

= DevilDriver =

DevilDriver are an American heavy metal band from Santa Barbara , California , formed in 2002 , consisting of vocalist Dez Fafara ( the only remaining original member ) , guitarists Mike Spreitzer and Neal Tiemann , bassist Diego " Ashes " Ibarra and drummer Austin D 'Amond . The band was originally named Deathride , however , due to copyright issues and the name being taken by several bands , Deathride changed its name to DevilDriver , which refers to bells Italian Wiccans used to drive evil forces away .

= = Biography = =

Fafara hosted several barbecues after moving from Orange County to Santa Barbara and would jam with musicians he met , which led to the formation of the band . " I met Evan we struck up a friendship and started jamming , " said Fafara Guitarist Evan Pitts met Fafara in a restaurant and gave him his phone number for a jam session , while John Boecklin who originally played 2nd guitar then went to playing drums , met Fafara at a bar .

The band was originally known as Deathride , but later changed their name to DevilDriver because Fafara felt there were too many bands with that name ; a band in Norfolk , Virginia , and a bicycle racing team . Another problem was that the band 's label , Roadrunner Records were unable to secure copyright . The members compiled a list of roughly two hundred names to go for a more original approach . Fafara 's wife had a book by Italian witchcraft author Raven Grimassi on Stregheria , and came across the term " devil driver " . The term " devil driver " refers to bells Italian witches used to drive evil forces away . Fafara thought it was appropriate because it sounded " evil " , and thought the term " suits his life " . The band 's logo is the Cross of Confusion , which has existed for thousands of years and refers to " question religion , question authority , question everything around you " . Fafara was brought up to " question everything " and was exposed to Italian witchcraft through his grandparents .

DevilDriver 's debut record was originally going to be called Thirteen , and then Straight to Hell . However , Fafara claims it was changed " for so many reasons that I can 't even go into . " The band 's self @-@ titled debut DevilDriver , was released on October 21 , 2003 under Roadrunner Records , and entered the Top Heatseekers chart at number 17 . Guitarist Pitts wrote roughly 90 % of the music , according to Mike Spreitzer , who replaced Pitts after his departure from the band . Music critics response to the album was generally negative . Allmusic reviewer Johnny Loftus commented that elements in the songs " Die ( And Die Now ) " and " Swinging the Dead " redeem an otherwise disappointing album and hoped the band would focus less on the mainstream .

= = The Fury of Our Maker 's Hand ( 2005 ? 2006 ) = = =

The band returned to the studio in 2005 to record their follow @-@ up to DevilDriver . The album was produced at Sonic Ranch Studios , a 1 @,@ 400 @-@ acre ( 5 @.@ 7 km2 ) pecan ranch , 40 miles ( 64 km ) away from El Paso , Texas . The band members wanted to be isolated when recording the album so they could solely focus on the music as friends , family , managers and girlfriends would constantly interrupt . Roughly 30 songs were written which were narrowed down to 15 by the band . The 15 songs were then played for producer Colin Richardson who wanted to begin tracking immediately .

The name of the album was thought of by Fafara who believed that The Fury of Our Maker 's Hand refers to the " storm " his life has been the past 10 years , " You have your maker 's hand and I have my maker 's hand and we both living in our fury , the fury of our maker 's hand . It explains my life " . The album was released on June 28 , 2005 and debuted on the Billboard 200 chart at number 117 , with sales of 10 @,@ 402 in its first week . The album also debuted at number 1 on the Top Heatseekers chart . Johnny Loftus of Allmusic described the album as " a severe turn away from the falter of their first album " and said that the band made their " true debut the second time around " . Dom Lawson of Kerrang ! gave the album a positive review describing the album as a " fresh and

exhilarating approach to modern metal " .

The band toured extensively in support of the album , which included shows in the United States , Europe , and Australia in support of bands such as In Flames , Fear Factory , and Machine Head . The band played for the first time as a headliner in the Burning Daylight Tour . On October 31 , 2006 , The Fury of Our Maker 's Hand was re @-@ released to include three new studio tracks , including " Digging up the Corpses " which was featured on the soundtrack to Resident Evil : Apocalypse . The release also contained three live recordings of previously released , a DVD of all of the band 's music videos , new cover art , and inside liner notes .

