



## **MetalGate Massacre vol.5 – Bands, to arms!**

Autumn approaches and thus, time is ripe to unleash the already **fifth anniversary installment** of metal bands contest **MetalGate Massacre**. The contest format remains more or less the same, so let's sum up.

As usual, the remaining part of this year shall belong to **band registration and enrollment**, which will begin **September 16, 2013**, on the **official contest website** and will run all the way to **November 20, 2013**.

Afterwards, it will once again be up to the **contest committee to pick 16 warbands** out of all enrolled bands that will clash, live, in the contest itself, beginning **January 16, 2014**, with the **first basic round**. Also as usual, the contest run-through will consist of four basic rounds, followed by two semifinals and the grand finale; all that in the old-new venue, that is, in the Prague **Storm Club** (formerly Matrix) with again **free entrance** to all rounds.

Nothing out of the ordinary thus far, and **now for the news**. Based on the feedback from previous installments of MetalGate Massacre, we decided to implement **two significant changes** in the contest system:

First, the fifth installment of MGM **will not include Wild Cards**, meaning in practice that **not one but straight on two bands** shall advance from the basic rounds into the semifinals.

Second, thus far the committee evaluated the competing bands only in the semifinals and in the grand finale. However, in the fifth MGM, **the committee shall cast votes already during the basic rounds**, which unifies the voting system for the entire contest. **The spectator voting remains present and unchanged**.

And what is at stake this time? Prizes include recording in the MetalGate Studio, stagetime on MetalGate Czech Death Fest, goods from Music City and Metalshop, and more.

**Let the Massacre begin!**

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