

= Gojira (band) =

Gojira is a French heavy metal band from Bayonne . The band was known as Godzilla until 2001 . Gojira is composed of vocalist and rhythm guitarist Joe Duplantier , his brother Mario Duplantier on drums , lead guitarist Christian Andreu , and Jean @-@ Michel Labadie on bass . They have released six studio albums and three live DVDs . They are known for their environmentally @-@ themed lyrics and have gone from " utmost obscurity " to being mentioned regularly " amongst the genre 's leading new millennium upstarts " .

= = History = =

= = = Early years and Terra Incognita (1996 ? 2002) = = =

Gojira was formed in 1996 by Joe and Mario Duplantier , Christian Andreu , and Alexandre Cornillon in their hometown of Ondres . Gojira 's music combines elements of death metal , groove metal , thrash metal and progressive metal . The band started touring and recording under the name Godzilla and released their demos Victim , Possessed , Saturate and Wisdom Comes in 1996 , 1997 , 1999 and 2000 , respectively . After touring , supporting Cannibal Corpse , Edge of Sanity , Impaled Nazarene and supporting Immortal in September 1999 , legal problems forced Godzilla to change their name . They changed their name to Gojira , the r?maji spelling of the fictional monster Godzilla . Their debut album Terra Incognita was released under the new name in 2001 .

= = = The Link and From Mars to Sirius (2003 ? 2007) = = =

The band released their second studio album in 2003 , The Link (reissued in 2007 with remastered audio and new booklet artwork) . After the success of the first two albums and their live performances they made a DVD in Bordeaux produced by Gabriel Editions . Since 19 May 2004 , The Link Alive has been on sale in France . In 2005 , Gojira decided to sign with French @-@ based Listenable Records to help give them exposure outside France with the album From Mars to Sirius .

Gojira was featured on Children of Bodom 's US tour in late 2006 , joining Amon Amarth and Sanctity as the openers . Furthermore , Gojira supported Trivium on the UK dates of their European tour in 2007 with Sanctity and Annihilator . Later they supported Lamb of God on their 2007 American tour along with Trivium and Machine Head . In late 2007 they took part in the Radio Rebellion Tour , featuring co @-@ headliners Behemoth and Job for a Cowboy , as well as Beneath the Massacre . In October 2007 , Listenable Records re @-@ released Gojira 's 1997 demo Possessed as a limited edition .

= = = The Way of All Flesh (2008 ? 2011) = = =

The Way of All Flesh was released on 13 October in Europe via Listenable Records and 14 October in North America through Prosthetic Records in 2008 . On 25 July 2008 , the band announced the track listing and revealed the final cover art for the record . Joe Duplantier stated about the album : " This record is a lot darker ? like , a lot darker , I would say . The music is darker and more violent . " The album will be " more intense , more brutal , and more melodic " than its predecessor . " That 's the theme ? it 's about death itself , " he explained . " It 's also about the immortality of the soul . That 's the main subject for us " . Randy Blythe from the American band Lamb of God appeared as a guest vocalist on the song " Adoration for None " The album took four months to write and record , and three months to mix . On 17 March 2009 , the band 's first North American headlining tour was announced . Opening bands were The Chariot and Car Bomb . Gojira accompanied Metallica on their tour 14 September ? 18 October , performing before Lamb of God . Gojira entered a Los Angeles , California @-@ area studio in early November 2010 , with producer Logan Mader to begin recording a new non @-@ profit four @-@ song EP , the proceeds from which will benefit Sea

Shepherd , an anti @-@ whaling organization . According to Joe Duplantier , the EP will feature guest appearances from the international metal scene . " Of Blood And Salt " will feature Devin Townsend and Fredrik Thordendal . The other tracks will feature Randy Blythe , Anders Fridén , Jonas Renkse and Max Cavalera . As a preview of their Sea Shepherd EP , Gojira released the song " Of Blood And Salt " in May 2011 , featuring Devin Townsend as a guest vocalist and a guest guitar solo performed by Fredrik Thordendal . As of 2016 , the EP has yet to see a release , as the hard drive it was on crashed .

= = L 'Enfant Sauvage and Magma (2012 ? present) = = =

They were acquired by Roadrunner Records and released L 'Enfant Sauvage on 4 April 2012 on that label . The title translates to " The Wild Child . " The album features 11 tracks , and was released on 26 June 2012 . The title song " L 'Enfant Sauvage " was released as a single along with a video to support it followed by a release of the song " Liquid Fire " as a free download on Gojira 's official website . The album was released 26 June 2012 through Roadrunner Records . On March 11 , 2014 , Gojira released a Live CD / DVD / Picture book Les Enfants Sauvages , which was recorded at Brixton Academy London in March 2013 .

In November 2014 the band began constructing a recording studio in Queens , New York City . That same month , Mario Duplantier moved to New York .

