

ASSASSIN



GO! FIGHT! KILL! No sound truly defines thrash metal more than Assassin. A hybrid of hardcore and speed metal splashed with a sense of humor, grabs you by the throat and kicks your ass. Although a band photo predates the official band formation, Assassin was officially formed in 1984 by original lineup, Robert Gonnella(vocals), Dinko Vekic (lead guitar), Scholli (rhythm guitar), Lulle (bass) and Psycho (drums). Dubbed the Holy Terror era, their first demo sold approximately 500 copies;

a great feat considering there was no internet music sharing. A short time later, the Nemesis demo was released in 1986 and Assassin was signed to SPV. The Upcoming Terror album was released and sold approximately 15,000 copies. After some time off, the band regrouped with new members Michael Hoffmann (guitar) and Frank Nellen (drums). They released their second album, Interstellar Experience in 1988 and quickly rose through the ranks as one of Germany's top 5 thrash bands. Supporting Death Angel on their first official tour in 1988, nearly all shows were sold out. While working on their third album, all their equipment was stolen and Assassin, having no funds to reinvest in equipment, lost their will to continue and shortly broke up thereafter. Fast forward to 2002! After numerous chants of GO, FIGHT, KILL from the worldwide thrash metal community, the band regroups and the official Assassin reunion is announced. This new lineup was Robert (vocals), Dinko (lead guitar), Scholli (rhythm guitar), Achim (bass) and Atomic Steiff (drums). A new 5 track demo was recorded and played live at Wacken 2003 to the positive reviews of many critics. Its incredible how quick the underground spreads the information, explains Rudy Schmitz, Assassins manager. Suddenly, radio stations are playing Assassin again in their rotations and the rabid fans want more and they want Assassin live. Shows are booked and appetites are fed. We made some shows and it was like coming home, says singer Robert Gonnella. With Dinko gone most of 2005, it was decided that another guitarist would step in to fill the void and also support Dinko. Michael, already present on "Interstellar Experience", back from his appearance on Sodom's "Better off dead" and his 6 year long extended trip to Brazil, was ready to jump in as a third guitarist. Atomic leaves the band and Frank once again is back on skins. Nobody can stop us now is the official consensus of the band and judging by their current success, it can only be true.



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Discography

The upcoming Terror



Interstellar Experience



The Club



Assassin is working on their 4th album, which will be ready for coming out in early '07.

Shows

02.07.05

Solingen/Germany

27.08.05

Dusseldorf/Germany

11.12.05

Essen/Germany

16.12.05

Praha/CFR

05.02.06

Napoli/Italy

07.04.06

Dittigheim/Germany

15.04.06

Vilnius/Lithuania

16.04.06

Riga/Latvia

17.04.06

Tallin/Estonia

19.04.06

Lodz/ Poland

20.04.06

Wrazclaw/Poland

21.04.06

Dresden/Germany

31.08.06

Helsinki/Finland

02.09.06

Lappeenranta/Finland



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