

= Hellyeah =

Hellyeah is an American heavy metal supergroup , consisting of Mudvayne vocalist Chad Gray , former Nothingface guitarist Tom Maxwell , bass player Kyle Sanders , guitarist Christian Brady and former Pantera and Damageplan drummer Vinnie Paul . The idea to form a supergroup originated in 2000 on the Tattoo the Earth tour , although plans were constantly put on hold due to scheduling conflicts . The summer of 2006 allowed the band to take the project seriously and record its first album . Recorded at Chasin ' Jason studio in Dimebag Darrell 's backyard , a self @-@ titled album was completed in roughly one month . Released on April 10 , 2007 , the album entered the Billboard 200 at number 9 , selling 45 @,@ 000 copies . AllMusic reviewer William Ruhlmann stated the album is " a competent example of its genre " awarding the album three and a half stars .

= = History = =

= = = Formation and early days = = =

Hellyeah 's beginnings can be traced back to 2000 on the Tattoo the Earth tour featuring Mudvayne , Nothingface , Slayer , Slipknot and Sevendust . Nothingface guitarist Tom Maxwell became friends with Mudvayne vocalist Chad Gray , and they talked about the possibility of forming a supergroup . The following year , Nothingface toured with Mudvayne and talks to form the supergroup continued , although were constantly put on hold due to scheduling conflicts . At this time , Gray and Maxwell had brainstormed five band names .

Mudvayne guitarist Greg Tribbett approached Maxwell " out of the blue " and wanted to join the band . Nothingface drummer Tommy Sickles originally helmed the drum kit for the band 's demo , however , things did not work out and the search for a new drummer began . The band knew former Pantera and Damageplan drummer Vinnie Paul , and tried to persuade him to join the band as their drummer . Originally , Paul was not sure if he would return to music after the death of his brother , Dimebag Darrell and an 18 @-@ month hiatus : " It was one of those things that I didn 't think I 'd be apart of this ever again without him , and after about a year and a half had gone by , these guys called me up , Chad [Gray] and Tom [Maxwell] , they were like , ' We 're thinking about putting this band together , would you be into it ? ' First couple of times , I told them , ' No , I don 't think I 'm ready to do this yet . ' And they just were real persistent , they kept calling me . And one night , I had been drinking some red wine and listening to some KISS on 12 " vinyl record and I said , ' You know what , lets take a shot at this , lets see what happens . ' "

The band 's persistence paid off and Paul joined the project . Paul commented about joining the project : " Everybody had their head in the right place and that let 's @-@ tear @-@ the @-@ world @-@ a @-@ new @-@ ass attitude " .

In their previous bands , there had only been one guitarist , so having two was a new experience for all members . Paul felt two guitarists brought back the " old school Iron Maiden thing where they play two parts and give you a grinding rhythm part with a badass melody on top " . In 2006 , Mudvayne did not have any plans to tour and were taking most of the summer and fall off , while Nothingface was preparing to record their next album . The time over the summer allowed the band to pursue the project which had been talked about for years .

Gray flew into Baltimore to Nothingface 's home studio to discuss the project further . The song " Waging War " was written in two days , followed by Maxwell tracking it the next day , and Gray completing vocals . During the summer of 2006 , schedules were clear , which allowed members to take the time to record a studio album . The album was recorded at Paul 's backyard studio , Chasin ' Jason in Arlington , Texas . Filled with photos of his late brother Dimebag , Paul found it tough entering the studio where the last albums by Damageplan and Pantera , and the collaboration Rebel Meets Rebel were recorded , but felt " the dark cloud that was there went away " , due to everyone 's positive energy . Maxwell and Tribbett were the primary writers of the album , and Paul was there to " steer them in the right direction " , with Gray adding his opinion on musical arrangements .

Paul built the members a cabana style house on his pool deck with air conditioning , a TV , and beds so the members felt comfortable while recording . Paul produced the record and Gray felt Paul " facilitated the whole thing " . The album was completed in roughly a month , with three recording sessions . The band worked on the record for eight days and returned home for a break . A 14 @-@ day session , followed the break and then another 10 days in the studio . Gray asserts the breaks in between recording sessions were to " re charge the batteries " , and " get a fresh head " . As the line @-@ up was complete , the band started to brainstorm names . When a member thought of a name they would write it on a piece of paper and put it in an amp box outside the studio . Someone wrote " Hellyeah " , and the band thought it was a perfect choice . Paul says it 's " very affirmative and full of attitude . When your buddy asks if you want to get a beer tonight , you don 't just say ' yes , ' you say , " Hell yeah ! " . Gray attributes the name to " late teens , keggers and chicks and AC / DC and Metallica " .

