



## **MetalGate Massacre vol.4: get ready for launch!**

Dear friends of hard and heavy music, autumn is upon us and thus the time is ripe for the annual **contest of Czech and Slovak metal bands MetalGate Massacre**, this time as vol.4.

**Band registration** shall commence September 15, 2012, on the official contest website [www.metalgate-massacre.cz](http://www.metalgate-massacre.cz). Additionally, same as last time, bands can also **register in person in the Music City store** in Prague Vysočany (metro stop Českomoravská). **Registration ends November 20, 2012.**

Subsequently, a panel of experts consisting of Dan Pavlík (guitarist and vocalist of Tortharry), Bohouš Němec (music journalist and radio host), Jan Johan Filip (music journalist and publicist), Ladislav Oliva (co-organizer of annual Břítva awards and member of the hard and heavy committee of Anděl awards) and Bruno of Hypnos shall select **16 bands for the basic leg** out of all enrolled.

Who these are shall be announced **December 15** on our website, with the basic rounds beginning **January 10, 2013**. Total of **four basic rounds** will be followed in March 2013 by **two semifinals** and the **grand finale** in April 2013. Entrance to all rounds is, as usual, **free!**

The most significant novelty of this installment is a separate category of the so-called “Spawning ground of BigBoss”, which is a contest leg for young bands till 18 years of age. Registration for these is the same as for all the other bands, with the exception of having to mark the registration form as “BigBossova líheň” and including contact information of an adult band representative, whom we shall subsequently contact. The special contest round of the young bands shall take place in afternoon hours, and **MetalGate guarantees to the respective parents that alcoholic beverages shall not be available to the minors**. Said round shall take place in February 2013 in the Melodka club in Brno, featuring four selected bands that will be judged by a committee headed by Jiří “BigBoss” Valter, vocalist of the iconic band Root. The winner of this round shall advance straight to the semifinal of MetalGate Massacre that will take place in Prague, Matrix club. All that of course depending that enough bands shall enroll to this category.

Beside the winners of basic rounds and the winner of the Spawning ground of BigBoss, the semifinal leg shall be joined by the contest Wild Card, that is, a band that received the most sms votes from fans.

And the prizes? The main prize is once again **an album deal with MetalGate Records**, paid **performance on MetalGate Czech Death Fest 2013**, or **t-shirts from Crystal Productions**. Furthermore, **tickets to MetalGate Czech Death Fest 2013**, liquid consumables, discount to **Kocis Studio**, coupons to **Music City, Metalshop** and more.

**Spectators shall also not leave empty handed and can look forward to worthy gifts!**

All contest information is available on the official contest website.

**Get ready, the massacre begins!**

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