

The night AC/DC was trying to find the Loch Ness Monster



In this very dark year 2020 consumed by this global pandemic, a ray of sunshine comes from Australia: the group **AC/DC** is about to release a new album when many thought the kings of Hard Rock were over.

2016 almost sounded the death knell for Australians. While touring the United States, singer Brian Johnson had to drop out due to serious hearing problems before being briefly replaced by Axl Rose, frontman of the Gun N 'Roses. These twists and turns are now a thing of the past. After four years of absence, the group has reformed (although they had never really split up) and are back in the spotlight. Better still, they announced, with great fanfare, the release of a new album called Power Up.

Not long ago Brian Johnson was interviewed by the British magazine NME. He took the opportunity to recall an anecdote. He and Malcolm Young (the band's guitarist, who died in 2017) had left for Scotland with their wives. After an evening a little too drunk, the two friends had decided to hunt **Nessie**, the legendary creature who has lived for centuries in Loch Ness.

He tells:

“One night, we were four sheets to the wind and staying at this hotel right on the side of the loch. Mal just said, ‘C’mon, let’s go and find the Loch Ness monster! I’ve got fireworks and it might attract it!’”

“There we were, going straight into the water in our shoes, up to our knees, and it was freezing!”

“Mal had a drink in one hand, a box of fireworks in the other, and was trying to set fire to the loch. We were just howling. By the time we got back to our wives we had straw in our hair and were covered in mud. What a night!”

Even so, this attempt was unsuccessful and the monster never showed up.

Power Up, AC / DC's 17th studio album, will be released on November 13, 2020. The band previously released the single Shot in the Dark. This long-awaited new opus is, according to Angus Young, a tribute to his brother Malcolm.

Sources

- [*AC/DC's Brian Johnson recalls drunken hunt to find the Loch Ness monster: "I've got fireworks!"*](#) - **www.nme.com** , October 28, 2020

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