



INTERVIEW  
HOLDING PATTERN

First of all, thank you for answering our questions; we are glad to welcome you on the Crescendo Festival which will take place the 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of august 2011 at Saint-Palais-sur-Mer!

- *Crescendo : Could you tell us how and when the members of your band met each others?*

Holding Pattern : We started the band in the 80's through mutual musicians tired of playing standard rock music. All members of the band are classically trained musicians so it seemed obvious to fuse classical ,jazz with rock and give each member a better chance to express his playing.

- *C : How did you choose the name of your band? What does this name represent for you all?*

H. P. : I am a pilot and Holding Pattern is an aviation term.

- *C : How would you describe the musical univers in which the band is progressing?*

H. P. : The band has been making records and touring from the beginning and due to the nature of this style of music the musical universe around us is always shifting and moving forward.

- *C : Let's talk about your musical influences and the way you find the inspiration for the lyrics.*

H. P. : I (Tony Spada) am the main composer for the band and since my compositions are entirely instrumental I draw inspiration from many personal experiences, places and emotions at any given time.

- *C : If you had to choose a song of yours which represents you the most, which one would it be?*

H. P. : One of my favorite songs is "Honor Before Glory" and from the newest album "Breaking the Silence " I love "Back to the Tunnels".It's a powerful piece of music that includes elements of Baroque and heavy Rock.

- *C : Do you have to work beside your artistic activities?*

H. P. : Making music is my work and I've been successful enough to be able to make a great living at it.

- *C : How did the links between your band and the Crescendo team start?*

H. P. : I have been told by friends in other bands that HP should play Crescendo Festival. WE play festivals all over the world and I was excited to meet Sebastien Monteaud. He's a great guy and loves Prog Rock. He invited the band and we are very happy to be able to make it this time.

- *C : How do you imagine the audience at the Crescendo festival?*

H. P. : I hear it's a wonderful event and have been told it is a lot of fun .

- *C : Is there a question you would have like to answer though nobody never asked you?*

H. P. : No one ever asks us what's your favorite Color ? ?lol

- *C : A little note to write to our readers?*

H. P. : Holding Pattern is looking forward to playing for you and the show will feature exciting music from almost every HP album.

**Thank you very much!**

**The Crescendo team is pleased to invite your band this summer! See you soon!**

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Caro.