In an interview conducted in February 2015 with AMH TV , Mario Duplantier stated that the band is working on a new album . Further speaking with AMH TV , he went on to say that " We spent two months ... composing new stuff , composing new songs . And we feel very optimistic about the future . We 're already enjoying a lot of the new stuff . We want to make the strongest album we can do . I mean , all the bands say they try to make the strongest album , but this time , I think we will really do it . "

On 4 January 2016 , the band posted a video on their YouTube page announcing the new album would be out in spring .

That same month , Rolling Stone named the album their sixth @-@ most anticipated album of 2016 .

In April 2015 the band finished the construction of their New York recording studio , ' Silver Cord Studio ' . However , ten days into recording there , Joe and Mario Duplantier learned that their mother had fallen very ill and so the band put the recording session on hold . Their mother later died , and this experience had a profound influence on the recording process .

On 13 April 2016 , the band released a thirty @-@ second video teaser confirming that the album will be titled Magma and will be released June 17 , 2016 through Roadrunner Records . They followed this with the release of the first song from Magma , titled " Stranded " , on 22 April . The single 's music video was directed by Vincent Caldoni . On 20 May 2016 , a second song , " Silvera " , was released , accompanied by a music video directed by Drew Cox .

Magma was officially released on June 17 , 2016 through Roadrunner Records to " universal critical acclaim " . The album marked a change in style for the band , with Joe Duplantier experimenting with clean vocals , and with Mario commenting that " this time , we just felt all together that we wanted something straight to the point more . We wanted to change the dynamic . " The band will tour North America with Tesseract from mid @-@ July through October 2016 in support of the album . In 2016 , the band will tour the United Kingdom with Alter Bridge , Volbeat , and Like a Storm .

= = Side projects = =

Joe Duplantier was invited by the founding brothers of influential Brazilian band Sepultura , Max and Igor Cavalera , to join their new band Cavalera Conspiracy as a bassist . The album Inflikted was released in March 2008 and a tour followed in mid @-@ 2008 . Also , the Duplantier brothers formed an avant @-@ garde metal band called Empalot in 1998 , starring Stéphane Chateaufneuf , who appears in The Link Alive DVD 's short show called " Thang & Tanguy " . Their first release was

a demo album called Brout . It was released in 1998 . Two albums followed : Tous aux Cèpes in 2001 and a live CD called Empalot en Concert in 2004 .

= = Musical style and lyrical themes = =

Gojira 's sound is not easily classifiable as they blend several styles . Genres that have been associated with Gojira are technical death metal , progressive metal , groove metal and thrash metal . Gojira has been influenced by heavy metal artists such as Slayer , Sepultura , Death , Morbid Angel , Meshuggah , Tool , Metallica , Pantera , and Neurosis .

Gojira plays a technical and rhythmic style of heavy metal with precision drumming along with blast beats , unusual rhythm patterns , and start @-@ and @-@ stop riffs . Gojira has also been known to incorporate textured atmospheric elements and instrumental songs into their music . Gojira songs have progressive and uncommon song structures , rarely using the standard verse , chorus , verse songwriting. The vocal style is varied , ranging from the screamed style often employed in extreme metal , with the death growl style predominantly used in death metal , in addition to clean vocals and higher screams . At times , death metal growls and clean vocals are mixed to create an aggressive but melodic effect .

Gojira 's lyrics tackle themes of life , death , rebirth , spirituality , and nature . In particular , their 2005 album From Mars to Sirius is a concept album tackling environmental issues as well as broader themes of life , death , and rebirth .

The members of the band were raised in Bayonne , a city on the south west coast of France (Pyrénées @-@ Atlantiques / French Basque Country) . The surrounding scenic countryside and rugged coastline inspired Gojira 's interest in nature and the earth . Gojira uses its lyrics to spread its spiritual beliefs and concerns for the environment . They also cooperate with Sea Shepherd Conservation Society to protect marine animals , especially dolphins , whales and sharks . Members from Sea Shepherd Conservation Society are allowed to run a merchandise booth at Gojira gigs . In addition , Gojira is working on the Sea Shepherd EP with well @-@ known musicians from the metal scene , including Devin Townsend . All proceeds from the project will go to the organization , though as of June 2016 the current status of this project is unknown .

= = Band members = =

Members

Joe Duplantier ? lead vocals , rhythm guitar (1996 ? present)

Mario Duplantier ? drums , percussion (1996 ? present)

Christian Andreu ? lead guitar (1996 ? present)

Jean @-@ Michel Labadie ? bass (2001 ? present)

Past members

Alexandre Cornillon ? bass (1996 ? 2001)

= = Discography = =

Studio albums

Terra Incognita (2001)

The Link (2003)

From Mars to Sirius (2005)

The Way of All Flesh (2008)

L 'Enfant Sauvage (2012)

Magma (2016)