

# DAY ELEVEN | MATADOR

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Finnish alternative rockers **Day Eleven** are getting ready to release their third album *Matador* on January 20, 2010. After spending well over a year writing the material, the band have just finished the studio sessions for the album.

"The album is our most varied bunch of songs yet. We have lots of new exciting ideas and approaches. I think it's easily the most accessible stuff we've ever done. Not that we tried to pull any weird stunts to get hits, but I just feel there's something in these songs that could connect with people pretty well, says the band's singer **Janne Pajari**.

The band recorded the album on their own in a countryside cabin in Suodenniemi, Finland, with Australian **Forrester Savell** (Karnivool, Helmet) taking care of the mixing and mastering.



Day Eleven: Matador (You'll never make it)

"After our first record we almost made an oath to never ever self-produce again. But you know what... this time it actually worked well. This record takes us back to the idea that it's ok to do different kinds of songs... and it's certainly the first time we've pulled off a record that sounds cohesive although there is a bit of experimentation going on... think **Faith No More's King For A Day...Fool For A Lifetime**, or the diversity of the old **Black Sabbath** records. Think **R.E.M.** in a particularly bad mood. Think **Nirvana** trying to play **Type O Negative** covers. Sort of an 'anything goes' approach going on, but there's the overall mood keeping it all together", says the band.

"It's been a while since the last one came out, time goes by surprisingly fast. At some point during the writing we realised that the material we had was not up to par, so we wrote a lot more. Also, we were not seeing eye to eye with our label on a couple of things, so we decided do the record on our own, which of course took a bit of time to set up."

The band's previous album *Sleepwalkers* was released in 2007 in Finland (by GBFam Records) and in Europe (Dockyard1). After the release Day Eleven has played over 70 shows in Finland and Germany.

For more info, videos from the studio, tour dates etc., visit [www.dayeleven.net](http://www.dayeleven.net).

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