

The Band

Peter leaves the band, 1999

On January 14, 1999, www.d-a-d.com carried a shocking news-flash to D:A:D fans under the simple headline: "Peter stops". After 17 years in the band, drummer Peter Lundholm Jensen had decided to quit his career in rock 'n' roll.

The press release sent out by management Rock On the same day was very brief and mostly served as a reassurance to fans that the rest of the guys – Jesper, Stig, and Cobber – would continue playing together as D:A:D.

In fact, Peter had made up his mind more than a year in advance, just around the time of the release of *Simpatico*, and had told the group about his decision. As they toured with *Simpatico* and released *Psychopatico*, D:A:D knew this would be Peter's last round with the band. While they kept their secret, they all had plenty of time to get used to the thought.

Nevertheless, this was the first ever change in the band line-up since what they considered their birthday on March 3, 1984. For Peter, quitting the music business meant an opportunity to pursue an education and career in engineering. For the remaining three, however, this meant that they were now faced with the challenge of finding a worthy replacement...