= = = Hellyeah (2007 ? 2008) = = =

Revolver Magazine was one of the first print publications to feature the band in March 2007 . The self @-@ titled track , " Hellyeah " , started gaining satellite radio airplay in February 2007 , and the first single " You Wouldn 't Know " hit American radio airwaves the same month . " You Wouldn 't Know " peaked at number 5 on the Hot Mainstream Rock Tracks , and 35 on the Hot Modern Rock Tracks . The album 's second single , " Alcohaulin ' Ass " peaked at number 7 on the Hot Mainstream Rock Tracks . The band 's self @-@ titled album , Hellyeah was released on April 10 , 2007 via Epic Records . The album debuted at No. 9 on the Billboard 200 album charts , with sales of just under 45 @,@ 000 . The album peaked on the Top Hard Rock albums at number 15 , and number 3 on the Top Rock Albums . As of October 18 , 2007 , the album has sold 204 @,@ 000 copies .

Hellyeah received generally positive reviews . William Ruhlmann of Allmusic awarded the album three and a half stars out of five , commenting ; " Their album is a competent example of its genre , in which Tribbett and Maxwell combine to create crushing riffs over the pummeling rhythm section of Paul , while Gray howls typically enraged , expletive @-@ littered lyrics to songs " . However , Ruhlmann believes Hellyeah is not a notable variation from members ' previous bands . Blabbermouth.net reviewer Don Kaye awarded the album 7 out of 10 , praising the track " Matter of Time " for its slashing main riff , and " One Thing " as it " marches to the finish line with a rumbling , crunching wall of guitars worthy of Dimebag himself " . Kaye thought that Hellyeah 's first studio effort was not equal to any of its members ' main output . KNAC contributor Andrew Depedro stated " it 's a set of good songs recorded by 5 accomplished musicians from diverse backgrounds not letting their pasts define them and those songs in one form or another speak to you in different ways " .

Bassist Montano was asked to leave Hellyeah after the album 's release party , where he assaulted guitarist Tom Maxwell and made numerous gun threats while heavily intoxicated . The band 's publicist stated his departure was due to " personal reasons on both sides " The band considered Damageplan bassist Bob Zilla as Paul thought ; " It was kind hard to go ahead and commit to this band without Bob being part of it " . Zilla was invited to audition and got the gig immediately .

Hellyeah embarked on their first tour on May 2007 titled Fire it Up , made an appearance at the Download Festival , and underwent Australian tour in July 2007 . The Family Values Tour with Korn and Evanescence , saw the band start touring in late July , which also consisted playing with Alter Bridge in San Antonio before passing through thirty cities before ending in Washington , D.C. A DVD titled Below the Belt was released on November 13 , 2007 , and featured a documentary , music videos , performance footage from the making of the album , first studio sessions , coverage of the band 's world tour , and personal interviews . It was produced by members of the band and Ryan Ziemba .

= = = Stampede (2009 ? 2010) = = =

Hellyeah headlined a tour in the spring of 2010 with : Seether , Five Finger Death Punch , Drowning Pool , and Lacuna Coil . The first date was May 11 , 2010 in Madison , WI . They were also confirmed to play the main stage at Download Festival 2010 . In 2009 , the band revealed that they were in the studio recording a new album , later revealed to be titled Stampede .

For Stampede , the members went to drummer Vinnie Paul 's Texas home studio , for a recording process draped in a relaxed , pressure @-@ free atmosphere , surrounded by the obligatory cocktails , good eats and familial brotherhood . ? We were doing it at my house solely . We ate , drank and BBQed together , which made the brotherhood that happened , come through in the music , " Paul said . The band members lived in bungalows on the grounds and turned Paul 's house into a studio . Drums were recorded downstairs and guitars were recorded upstairs , with video screens in each room so the members could see one another while tracking . The methods may have been unorthodox , but the result was nothing short of magical . " It ? s a broad , diverse album that covers rock , heavy metal and Southern rock ground . That is the main thing that I like about it : it ? s not so focused on one thing , " Paul said . The high ceilings at the Paul home allowed for the creation of a big , booming sound . They also were able to work at their own natural pace . " We slept there , so if one of us just came up with an idea , we could jump on it , " guitarist Tom Maxwell said .

