Arkaist is a Black Metal project founded in 2023 in Rennes by **Beobachten and Maeror**. Their musical and human encounter marked the starting point of a collaboration that gave birth to their first album, Aube Noire. Inspired by a growing atmosphere of anxiety, this opus explores the themes of decadence, loss of bearings and growing isolation in a society in decline.

The founders of Arkaist are no strangers to the French Black Metal underground. Before setting up the project, each of them had played in a number of bands, including **Azgarath, Hanternoz and Créatures**, enabling Arkaist to forge a sound identity that is both raw and well thought-out, combining icy atmospheres and bestial fury.

**Aube Noire,** the band's debut album, plunges listeners into a dark universe where humanity teeters on the brink of its own extinction. The lyrics evoke a world where values are crumbling, individualism reigns supreme and society collapses under the weight of its own contradictions.

Aube Noire stands out as a manifesto for the end of times, a work **deeply rooted in traditional Black Metal** while exploring modern sounds.

**Songs description**

Aube Noire
This track is a cry of despair and anger at the decadence of our fellow human beings. It's a bitter reminder that we're approaching the dawn of a dark era, a rise in violence, a prelude to civil war.
But it is also a vibrant call for a rebirth of pride, an injunction to react.

Ode à la haine
Born of the previous observation, this title calls for a resolute reaction, a move away from compassion and benevolence towards the eradication of pain.
Will becoming a warrior allow mankind to soothe its sorrows?
In short, it's a call to seize our destinies rather than sink into resignation.

Prophète
The collapse is taking place through the emergence of powerful religious forces leading to devastating civil wars.
These forces claim that our salvation lies in them and in no-one else.
A refrain of hope resounds for mankind, a call not to let ourselves be foolishly dictated to, not to let ourselves be blinded.

Terre ancestrale
Conceived as a hymn to the glory of the earth, mankind implores its gratitude, its love and its protective shield.
It will praise her for her strength and quiet beauty, and thank her for the work she gives him.

Anachorète
Exhausted by the state of society, humans withdraw.
From weariness they choose to isolate themselves, to go into inner contemplation.
But from this withdrawal emerges a message of hope.

Linceul d'Ether
This title depicts a dark veil, the symbol of depression, which extends to everyone in a thousand ways.
A real scourge that cuts off all desire for elevation, mankind is called upon to emerge from its torpor.

Puer Aeternus
Earthless son, child god, Puer Aeternus fulfils his ecstatic needs with excessive self-consciousness.
Another symptom of collapse, in direct resonance with the other pieces, this title exposes a new condition to which Humanity is subjected.
An epic inspired by Ulysses, Puer Aeternus invites us to control our impulses and needs, to assert ourselves and to rediscover meaning.