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MEINSCHAFT – *Empire of Liberty*

MEINSCHAFT is the Southern Appalachian-based project of Evan Lipson and Evmh. The band's musical output has been compared to an unusually wide variety of artists; from Dead Can Dance, to Scott Walker, to Coil, to Insane Clown Posse, and various incongruous others. Conceptually, MEINSCHAFT's music, visuals, and performance all grapple obliquely with: paradoxical juxtapositions of charged symbolism and iconography; buzzwords and corporate marketing jargon; disposable online culture melded with formal highbrow "art world" aesthetics; and enigmatic allusions to contested social issues. As they themselves have put it,

> "MEINSCHAFT rides the ship of indifferent taste through the stagnant and troubled waters of Western civilization. With the winds of decadence blowing ever faster through their sails, they generate a perpetual vortex of ritual energy and concentrated spectacle; hurtling humanity ever closer towards the crushing singularity of PROGRESS."

MEINSCHAFT's frenetic and assaulting live performances have been described as both "emancipatory" and "frightening." The band has been written about and reviewed (often with mild confusion and disbelief) in print and online publications such as: *Baited Area*, Post-Punk.com, *The Chattanooga Pulse*, *Lost in a Sea of Sound*, and others.

Outside of MEINSCHAFT, Evan Lipson was a founding member of the bands Normal Love and Satanized. He has also toured, performed, and/or recorded with: Susan Alcorn, Eugene Chadbourne, Elliott Sharp, The Flying Luttenbachers, Darius Jones, Shelley Hirsch, Toshimaru Nakamura, Kath Bloom, Col. Bruce Hampton, Pauline Oliveros, and Mat Maneri, among numerable other music notables. Evmh produced the synaesthetic internet radio show *Evcast*, with each of the nearly 150 episodes pairing obscure music from around the globe with different perfumes/fragrances.

Empire of Liberty, is MEINSCHAFT's fourth full-length album, and is scheduled for release to coincide with the 250th birthday of The United States of America. It features material produced in East Tennessee from 2019 to 2025, was mastered by Alex Nagle, with artwork design by Alex Hampshire. *Empire of Liberty* also features appearances from: FKA ICE, Greg Kelley, Jonathan Moritz, Ben Bennett, Jack Wright, Mike Pride, and Brandon Seabrook. MEINSCHAFT will be embarking on a 2026 U.S. tour to promote *Empire of Liberty*, as well as giving interviews to print and online publications, and on audio podcasts.

RELEASE DETAILS:

Artist: MEINSCHAFT
Title: *Empire of Liberty*
Release Type: Album
Release Format: CD
Total Running Time: 55:41
Release Date: July 3, 2026
Catalogue Number: DA-CD21
File Under: Darkwave / Industrial / Hauntology

TRACK LISTING:

1. Freezing Rain (featuring FKA ICE)
2. Lux Æterna, Part One*
3. Lux Æterna, Part Two
4. Gay Parade
5. French Erection
6. Event Horizon
7. Biting the Hand
8. Remember to Remember (You Must Die)
9. Anacalypto
10. Pneumatic Waltz
11. Wave Train
12. Mother & Son
13. Haints & Sinners
14. The Fall
15. For Francis Scott Key*

* = CD-only bonus tracks

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