



Little big, homely festival - MetalGate Czech Death Fest 2011 revisited

On Friday, June 10th and on Saturday, June 11th, Autocamp Brodský in Červený Kostelec, near Náchod, played host to the **third installment** of metal open-air festival **MetalGate Czech Death Fest**. This year's installment bore one significant **novelty**.

For within MetalGate Czech Death Fest, **two enterprises**, very much alike in format and focus, **came to union**; those being **MetalGate OpenAir**, organized by MetalGate Productions since 2008, and **Czech Death Fest**, orchestrated since 2009 by one of the icons of Czech death metal scene, the band Tortharry from Hronov. Thanks to this alliance, the festival gained an undoubtedly **stronger production and organizational base**.

MetalGate Czech Death Fest also received **patronage** from two institutions, firstly from the **President of Hradec Králové region, Bc. Lubomír Franc**, and secondly from the **city of Náchod**, for which we organizers are very grateful.

Furthermore, the **festival dramaturgy was differentiated**, that is, the agenda offered not only a **decent and substantial portion of death metal and grind**, forming the cornerstone of previous installments, but also a **unique cross-section of different metal styles**, a characteristic attribute of MetalGate gigs. The festival offered 30 bands in total, spearheaded by the Greek black metal phalanx **Rotting Christ**, at the position of the Friday's headliner, and the Dutch death metal icon **Pestilence** that presided over the Saturday's prime time. Further performers included resurrected Hypnos, Tortharry, Abstract Essence, Abstinenz from Germany, Dementor from Slovakia, Six Degrees of Separation, Ingrowing, Gotalax, Dymytry, Melancholy Pessimism, Heiden, or Minority Sound.

The spectators thus enjoyed not only a diverse musical menu, but also the **excellent facilities of Autocamp Brodský**, which offered a restaurant opened till early morning hours, camping site amidst birch grove at the coast of the water reservoir and near the center of all commotion, the possibility of accommodation in cabins on the camp grounds, swimming and boat rental. Plus the festival prepared a heavy metal market and a rich selection of other food and refreshment for reasonable prices indeed.

The organizers further prepared for all fans the **meet & greet opportunities with both headliners**, as well as chances to **win tickets to partner festivals Brutal Assault and Basinfirefest**.

Even the weather was at our side, that is, apart from a minor shower, it was warm and sunny the whole time.

Summed up: great performances, valuable benefits, truly homely environment and mainly a general feeling of coziness! Thus was MetalGate Czech Death Fest 2011, visited by over 600 fans!

We are looking forward to see you next summer at MetalGate Czech Death Fest vol.4!