

= Divine Heresy =

Divine Heresy is an American technical death metal band formed by founder of Fear Factory guitarist Dino Cazares and Devolved drummer John Sankey . Although the band 's origins trace back to 2002 , Divine Heresy was officially formed in 2006 . The band currently consists of guitarist Cazares , former Vital Remains drummer and current World Under Blood drummer Tim Yeung , former Nile bassist Joe Payne and vocalist Travis Neal . Tommy " Vext " Cummings was fired from Divine Heresy following an onstage altercation on April 26 , 2008 . After holding auditions for a new frontman for the band , it was announced on August 14 that The Bereaved vocalist Travis Neal is to fill the position .

The band 's debut album Bleed the Fifth was released on August 28 , 2007 , and sold 2 @, @ 700 copies in its first week . Receiving generally positive reviews , Eduardo Rivadavia of Allmusic commented the album " strikes a near @-@ perfect balance between confirmation and innovation " , while Dom Lawson of Metal Hammer commented " All in all , the portly pioneer [Cazares] has hit the bull 's @-@ eye " .

= = History = =

= = = Formation (2002 ? 2007) = = =

Following his departure from Fear Factory in 2002 , guitarist Dino Cazares was looking for a drummer that " fit in " with the band . First he tried drummers John Sankey from Devolved and Nicholas Barker from the bands Cradle of Filth and Dimmu Borgir . But both drummers had to return to their homelands of Australia and England respectively due to visa issues . He then met former Vital Remains drummer Tim Yeung . Cazares and Yeung recorded the material they wrote and sent tapes to Cummings for his vocal audition . Cazares comments " We heard passion and anger in his voice , which was something we wanted . It was also very aggressive . " Divine Heresy held auditions for a permanent bassist ? Tony Campos of Static @-@ X played bass on three songs and Cazares acted as bassist on the remaining songs . Following unsuccessful auditions , Cazares was contacted by former Nile bassist Joe Payne . Cazares knew Joe Payne from seeing him play live with Nile . After auditioning Joe Payne joined Divine Heresy as the permanent bass guitarist .

= = = Bleed the Fifth (2007 ? 2008) = = =

The band recorded its debut album , Bleed the Fifth in early 2007 with production duties handled by former Machine Head guitarist Logan Mader . The title of the album is a play on words , Cazares comments " You have the right to keep your mouth shut , but on this record we believe we ? re saying a lot " . Cummings wrote the majority of the lyrics , which are about personal strifes and how people overcome them . Much of the lyrical content was influenced by the Book of Revelation , natural disasters , war , and terrorism . Cazares stated the album is a " big fuck you " to the people who want his projects to fail .

Released on August 28 , 2007 , in the United States , Bleed the Fifth sold 2 @, @ 700 copies in its first week . Dom Lawson of Metal Hammer summarized his review by saying " All in all , the portly pioneer has hit the bull 's @-@ eye and it 's going to be fascinating to see what happens next " , awarding an 8 out of a possible 10 . Eduardo Rivadavia of Allmusic felt the album " strikes a near @-@ perfect balance between confirmation (reminding fans of Cazares ' abilities and unique vision) and innovation (he even plays a few guitar solos !) " . Scott Alisoglu of Blabbermouth.net summarized his review claiming the album is " one tough son of a bitch that may still have you humming melodies long after you 've ejected the disc . " Chad Bowar of About.com commented " Great musicianship , good songs and excellent production make this a very respectable debut . "

After recording was completed , Cazares announced the band signed a North American deal with Century Media Records , and a licensing deal with Roadrunner Records in Europe . His decision to

choose Century Media was based on the creative freedom the label gave him , whereas Roadrunner would ask him to produce radio and commercial songs when he was in Fear Factory . However , Yeung claims Roadrunner were not interested and said he did not want to be on a label that is " sort of interested " .

= = = Departure of Tommy Vext (2008) = = =

Lead singer Tommy Vext left the band following an on @-@ stage altercation on April 26 , 2008 . Cause of the altercation remains controversial . According to Dino Cazares , Vext was fired because of a conflict during a live show . " We felt that he wanted to end the show early to go hang out at the New England Metal Fest , which we were supposed to be performing at the next day " coming up with all sorts of excuses to make this happen . The band continued to play after what Vext said was supposed to be the last song . Vext then began screaming at Dino and argued with him before he pushed Dino across the stage . Vext was kicked out of the band immediately . In a video interview Vext explained that he wanted to prevent ruining his voice for the next show by ending the set early because the PA system went out during the show .

In exclusive " Metal Injection " interview Tommy explained the real reasons behind his departure from the band :

I ? ve been suffering the indignities of Dino ? s massive ego for as long as I ? ve worked with him , and unfortunately everything I ? ve heard about him had eventually come to fruition , and he is exactly as he ? s been portrayed as by his ex @-@ band members . And this happening now is the same reason why he ? s not in Fear Factory anymore . It was a stepping stone in my life and I ? m moving on .

= = = Bringer of Plagues and hiatus (2009 ? 2015) = = =

Divine Heresy 's follow @-@ up to 2007 's Bleed the Fifth was the group 's first release with new vocalist Travis Neal , formerly of Pushed . He is also currently a member of the Swedish band The Bereaved and the band Hate Times Nine from San Diego / LA . The album , titled Bringer of Plagues , was released on July 28 release via Century Media Records . Dino co @-@ produced the album with the acclaimed producing team Dirty Icon (Logan Mader and Lucas Banker) .

As of November 25 , 2010 , Divine Heresy cannot be found on the Century Media Records website .

Dino has also given interviews that during breaks from the current Fear Factory tour , Dino and drummer Tim Yeung have started writing new material for the next Divine Heresy record .

On January 26 , 2011 , it was announced that bassist Joe Payne had left Divine Heresy . It is still unknown whether anybody has been found to replace him .

On 10 May 2011 , Dino announced via Divine Heresy 's Facebook page and through his own personal account that Divine Heresy are still together and that there will be a new album in 2012 . He also said that they were planning a tour along the US east coast . On August 17 , 2012 , guitarist Dino Cazares via Twitter commented on the status of Tim Yeung as a DH drummer :

On July 27 , 2015 , in an interview with MetalSucks , Cazares confirmed that he is the only remaining member of Divine Heresy and the band is currently inactive due to his commitments with Fear Factory .

= = Band members = =

= = = Current members = = =

Dino Cazares ? guitars (2005 ? present) , bass (2007)

= = = Former members = = =

Jose Maldonado ? vocals (2005)
John Sankey ? drums (2005)
Tim Yeung ? drums (2006 ? 2012)
Tommy " Vext " Cummings ? vocals (2006 ? 2008)
Joe Payne ? bass , backing vocals (2007 ? 2011)
Travis Neal ? vocals (2008 ? 2013)

= = = Live members = = =

Risha Eryavec ? bass (2006 ? 2007)
Jake Veredika ? vocals (2008)

= = = Timeline = = =

= = Discography = =

Bleed the Fifth (2007)
Bringer of Plagues (2009)

= = Music videos = =

" Failed Creation " (The only video with Tommy " Vext " Cummings)

" Bleed The Fifth " (This track is on the first album with Tommy . However , due to his early departure before the video was complete , Travis Neal appeared instead and recorded his vocals over Tommy 's , marking his first appearance as their new vocalist)

" Facebreaker "