= = = The Last Kind Words ( 2007 ? 2008 ) = = =

The band reunited at Sonic Ranch Studios while they recorded their third studio effort , The Last Kind Words , which was released in June 2007 . The album 's first single " Not All Who Wander Are Lost " was directed by Nathan Cox for free . Cox 's career began when he created Coal Chamber 's music video " Loco " , so he re @-@ paid a favor to Fafara and the band . Cox now directs music videos for bands such as Linkin Park and Korn . The first song to be previewed was " Horn of Betrayal " which debuted on Sirius Satellite 's Hard Attack channel on May 16 , 2007 . The Last Kind Words entered the German charts at number 92 , and peaked at number 48 on the Billboard 200 , with over 14 @,@ 000 copies sold .

DevilDriver promoted the album at the 2007 Download Festival at Donington Park alongside headliners Linkin Park , Iron Maiden , and My Chemical Romance . A Guinness world record was attempted by the band for the " largest circle pit " at the festival . Guinness responded to the query and denied the request stating they receive over 60 @,@ 000 requests a year and there is no way to physically define where a circle pit starts and ends . They considered the proposal fully in the context of the subject area and stated that " our decision is final in this matter " . The band also appeared at 2007 's Ozzfest . Fafara had been planning to take his first six weeks off in 11 years , but Sharon Osbourne , who had managed Fafara 's previous band Coal Chamber , persuaded him to appear . At a concert in Detroit , Michigan , a recording was made with the intention of releasing a live DVD in 2008 although this has yet to be released .

DevilDriver 's songs " Devil 's Son " and " Driving Down the Darkness " were featured in the TV show Scrubs , and in 2008 they covered the Iron Maiden song " Wasted Years " for the Kerrang ! compilation Maiden Heaven : A Tribute to Iron Maiden . The song " Clouds Over California " became available as a download for the music video game Rock Band .

= = = Pray for Villains ( 2009 ) = = =

Their fourth album Pray for Villains was released on August 11 , 2009 , debuting at No. 35 on the Billboard 200 , with estimated sales of around 14 @,@ 600 , improving on their previous effort , The Last Kind Words , which debuted at No. 48 .

On February 21 , 2009 , the band performed in Australia at the Soundwave Festival with bands such as Lamb of God and In Flames . After finishing their Melbourne show , they announced that their new album would be released August 11 , 2009 . The band also toured in the Midwest states in mid @-@ May 2009 with bands such as Slipknot , 3 Inches of Blood and All That Remains before headlining the ' Thrash and Burn ' Tour with Emmure , Despised Icon , MyChildren MyBride , Oceano , Kittie , and Thy Will Be Done amongst others . They also completed a European Tour with several other bands such as Behemoth and Suicide Silence .

In January and February 2010 , DevilDriver embarked on their headlining ' Bound By The Road ' Tour with Suffocation , Goatwhore , and Thy Will Be Done .

In March 2010 , DevilDriver participated in 2010 's Getaway Rock festival , which was held in Gävle , Sweden and began on July 8 and ended on the 10th . The band will also be included in an extensive UK tour in November 2010 with 36 Crazyfists .

= = = Beast ( 2010 ? 2012 ) = = =

DevilDriver 's fifth album *Beast* was recorded at Sonic Ranch studios in Tornillo , Texas with producer Mark Lewis , and released February 22 , 2011 . John Boecklin confirmed that the new album was mixed by Andy Sneap at his Backstage studio in Derbyshire , England in July . DevilDriver went on a tour in Australia with bands such as Iron Maiden , Slayer , All That Remains and Nonpoint for the Soundwave Festival in February and March 2011 . Jonathan Miller , the band 's bassist was fired on tour in the UK by unanimous vote within the band and sent home from tour . On March 30 , it was announced that Miller and DevilDriver would part ways permanently , in the interest of Miller 's continuing recovery . DevilDriver opened for Danzig along with 2Cents in 2011 supporting Danzig 's 2010 release , *Deth Red Sabaoth* , and are preparing for a North America tour with Chthonic and Skeletonwitch supporting Arch Enemy .

