



Břitva 2013 Awards newly powered by MetalGate

This year is slowly drawing to a close and with comes a time to evaluate the state of the Czech metal and hard rock scene. The upcoming thirteenth installment of the music journalist awards Břitva comes with one significant novelty, that is, a change of the organizer of the award ceremony.

The ceremony itself shall take place on Saturday, March 29, 2014, as usual in the Melodka club in Brno, however this time orchestrated by a **new organizer**, the Prague based **MetalGate Production & Records**, known on the Czech scene for its intensive label activities, co-organizing the MetalGate Czech Death Fest, organizing the metal bands contest MetalGate Massacre, or operating the music download portal Metal Online.

This change was necessitated especially due to the **recent health complications of Viktor Palák**, one of the co-organizers of the Awards, whose acute need for treatment affected already the last installment, and who thus decided to limit some of his activities, including his participation in the Břitva Awards. And since Viktor was also the main financial guarantor of the award ceremony, it was vital to bring in a **new subject**, for otherwise we could be facing a **degradation of these Awards** into a mere voting, culminating in releasing the results online, without any ceremony of any kind and perhaps even without an actual award. MetalGate was picked as a new suitable partner, given its long-term philosophy of supporting the Czech metal music.

In light of this new situation, it is necessary to emphasize that **the role of MetalGate shall pertain solely to the award ceremony itself and to activities related to it. The principal organization of the Břitva Awards and the oversight of the journalists polling remains, as always, in the hands of Ladislav Oliva**, the founder of Břitva, and there is no way the ceremony organizer can interfere with the nominations and results, nor influence them in his favor.

For more news and information, stay tuned to the official website of Břitva Awards www.cenybritva.cz.