

METALGATE massacre

MetalGate Massacre vol.3 – Summing up the Grand Finale!

Springtime is not only for nature to awaken, but for the Czech metal scene do so as well via the annual tournament of extreme bands **MetalGate Massacre**. The current battle of young metalheads culminated in the **Grand Finale, April 21**, in Prague based **Matrix club**, with the satanic hydra **ROOT**, which needs no further introduction, joining the gig as a special guest. Thanks to fan votes from previous rounds, the Grand Finale brought together **Keep On Rotting** from Litoměřice, **Hellocaustor** from Žatec, **Revenge Division** from Bánská Bystrica and **Aposepsis** from Prague for the final clash.

450 fans came to enjoy the final round, making the Matrix club literally packed. Some bands even dispatched buses to bring their fans in, and a contingent of fans from Slovakia was also deployed.

In accordance with the contest rules, the voting was undertaken by **fans** as well as by a **committee**, composed of vocalist of Root **Jiří “BigBoss” Valter**, **Alena Krákorová** from Czech Metal Support initiative, guitarist **Ota Hobst** from Minority Sound, Radio Beat anchor **Bohouš Němec** and of the foremost Czech rock journalist **Petr Korál**. The vote value for each committee member was 5% from the overall spectator vote, thus stirring already tied results. In the end, the final results crystallized as thus:

- **1st place** – **Keep On Rotting** (131 spectator votes + 20 committee votes, 151 votes total)
- **2nd place** – **Hellocaustor** (99 spectator votes + 40 committee votes, 139 votes total)
- **3rd place** – **Revenge Division** (69 spectator votes + 40 committee votes, 109 votes total)
- **4th place** – **Aposepsis** (100 spectator votes + 0 committee votes, 100 votes total)

From the Grand Finale results, it is again apparent that Prague bands do not automatically have the home field advantage. After the results announcement, Petr Korál launched his music defile, so celebrations continued well into the night. After all, the winner Keep On Rotting, to which we thereby extend our congrats, has every reason to celebrate! These guys won the **album deal with MetalGate Records**, performance deal on **MetalGate Czech Death Fest** in Červený Kostelec, lavish coupons for goods from music store **Music City** and Underground & Gothic shop **Nosferatu**, making of their very own T-shirt collection by **Crystal Productions** and a **barrel of beer**. Remaining finalists did not leave empty handed as well, gaining e.g. performance on **Rock for People festival** donated by **Muzikus** magazine, its annual subscription, free show in **Matrix club**, and more.

How will **Keep On Rotting** approach making their new album? Let us wish them to do so with the same finesse and courage as the last year's winner, deathcore band **Suffocate With Yor Fame**, who entered studio three months after the contest ended and are currently touring the Czech and Slovak stages on their **New World Order Tour 2012**. In Fall, they will head out to Poland, Germany and Austria.

The gates of **MetalGate Massacre** are thus closed, but it would be foolish to assume that the season is over for us. On the summer days of June 15 and 16 the domestic metal feast **MetalGate Czech Death Fest**, with its friendly atmosphere and pristine sound, will launch its fourth installment. The total of 30 bands awaits you, including the mighty American death metal warmachine **SUFFOCATION** and the

Swedish masters of melodic death metal **DARK TRANQUILLITY!** Do not forget to check out the official festival website www.czechdeathfest.cz for complete info. Like every year, we aspire for high quality production to make the festival as enjoyable as possible for every one of you!

Our **label related activities** will not fall behind as well. After all, the Grand Finale of MetalGate Massacre vol.3 was also visited by **Petr Staněk**, vocalist of cybermetal band **LiveEvil** and brought with him the master copy of their new album **3 Altering**, which we subsequently forwarded to manufacturing. We listened to it and it is with no question one hell of an album. Get ready!

And what about MetalGate Massacre vol.4? We are already working on it so stay tuned!

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