= = = Winter Kills , lineup changes and hiatus ( 2012 ? 2016 ) = = =

DevilDriver headlined the 2012 Metal Alliance Festival Tour in the spring .

On February 9 , 2012 , guitarist Jeff Kendrick announced via his Twitter account that himself , John Boecklin ( drums ) and Mike Spreitzer ( guitars ) had " begun to compose and demo songs for DevilDriver 's 6th album . We are extremely excited !!! " . In March 2012 , during an interview with Nick Azinas from *Peek from the Pit* , vocalist Dez Fafara announced that the band was looking for a new record label . This announcement officially ended the eight @-@ year relationship between DevilDriver and Roadrunner Records . On July 8 it was announced that DevilDriver has signed with Napalm Records for the upcoming sixth album . On February 18 , 2013 Dez announced on his Twitter account that Chris Towner who has been filling in on bass for the past year has been made the band 's official bassist . In a March 2013 interview with *Get Your Rock Out* guitarist Jeff Kendrick announced that an album title was " very close " , adding that the record was currently being mixed with only a couple of pieces of vocal recording to be done before the album is mastered . On 28 May 2013 , DevilDriver released the cover artwork and release date for the new album , *Winter Kills* . The album was released on 27 August 2013 by Napalm Records , their first album release since leaving Roadrunner .

On October 28 , 2014 , Dez Fafara announced that drummer John Boecklin and guitarist Jeff Kendrick left the band . He also announced that the band will be on hiatus until 2016 , when the new album will be released , to focus on his reunion with Coal Chamber .

On January 7 , 2015 , it was announced that past member Chimaira drummer Austin D 'Amore had joined the band as the new drummer . On March 19 , 2015 , Neal Tiemann was announced as the replacement for Jeff Kendrick on Guitars . Tiemann started his career with Midwest Kings and has spent time playing with Caroline 's Spine , Burn Halo and Uncle Kracker among others .

= = = Trust No One ( 2016 @-@ present ) = = =

On May 2 , 2015 , Dez Fafara said that there were 12 new songs written for the next DevilDriver album . They were anticipating recording them in October ? November 2015 and Spring @-@ Summer 2016 for a release date later in 2016 . Dez Fafara continued that DevilDriver had to get back into their normal recording cycle ; he did not want DevilDriver sitting around too long although they did need to take a break after releasing *Winter Kills* .

On November 19 , 2015 , DevilDriver revealed the title for the upcoming album , *Trust No One* , along side with the album art . The album is set to be released on May 13 , 2016 . In March , DevilDriver announced that former Static @-@ X guitarist , Diego " Ashes " Ibarra , would be filling in for the recently departed Chris Towner on bass for upcoming shows in the US , and on European and UK dates in support of the new album .

On March 18 , 2016 , DevilDriver released their first single from upcoming album , *Trust No One* , titled ' Daybreak ' , through their official YouTube channel .

= = Musical style = =

DevilDriver 's music has been widely described an amalgamation of groove metal and melodic death metal . All of the members have stated they are influenced by several types of music ( some not even found within the heavy metal genre ) , Miller 's influences include Metallica , Opeth , Slayer and In Flames , and states that many of the bands he tours with influences his songwriting . Fafara 's influences include Johnny Cash , and Motörhead , stating he likes people with " low voices " . Members of DevilDriver can be seen on Machine Head 's Elegies DVD citing Machine Head as an influence . Boecklin 's main inspiration into becoming a percussionist came from his enjoyment of Metallica , Primus and Ministry .

= = Band members = =

Timeline

= = Discography = =

Studio albums

EPs

= = Music videos = =

" I Could Care Less "

" Nothing 's Wrong ? "

" Hold Back the Day "

" End of the Line "

" Not All Who Wander Are Lost "

" Clouds Over California "

" Pray for Villains "

" Fate Stepped In "

" Another Night in London "

" Dead to Rights "

" The Appetite "

" Daybreak "