

= Bonded by Blood ( band ) =

Bonded by Blood is an American thrash metal band , named after Exodus ' debut album Bonded by Blood . Like its labelmates Evile , Gama Bomb , and Municipal Waste , Bonded by Blood is part of the thrash metal revival movement . The band was formed in mid @-@ 2005 by vocalist Jose Barrales , who with the help of friends completed the band 's original lineup with guitarist Alex Lee , drummer Carlos Regalado , and bassist Ruben Dominguez .

In 2006 Bonded by Blood won a battle of bands that featured over 250 musical groups . With the contest prize , the band recorded the demo Four Pints of Blood and a year later they self @-@ financed the recording of the EP Extinguish the Weak , releasing the songs through their MySpace page . The band attracted the attention of Earache Records , which signed them in late 2007 . The band released its first full length Feed the Beast in 2008 . While on tour Dominguez left the band and was replaced by bassist Jerry Garcia , who had his debut on Bonded by Blood 's second full length Exiled to Earth , released in 2010 .

= = History = =

= = = Formation and win at battle of bands = = =

Hailing from Pomona , California , the members of Bonded by Blood met through mutual friends . The idea of creating a band was conceived by lead vocalist Jose Barrales , a singer with hardcore punk and crossover thrash backgrounds , influenced by groups like The Blackheads , Cryptic Slaughter , D.R.I. and Black Flag . He always had an appreciation for heavy metal music , but it was not until a friend recommended him to listen to Exodus that Barrales got into the thrash metal subgenre . Exodus ' debut album Bonded by Blood had a profound impact on Barrales , and it was inspiring to the point he idealized the creation of a thrash metal band , as he had noticed that there were few or even no groups in this genre in the music scene .

In mid @-@ 2005 Barrales began looking for musicians for the band , asking friends of his to see if they could recommend anyone , which is how he heard of guitarist Alex Lee . When Barrales saw Lee play , he dropped the thought of trying to play rhythm guitar himself because he had a fear of not being able to keep up . There were a few years that Lee was playing guitar , but he was already playing along to music by Steve Vai , John Petrucci , Rusty Cooley , Paul Gilbert and Michael Angelo Batio . Lee decided to join Barrales , and together , they went on searching until they found themselves the drummer Carlos Regalado , who was known locally by playing covers of Megadeth and Metallica . With Regalado in the band , he helped to find bassist Ruben Dominguez . The band was impressed with the skills of Dominguez , who soon joined the band completing its line @-@ up . The band then decided to name themselves after Exodus ' Bonded by Blood , an album they had in common in their collection , even though their music tastes differed .

A year later , the band decided to enter into a battle of bands contest , which included over 250 musical ensembles . The music competition 's prize was \$ 3 @, @ 000 and two days in a recording studio . The band then decided it was time for another guitarist , to fill in some of that empty sounds during guitar solo 's and to add to the band for a more full sound live . Through friends , Barrales contacted guitarist Juan Juarez and asked him to join Bonded by Blood . Juarez accepted and he then met the rest of the members and they all liked him as well . After winning round after round , Bonded by Blood finally won first place . The band then recorded the demo Four Pints of Blood at Love Juice Labs in the Californian city of Riverside . With this demo , Bonded by Blood gave people something to listen to and it gave the band an audience .

= = = Internet exposure and recording contract = = =

At that time , the band was courted by some independent record labels , but they refused any offer because they felt they were not ready to sign a recording contract . After playing plenty more shows

and making a few more songs , they recorded the Extinguish the Weak EP in August 2007 . Just as many of its contemporaries , Bonded by Blood self @-@ released the EP through MySpace , and it garner the attention of Earache Records , which signed the band in September 2007 . In late October , Bonded by Blood was one of the support acts for Exodus on a three @-@ date Mexican tour .

Bonded by Blood commenced the recording of its first full @-@ length , Feed the Beast , in January 2008 at J Street studios in Sacramento , California with producer Michael Rosen . At first , the recording sessions were going well , but when the band finish off Rosen began to manipulate the songs in ways that musicians were not enjoying it . The band then decided to re @-@ record the album in the same studio where they recorded the Extinguish the Weak EP . Earache released Feed the Beast on May 9 in the United Kingdom and June 24 in the United States . Bonded by Blood supported the album with the Thrashing Like a Maniac tour . They toured the United States between June and July along with Fueled by Fire and Merciless Death , and in Europe between September and October with Gama Bomb headlining .

The band continued the tour returning to the UK in May 2009 for a short string of dates with support from labelmates Cauldron . In November 2009 they announced the departure of Dominguez , who was replaced by bassist Jerry Garcia from San Bernardino thrash metal band Taking Over . Meanwhile , the band was finishing the writing process of their second album , and in January 2010 they entered the Highland Recorders studio in Phoenix , Arizona to begin recording with producer Ralph Patlan . Bonded by Blood 's second full @-@ length , Exiled to Earth , was released through Earache on August 10 in North America and August 16 in Europe .

Just a month after the release of Exiled to Earth , Bonded by Blood have parted ways with Barrales , who decided to leave the band due to personal and financial reasons . The band 's founding member was replaced by Mauro Gonzales from local band Mutants of War . The new lineup have been rehearsing for the upcoming tour dates . In early 2011 Jerry left the band for personal and financial reasons and Alex Lee left the band to join Holy Grail . On October 8 , 2011 they welcomed Jessie Sanchez ( ex Holy Grail ) into the group as their new bassist .

= = Style , influences and reception = =

According to Barrales , beyond the name , Bonded by Blood borrowed from Exodus for inspiration everything . " From the guitars being razor @-@ sharp to the drums , the speed . We wanted to do something that resemble that . Something that is gonna be fast and in @-@ your @-@ face . And what better band than Exodus to be inspired by ? " Exodus ' lead guitarist Gary Holt says that is a compliment that the band has named themselves after Bonded by Blood . " Could I have imagined that all these years later a band was going to name themselves after our first album ? Probably not . It is not like that convention ? naming bands after songs ? is something new , but I think it is great . "

Bonded by Blood along with its labelmates Evile , Gama Bomb , and Municipal Waste are part of the thrash metal revival movement . These young bands are bringing the classism of the new wave of British heavy metal and the aggressiveness of hardcore punk to a new generation of fans . Even though the members of Bonded by Blood were not born when their favorite 1980s thrash metal bands released their debut albums , the music and fashion of that era had a profound impact on them .

Aside from being aficionados by the 1980s thrash metal , the band has expressed their love of skateboarding , comic books , and cartoons ( most notably the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles ) . At the time of recordings of the Extinguish the Weak EP ? while the band were rehearsing ? Barrales was listening to the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles theme song online and suggested the band to create a cover version . Initially , Bonded by Blood played the song in live performances , but after receiving positive feedback from the audience the band decided to record it . " Theme from Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles " was originally included on the Extinguish the Weak EP and later on Feed the Beast .

Bonded By Blood have recently announced that they are going to begin the works on a new album

that plans to be released in early 2012 . On October 8 , 2011 they officially announced their new bass player Jessie Sanchez ( ex Holy Grail ) into the band .

= = Members = =

= = Discography = =

Four Pints of Blood ( Demo , 2006 )

Extinguish the Weak ( self @-@ released EP , 2007 )

Feed the Beast ( Earache , 2008 )

Exiled to Earth ( Earache , 2010 )

The Aftermath ( Earache , 2012 )

= = = Appears on = = =

Thrashing Like a Maniac ( Compilation , 2007 )