



Number 2 Thanks to Kartuli

Please my friends, Band Musika Rogora Khart, would like to give a special thanks to the ancient Georgian language of Kartuli. Without this fine language, there would be no band called Rogora Khart.

Whenever the band plays, people always ask us "What language are you singing in?" The answer is Kartuli. The very name Rogora Khart means "How are you?" in Kartuli.

So why did we develop a whole set of songs sung in a language that comes from a place many thousands of miles away from our beloved Newportograd?

Firstly you have to understand, that Rogora Khart, from its inception, was always going to be a "different" type of band. Then we have to consider various factors which just happened to be. It happened to be, that I had the pleasure of teaching English to two Georgian students, Tato and Dato. It happened that Dato taped for me some Georgian songs which I listened to for many years in my car. It also happened that one of the early ideas we had when developing the band was to sing songs which only used meaningless noises, but we found it really hard to make up noises without throwing in the occasional foreign word. Naturally because I'd listened to lots of Georgian music and I knew a few Georgian words, some Georgian words got used. They seemed to sound good with the music that we were making and furthermore, many of these words ended in an 'i' making them very easy to rhyme. So gradually whole songs were pieced together using basic, and I have been told, grammatically incorrect, Georgian.

So thank you Kartuli, you are at the very heart of the Band Musika Rogora Khart, and thank you my friends for spending time with us again.

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