



## **MetalGate Massacre vol.5 – 16 warbands ready to go!**

Judgment day is here! **The committee of the fifth anniversary installment of metal bands contest MetalGate Massacre finished deliberations and chose 16 bands to enter the basic leg of the contest**, which was not at all easy, since this time a record number of bands enrolled. Additionally, we can also announce the **dates** and **venues** for individual contest rounds.

First things first of course – **the following bands qualified for the basic rounds:**

**BREAK THE RULES / FROM DAY TO DAY / BEHIND OUR WALLS / DESIRE FOR SORROW / 1000 BOMBS / SKLEPMASTER / DRACO HYPNALIS / THE THRILL / FOURSQUARE / SELF DEFENSE / BIKKINYSHOP / ALL FRIENDS DEAD / THE REVOLT / SUFFER AGE / ASSESSOR / AGASSIZ**

In total, an **unbelievable number of 108 bands** applied to the fifth installment, **81 of which successfully completed** the registration process. These then passed on to the **expert committee**, composed of **Jiří “BigBoss” Valter** (vocalist of Root and founder of the Czech Church of Satan), **Miloš “Dodo” Doležal** (metal producer, vocalist and guitarist), **Jan “Johan” Filip** (editor in chief of Fobia zine), **Luboš “Goro” Gorgan** (manager of Tortharry and co-organizer of MetalGate Czech Death Fest) and **Ladislav Oliva** (music journalist and co-organizer of the annual Břitva Awards), which picked the lucky sixteen. The remaining 27 bands either withdrew their application or did not complete the registration, mainly by not submitting the required three sample tracks of their music. The names and profiles of those that advanced are available on the contest website.

The current installment brings **several changes**. First and foremost, the contest was moved to **different venues**, so the **basic leg** shall take place in the **club of the contest co-organizer Music City**, situated in **Prague 9, Ocelářská 39**, near the O2/Sazka Arena (metro B line, stop Českomoravská), while the **semifinal leg and the Grand Finale** shall occur in **Nová Chmelnice (Prague 3, Koněvova 219)**. The original venue of Storm Club (former Matrix) turned out to be, after its general overhaul, too large for our purposes, so we sadly had to leave it and move the contest elsewhere.

**The dates of contest rounds are thus:**

Basic rounds – Music City club

Jan. 16, 2014 1<sup>st</sup> basic round

Jan. 30, 2014 2<sup>nd</sup> basic round

Feb. 13, 2014 3<sup>rd</sup> basic round

Feb. 27, 2014 4<sup>th</sup> basic round

Semifinals and Grand Finale – Nová Chmelnice

March 22, 2014 1<sup>st</sup> semifinal

April 5, 2014 2<sup>nd</sup> semifinal

April 26, 2014 Grand Finale

Furthermore, we expanded the contest prizes. Beside the **recording sessions in MetalGate Studio, performance on MetalGate Czech Death Fest, or goods from Music City**, we added **tickets to Brutal Assault festival or year-long subscription to MusicJet service**.

Finally, a reminder of changes within the contest system itself that we announced earlier. So:

This time, **no Wild Cards**, meaning that **not one but two bands** shall advance to the semifinals from the basic rounds.

Thus far, the committee participated in on-site voting only in the semifinals and the final, but this time, **the committee shall partake already in the basic rounds**, which unifies the voting system for all legs of the contest. **The spectator voting of course remains and remains unchanged.**

**Fingers crossed for all who advanced!**

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