

= World Painted Blood =

World Painted Blood is the eleventh studio album by American thrash metal band Slayer . It was released through American Recordings and Sony Music on November 3 , 2009 and was produced by Greg Fidelman and executively produced by Rick Rubin . It is the band 's only album produced by Greg Fidelman . With much anticipation for the album after 2006 's Christ Illusion , members of Slayer were revealing information about the album since early 2009 . There were four different artworks released for the album , each which completed one @-@ fourth of a map , that when put together , illustrates the earth painted with red . There are eleven tracks on the album , with origins illustrating death and destruction , war , serial killers , and the Apocalypse . It is the band 's first studio album to be played mostly in E @-@ flat tuning since Divine Intervention . World Painted Blood is the last Slayer album to feature the band 's original lineup ; drummer Dave Lombardo was fired from the band and guitarist Jeff Hanneman died of liver failure , both in 2013 .

Three singles were released from the album : " Psychopathy Red " , " Hate Worldwide " , and " World Painted Blood " . " Psychopathy Red " leaked onto the internet over a year before its release , and was released as a seven ? inch single on April 18 , 2009 . The album received generally positive reviews from music critics . It was praised by The A.V. Club , who said that the " resounding success in that regard : It 's eclectic , but never self @-@ consciously so . " " Hate Worldwide " and " World Painted Blood " were both nominated for Best Metal Performance at the 53rd and 54th Grammy Awards , respectively . The album peaked at number two on the US Top Hard Rock Albums chart , as well as twelve on the Billboard 200 and forty @-@ one on the United Kingdom album chart .

= = Writing and recording = =

World Painted Blood marked the first time that the band wrote material in the studio rather than entering the studio fully prepared with lyrics . The fact that they were not prepared made guitarist Kerry King skeptical . King related : " I was kind of thinking , ' Man , this could be the first record in a long time that 's got a little bit of filler , ' " he acknowledges . " But I think every song came out great . I was concerned some would sound similar , and every one is completely different . It 's cool how it worked out . " The majority of the lyrics and music were written by guitarist Jeff Hanneman . Kerry King stated : " I like when Jeff writes as much as he did for this record . When you have one guy doing most of the writing you only get one perspective . A lot of Jeff 's stuff has a very punky vibe this time ; the stuff I write sounds thrashy but with a hint of punk , and when Jeff writes the stuff is more punk with a hint of thrash . It works together well . " Unlike 2006 's Christ Illusion , the band was " under @-@ ready " with their lyrics and music .

The album was recorded in Los Angeles , California with producer Greg Fidelman during October 2008 and then recorded from late January and March 2009 . There were 13 songs recorded for the album , but only 11 appear on the album . In May 2009 , King said of the album : " I think this one has a little bit of everything ? more so than anything we 've done since Seasons . So I would imagine people are gonna compare it to that one . " The band had recorded thirteen songs for the album , seven written by lead guitarist Jeff Hanneman and six by King , although not all of them were included . King later confirmed the album 's release date was pushed back to late summer 2009 . An article on Slayer 's website confirmed the album 's name . On August 20 , 2009 , Roadrunner Records confirmed the track listing . Thom Jurek of Allmusic said the production " takes a different tack altogether for this guitar @-@ manic crew . " A listening party for World Painted Blood was held on October 30 , 2009 at Duff 's Brooklyn in Williamsburg , New York . The event started at 9 : 00 pm

During the recording of World Painted Blood , King used BC Rich Guitars , Marshall Amplifiers and Cabs , Dunlop strings and picks , EMG pickups , and Korg tuners . Hanneman used ESP guitars , Marshall Amplifiers and Cabs , Dunlop strings and picks , Monster Cables , and Shure Wireless System . Vocalist / bassist Araya used ESP basses , Marshall Bass Amplifiers and Cabs , EMG Pick @-@ Ups , Dunlop Picks and accessories , and MXR Effects . Lombardo used Tama Drums , Paiste

cymbals , Pro @-@ Mark drum sticks , and Evans drum heads .

