

= Cephalic Carnage =

Cephalic Carnage is an American grindcore band formed in 1992 in Denver , Colorado . The band comprises vocalist Lenzig Leal , guitarists Steve Goldberg and Brian Hopp , drummer John Merryman and bassist Nick Schendzielos . Cephalic Carnage has released six studio albums and toured in North America , Europe and Japan .

Cephalic Carnage play a technically proficient deathgrind style , progressively experiment with other genres , and incorporate songs of joke nature into their albums , such as parodies of black metal or metalcore . They refer themselves as " rocky mountain hydro grind " .

= = History = =

= = Conforming to Abnormality , Exploiting Dysfunction ( 1992 ? 2001 ) = = =

Cephalic Carnage formed in Denver , Colorado , in 1992 by vocalist Lenzig Leal and guitarist Zac Joe . The duo recorded a demo EP titled Scrape My Lungs in 1993 , but then took a break until 1996 , when they recruited drummer John Merryman , guitarist Steve Goldberg and bassist Doug Williams . Merryman also collaborated with Secret Chiefs 3 . Soon after the reformation , their second demo EP Fortuitous Oddity was released . During 1997 , Cephalic Carnage financed its own tour across the United States .

In 1998 , the band caught the attention of Italian record label Headfucker Records , which released the band 's debut album Conforming to Abnormality that year . Williams left in 1999 and joined Origin . He was replaced by Jawsh Mullen , and the band toured at the Milwaukee Metalfest in 1998 , the Dallas Grindfest , the Ohio Deathfest and the Denver Hatefest in 1999 .

In 2000 , Cephalic Carnage signed to the American heavy metal record label Relapse Records and released its second album Exploiting Dysfunction , which included a tour with Napalm Death and The Dillinger Escape Plan .

= = = Lucid Interval and Anomalies ( 2002 ? 2006 ) = = =

Lucid Interval , the band 's third album , was recorded in early 2002 and released in August that year . The band toured a month later in Canada and subsequently in the U.S. with German thrash metal veterans Kreator and Destruction . In May 2003 , the band undertook the " North American Contamination " tour alongside Mastodon and others . That September , Cephalic Carnage and Madball supported Hatebreed on the North American " Rise of Brutality " tour .

In September 2004 , the band recorded its next album , Anomalies , with producer Dave Otero . Darren Doane directed a promotional music video for " Dying Will Be the Death of Me " , which premiered at MTV 's Headbanger 's Ball . The song parodies American metalcore with its music , lyrics and vocals . In March 2005 , Anomalies was released , and the band toured in North America once again .

Mullen exited in January 2006 to prioritize his education and other acts , and the band soon found replacement Nick Schendzielos . In March , the band 's recording studio was robbed . They played several shows in the United States in April , and an extensive European tour followed in June with Darkest Hour .

= = = Xenosapien ( 2007 ? 2009 ) = = =

The band recorded its next studio album between November and December 2006 , and its release was set for May 2007 under the title Xenosapien . In March 2007 , the band supported Brujeria on U.S. dates and subsequently embarked on " Xenosapien World Tour " , which started in continental Europe on May 4 , continued in United Kingdom and Ireland in May and resumed in the " Summer Slaughter " trek ( dubbed the " Summer ? s Laughter " by band members ) across the U.S.

throughout June and July along with Decapitated among others . The band also filmed a music video for the song " Endless Cycle of Violence " . On November 20 , 2007 , the band 's van was robbed . Their " recent earnings from the tour ( close to \$ 4 @,@ 000 ) , a laptop with more than \$ 2 @,@ 000 in music @-@ software programs loaded , an iPod and various personal items " were stolen .

Cephalic Carnage reissued Conforming to Abnormality under Relapse Records on April 29 , 2008 . Cephalic Carnage participated in a " mini @-@ tour " of Japan in May 2009 , performing in Osaka , Nagoya and Tokyo . In June 2009 , Cephalic Carnage , along with Cattle Decapitation and Withered , pulled out of the Blackenedfest tour due to organization problems and said they were " getting on with writing the next full length , ( ... ) as well as finishing construction of our late night poutine stand , where we will serve country @-@ fried giraffe eggs and your favorite French @-@ Canadian specialty . " In October 2009 , the band released a music video for the song " Vaporized " while writing a new album and announced a planned concert DVD entitled Live At Your Mom 's House .

= = Misled by Certainty ( 2010 ? present ) = =

Cephalic Carnage began recording their new album , Misled by Certainty , in May 2010 . It was released August 31 , 2010 by Relapse Records . They also reissued Lucid Interval on September 13 , 2011 .

= = Musical style = =

Allmusic describes the style of Cephalic Carnage as " crazy concoction of truly experimental grindcore , death metal , and jazz " . Their music varies from death @-@ grind , technical death metal , occasional surf rock , instrumental , to flamenco interludes or violin @-@ and @-@ sax ambient jams . Their early style is typically progressive and technically proficient , with some comedic songs . Their later work developed into a more experimental , complex direction .

Cephalic Carnage is also known for its humorous songs . Popmatters points out some examples : " On past albums , the band has taken satirical swipes at the overtly image @-@ oriented black metal ( " Black Metal Sabbath " ) and the oversaturated , angst @-@ ridden metalcore sound ( " Dying Will Be the Death of Me " ) , and even in live settings , they ? re not above taking the odd spontaneous piss @-@ take to bring some levity to a situation . One notorious YouTube clip has a fight starting in the pit at a Cephalic show in Toronto , and in an inspired moment , the band launches into a rousing excerpt from " Eye of the Tiger " , to a raucous ovation from the kids . "

= = Members = =

= = Timeline = =

= = Discography = =