" Cowboy Way " , a song from the new album , was released for a free download via the band 's website on April 21 , 2010 . The music video for " Cowboy Way " premiered on May 20 , 2010 . The first single , " Hell of a Time " , was released on June 1 , 2010 . The music video for " Hell of a Time " premiered on June 16 , 2010 . [1] The song , " The Debt That All Men Pay " premiered on ultimateguitar.com on June 22 , 2010 . Stampede was released on July 13 , 2010 via Epic Records and sold 28 @,@ 000 copies in its first week of release , debuting at No. 8 on the Billboard 200 , making it the band 's highest charting album to date .

The group was recently confirmed to be playing the Rock Star Energy Drink Uproar Festival along with other headliners Disturbed , Avenged Sevenfold , Stone Sour and Halestorm .

= = = Band of Brothers (2011 ? 2012) = = =

Hellyeah finished recording a new album , titled Band of Brothers , and were extremely satisfied with the production of the record ; which was produced by Jeremy Parker , who has produced albums for Godsmack and Evanescence , and was recorded in the home of drummer Vinnie Paul 's studio in Arlington , Texas ; VP 's Upstairs Studio . The direction of the album was heavier and more metal @-@ oriented than its predecessors , fusing the different influences of the band members (Pantera , Mudvayne , Damageplan , Nothingface) together for a more metal approach . Band of Brothers was released everywhere on July 17 , 2012 via Eleven Seven Music , the band 's new record label home after leaving Epic Records . The digital single " War In Me " was released on iTunes on April 3 , 2012 . Debut single " Band of Brothers " was released in early May with a music video and will be released on iTunes . On May 8 , 2012 , the band 's second single off their 3rd album of the same name , " Band of Brothers " was released .

They played the Download Festival on Sunday 16 June 2013 and played at Graspop Metal Meeting on Sunday 30 June 2013 .

In July 2013 , they were on tour on the Gigantour 2013 .

= = = Lineup changes and Blood for Blood (2013 ? 2015) = = =

In late 2013 , the band posted updates to their Facebook page , detailing that they were in the process of writing and recording their next album . A few short clips were posted by the band showing some of the guitar work underway .

On February 13 , 2014 , the band announced the tracklist and title of their album to be Blood for Blood , released on June 10 . It was also announced that guitarist Greg Tribbett and bassist Bob Kakaha have departed the band , and were shortly replaced by Christian Brady (Magna @-@ Fi / Überschall) on guitar and (Skrew / Bloodsimple / MonstrO) bassist Kyle Sanders . Hellyeah and

Adrenaline Mob have announced a few tour dates together . On June 3 , the full album was available for streaming via YouTube .

On April 13 , 2015 , Hellyeah released the official video for the album 's third single , " Hush " . The song was also used to promote the " No More " campaign against domestic violence . The song supported the from ' Blood for Blood ' album .

Slayer was chosen to headline the 2015 Rockstar Energy Mayhem Festival . The bands HELLYEAH , King Diamond , The Devil Wears Prada , Thy Art Is Murder , Whitechapel , Jungle Rot , Sister Sin , Sworn In , Shattered Sun , Feed Her To The Sharks , Code Orange & Kissing Candice will also be participating in the Rockstar Tour . The festival is slated for 26 stops to run from June 26th through August 2nd .

== Uden ! able (2016 ? present) ==

On February 23 , 2016 , the band released a new song called " Human " from their fifth studio album .

On April 8 , 2016 , the band announced their fifth studio album to be titled Uden ! able , released June 3 , 2016 . Tom Maxwell has stated that included on the album will be " a lot of stuff they never tried before " , calling it " moody , dark and crushing " .

== Style ==

Paul described the band 's sound as " a familiar groove , with a new sound " . Blabbermouth.net reviewer Done Kaye commented " with little of the complexity of Mudvayne or angularity of Nothingface and much more of the full @-@ on , pedal @-@ to @-@ the @-@ metal style of Vinnie Paul 's previous work " . However , Kaye said the songs " Star " and " Thank You " border on musical cliché . Andrew Depedro of KNAC.com stated " ' Alcohaulin ' Ass ' showcases Gray 's hidden talent as an outlaw country and western @-@ type crooner in the intro " , although he thought the band 's lyrics were repetitive . Hellyeah has been categorized as groove metal .

== Members ==

== Timeline ==

== Discography ==

Hellyeah (2007)
Stampede (2010)
Band of Brothers (2012)
Blood for Blood (2014)
Uden ! able (2016)

== Awards ==

Loudwire Music Awards