= = Music and lyrics = =

Record producer Greg Fidelman said that " the fact that the songs were still new and fresh to them , and they hadn 't been playing them for six months in rehearsal , kept the vibe and excitement in the studio very high . " Vocalist Tom Araya said that there " are two principal music writers in this band , so you 're going to get a combination of speed and heaviness , " and later said that the " writing is really aggressive and fast , while Jeff likes things to be fast , but with melodies and grooves . In making this album , we seemed to share the same vision from song ideas to titles ; when we get together as Slayer , it just happens , nothing is contrived , it 's not thought out , we just do it , and we did that with this new album . " Lombardo said that Hanneman 's writing and performance had " gone back to this great punk energy , especially with ' Psychopathy Red ' . "

Allmusic said that it expressed moods such as Harshness , Fiery , Confidence , Rowdiness , Aggressiveness , Rebellious , Cathartic , Anger , and Hostility . It also is categorized in genres like speed metal and heavy metal . Thom Jurek said Lombardo 's percussion beats " are WAAAAAAAY up in the mix , " and said that " you can understand every word , even on the thrashers " about Tom Araya 's vocal style . " [ T ] he guitars are simply further down in the mix and sometimes it becomes difficult to discern Araya 's bass . Therefore , the first listen or two to World Painted Blood might be a bit confusing for the seasoned Slayer fan , but that changes quickly , and the sound of those drums blasting in one 's head will become a more than welcome presence in the mix . "

The album 's title track was said by band members to be the continuation of " Final Six " , which was an outtake from their previous album . " Final Six " origins deal with the apocalypse . " Human Strain " deals with apocalyptic origins as well . The track was explained by guitarist Jeff Hanneman to initially be about the human race dying off by a mutative disease . The title of " Public Display of Dismemberment " refers to the consequences that countries outside of the United States give to citizens for crimes . Tom Araya said that " Unit 731 " is " very similar to Josef Mengele in the sense that it was a medical unit in the military , which was a Japanese military unit , actually . They did kind of the same thing ; they tested the limits of the human body and recorded it for scientific purposes . " " Playing With Dolls " is about a child witnessing a serial killer . " Beauty Through Order " is about Elizabeth Báthory , the most prolific female serial killer . Jeff Hanneman explained : " I 've been meaning to write a song about that for a long time . I couldn 't figure out the angle , I was thinking , ' How does a woman write ? I can 't write like a woman I 'm a guy ! ' Then I just figured , ' Well , she 's evil ; she has lots of power and killed people . ' So I just started writing and the lyrics and they came out . " Slayer revealed to Revolver that the track " Snuff " has no lyrical concept . " Psychopathy Red " was inspired by the Russian serial killer Andrei Chikatilo .

= = Singles = =

" Psychopathy Red " , a song inspired by the Soviet serial killer Andrei Chikatilo , was made available as a " limited edition , blood @-@ red vinyl seven @-@ inch vinyl " disc on April 18 , 2009 as part of the third annual Record Store Day . The song premiered on October 29 , 2008 , on a YouTube stream . Originally , " Psychopathy Red " was going to be a b @-@ side of World Painted Blood , but after there was access to it on the internet , they decided to add it to the album 's track list .

On July 28 , the song " Hate Worldwide " was released as a CD @-@ single , exclusively available at Hot Topic stores . The song was available on the internet before November 2008 and until July 2009 , it had been streamed more than a half @-@ million times . " Hate Worldwide " was released as a limited @-@ edition single on October 20 , 2009 , through Columbia Records as a CD . The song was made available exclusively at Hot Topic stores and was streamed at Hot Topic 's ShockHound.com. The composition was written by Kerry King who said " It 's a really cool track , and Tom 's voice sounds incredible on it . The last line in the song 's chorus is ' .. spread a little hate worldwide , ' and that 's what we 've been doing for 25 years . " Along with five other songs , " Hate

Worldwide " was nominated for a Best Metal Performance Grammy Award , but lost to " Dissident Aggressor " by Judas Priest .

The title track , " World Painted Blood " , was released as a seven @-@ inch single on November 26 , 2010 , and was limited to 2500 copies . It included the b @-@ side " Atrocity Vendor " . A music video for the song had already been released on June 16 , 2010 . The single was exclusively released through the Metal Club record store chain . The song itself was said by the band to be a continuation of " Final Six " , a bonus track on the special edition of Slayer 's 2006 album Christ Illusion , and deals with the end of the world . Araya and Hanneman have said " World Painted Blood " is " one of the more classic Slayer songs " .

