsheim.

10. The Italians The Frozen Autumn, Kirlian Camera, Ataraxia, and Nadezhda, the South African band The Awakening and the French Corpus Delicti, also practiced the style.