

# METALGATE massacre

## MetalGate Massacre vol.3 – 16 qualifiers

**It is decided!** On **Saturday, Dec. 10, 2011**, the Prague **Matrix club** hosted the **Nomination Party** of the third installment of metal bands contest **MetalGate Massacre**, part of which was the **announcement of 16 bands that advanced to the basic round of the contest.**

This occasion was **supported** on one hand by **two finalists from the previous installment** of MetalGate Massacre, by bands **Area Core** and **Shadow Area**, and on the other hand by **two special guests, Gorgonea Prima** and **Isacaarum**. Halfway through the evening, the announcement itself took place.

**The advancing bands came out of a selection of an expert committee**, which evaluated music samples of all registered bands. **The committee was headed** by **Sakis Tolis**, guitarist and vocalist of the Greek black metal phalanx **Rotting Christ**, and **further consisting of Miloš Meier**, one of the best Czech metal and rock drummers, **Filip Robovski**, bass guitarist of **Kryptor**, **Petr Kubáň**, manager of **Arakain**, and **Damian**, the owner of **Underground & Gothic shop Nosferatu**.

**In this frame, the committee chose the following 16 bands:**

1. **ELYSIUM** (metal, Týnec nad Labem)
2. **OCEAN AVENUE** (alternative-posthardcore, Zlín)
3. **REPULSE** (metal, Praha)
4. **DESPERATE TIMES** (alternative-metal, Hlinsko)
5. **THE YOURS** (metal-classical music, Vlašim)
6. **ELEMENTARY** (alternative-metal, Domažlice)
7. **D.O.P.** (metalcore-metal, Žďár nad Sázavou)
8. **REVENGE DIVISION** (death-trash, Považská Bystrica, SK)
9. **NEUROTIC MACHINERY** (metal-death, západní Čechy)
10. **BLACKSHARD** (trash metal, Šenov)
11. **HELLOCAUSTOR** (trash metal, Žatec)
12. **SOLAR SYSTEM** (heavy metal, Havířov)
13. **KEEP ON ROTTING** (death-acid, Litoměřice)
14. **MANTINEL** (metal-crossover, Kněžice)
15. **STORMY FLIGHT** (metalcore-metal, Hranice)
16. **APOSEPSIS** (nu-metal/rock, Praha)

These 16 will then compete among themselves for the victory in the third installment of MetalGate Massacre contest. We wish them good luck.

**For bands that do not pass through the committee nothing is lost however.** The contest **Wild Card** is still in play, thanks to which **two bands shall advance straight to the semifinals.** All depends on **who gets the highest number of votes from the fans.** **The voting ends Feb. 23, 2012.** Instructions on how to vote are available on the official contest website.

The first four of the 16 chosen shall appear already **Jan. 12, 2012** on the **first basic contest round** in Prague **Matrix club.**