A music video has been made for " Beauty Through Order " , however , it has been removed from most online sources .

= = Reception = =

= = Critical = =

World Painted Blood generally received positive reviews from critics . On Metacritic , it has been given a score of 78 out of 100 based on 11 reviews .

Greg Moffitt from the BBC said that the album " is their best in years . " He also noted that " a few of the songs command the attention with the insistence of old , but quite frankly we were beginning to wonder if they still had an album like this left in them . " Moffitt also said the album was " a deliciously wicked ride . " Thom Jurek of AllMusic rewarded the album three and a half stars , saying " in many ways it could be Reign In Blood Revisited " , and later said that " some compositions on this new recording have more of the band 's early ? style melody in them , with lightning flare ? up riffs between verses : quick unexpected guitar pyrotechnics ; and blastbeat power drumming from Dave Lombardo pushing it all into red . " Blabbermouth.net 's Ryan Ogle gave the album 7 @.@ 5 out of 10 and said that it " jumps into fairly aggressive thrash gallop , but doesn 't really have that ' straight @-@ for @-@ the @-@ throat ' feel you 'd expect from track one . "

Leonard Pierce of The A.V. Club described the album as " burden " , and said it " weighs particularly heavy on bands that made their reps with intensity and innovation ; Slayer , in particular , was perceived as wandering in the wilderness during the years Paul Bostaph sat behind the drum kit , and expectations were high for the group . " Pierce rewarded the album with an A ? , and said that the album was " eclectic , but never self @-@ consciously so . It rarely flags in intensity , and it 's good enough that if it were inserted in Slayer ? s discography right after Seasons In The Abyss ? the record it most resembles ? it would be an almost seamless transition . " Adrien Begrand from PopMatters gave the album eight out of ten stars , saying " it 's a slight improvement on Christ Illusion , as more than on any of their previous five albums , the foursome of guitarists Jeff Hanneman and Kerry King , bassist / vocalist Tom Araya , and drummer Dave Lombardo find themselves revisiting the seminal styles of their 1986 ? 88 heyday . " About.com 's Chad Bowar and MusicOMH gave the album four out of five stars .

= = Commercial = =

World Painted Blood sold 41 @,@ 000 copies in the United States in its first week , landing it a number twelve spot on the Billboard 200 . It has sold 160 @,@ 000 copies in the United States as of February 2015 .

The album peaked number seven on the German music chart . The album also debuted number forty ? one on the UK Albums Chart . " Hate Worldwide " was nominated for Best Metal Performance in 2009 , and the title track " World Painted Blood " was nominated for the same award a year later , but lost to Iron Maiden 's " El Dorado " .

= = Release = =

### == Marketing and artwork ==

In June 2009 , it was announced that the album would be released in the late summer of 2009 . The album was released on November 3 , 2009 . The album 's artwork was revealed on September 15 , 2009 . Four different covers were equally shipped for a standard that when put together , they create a world map covered in blood . The album has four special collector 's edition CD covers , and each of them " display one @-@ fourth of a provocative continental map illustrated with human skulls and bones ; when placed together , the four images form a complete and grisly map of the world . " Each album has a blood @-@ red , transparent top panel , with the map displayed beneath it . The full map is also seen in a sleeve of the double @-@ digipak edition of World Painted Blood .

### == Release history ==

### == Track listing ==

### == Personnel ==

Credits are adapted from AllMusic .

### == Band members ==

Tom Araya ? bass , lead vocals  
Jeff Hanneman ? lead and rhythm guitar  
Kerry King ? lead and rhythm guitar  
Dave Lombardo ? drums

### == Production ==

Greg Fidelman ? production , engineering , mixing  
Rick Rubin ? executive production  
Dana Nielsen - engineer  
Sara Killion ? assistant engineer  
Vlado Meller ? mastering  
Rick Sales , Kristen Mulderig , and Andrew Stuart ? manager  
Dan Monti ? digital editor

### == Charts ==