



MetalGate Massacre vol.4: simply epic conclusion!

On **Saturday, April 20, 2013**, the Prague based **Matrix club** witnessed the **grand finale of the fourth installment** of metal bands contest **MetalGate Massacre**. For the **quartet of competing bands**, comprised of the Prague hardcore-indie band **Attack The Hero**, also Prague based thrash-death metal act **Spreading Dread**, the metalcore-nu metal group **Sunset Trail** from Olomouc and the rock-metal band **Nobody Knows** from Liberec, it was all-in, since the overall victory was at stake.

And it looked like it! Not only all competing bands played **as if their lives hanged in the balance**, but also they attracted an incredible crowd of **550 supporters**, out of which 483 took part in the decision making process.

Beside the spectators, the **committee** was also present, composed of: **Bruno Kovařík** (vocalist and bassist of the Czech death metal icon Hypnos), **Dan Pavlík** (vocalist and guitarist of yet another iconic Czech death metal act, Tortharry), **Ladislav Oliva** (co-organizer of the annual Břítva awards and editor of the Abyss and Aardvark webzines), **Bohouš Němec** (music journalist and anchor on Radio 1 and Radio Beat) and **Jan "Johan" Filip** (editor in chief of the Fobia zine). Each committee vote had a value of 5% from the total number of voting fans, with that being 483, it means 24 votes per each member.

So, what was the overall outcome? With 165 spectator votes, 48 committee votes, **213 votes in total**, **Nobody Knows became the overall winner** of the fourth installment of MetalGate Massacre. **Second place** went to **Spreading Dread** that gained 141 spectator votes, 24 committee votes, **165 votes in total**. **Third place** was taken by **Attack The Hero** with 103 spectator votes, 24 committee votes, **127 votes in total**, and the final **fourth place** by **Sunset Trail** with 74 spectator votes, 24 committee votes, **98 votes in total**.

Given their victory, Nobody Knows gained an **album deal with MetalGate Records**, a paid **performance** on the anniversary fifth installment of **MetalGate Czech Death Fest**, also a barrel of beer, a chance to make a show in Matrix club and other prizes. The other finalists did not fall short either, as they got various coupons for purchasing goods in Music City or Metalshop, subscription of the electronic version of Muzikus magazine, or custom made t-shirts from Crystal Productions.

The icing on the cake of the grand finale was then the show of the aforementioned death metal icon **Hypnos**.

The fourth installment of MetalGate Massacre is over and we **would like to thank** the committee, the co-organizers and partners of the contest, that is, the **Matrix club**, **Music City**, **Metalshop.cz**, **Crystal Productions**, **Kocis Studio**, as well as to webzines **Fobia**, **Abyss**, **Muzikus** and **Marast Music** for their participation. Our thanks also goes to **all bands** that decided to try their luck this year, and last but not least to **all the fans**, who, with their attendance and voting, helped to drive this installment to a successful conclusion.

See you around on some other gig of ours and do not worry, MetalGate Massacre will be back with its fifth anniversary installment!

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