

= Five Finger Death Punch =

Five Finger Death Punch (or simply FFDP , 5FDP or Death Punch) is an American heavy metal band from Las Vegas , Nevada . Formed in 2005 , the band 's name is derived from a fictional martial arts maneuver in the 2003 film Kill Bill . The band originally consisted of vocalist Ivan Moody , guitarist Zoltan Bathory , guitarist Caleb Andrew Bingham , bassist Matt Snell , and drummer Jeremy Spencer . Bingham was replaced by guitarist Darrell Roberts in 2006 , who was then replaced by Jason Hook in 2009 . Bassist Matt Snell departed from the band in 2010 , and was replaced by Chris Kael in 2011 .

Five Finger Death Punch 's debut album The Way of the Fist was released in 2007 , following which the band began achieving rapid success . The 2009 follow @-@ up album War Is the Answer further increased their popularity , leading to both of the albums being certified gold by the RIAA , selling at least 500 @, @ 000 copies each in the United States . The band 's third album , American Capitalist , was released on October 11 , 2011 and achieved Gold status within the year . The band has played international music festivals including Mayhem Festival in 2008 , 2010 and 2013 , and Download Festival in 2009 , 2010 , 2013 and 2015 .

Five Finger Death Punch are the recipients of the Radio Contraband Rock Radio Awards for " Indie Artist of the Year " in 2011 , 2012 , 2013 and 2014 . They were also honored with the Radio Contraband Rock Radio Award for Album (American Capitalist) and Song of the Year (" Coming Down ") in 2012 and " Video of the Year " for " Wrong Side of Heaven " in 2014 .

= = History = =

= = = Formation and The Way of the Fist (2005 ? 09) = = =

Five Finger Death Punch was founded in 2005 by former U.P.O. bassist Zoltan Bathory and drummer Jeremy Spencer , Zoltan deriving the band 's name from classic martial arts cinema . Bassist Matt Snell joined in early 2006 . Later that year , Bathory contacted vocalist Ivan Moody (formerly of Motograter) , sending him some of the material the band had recorded and asked him to audition for the vocalist position . Moody flew from his home in Denver , Colorado to Los Angeles and quickly began recording material with the band .

By the end of 2006 , their debut album , The Way of the Fist had been recorded , entirely produced by the band . The album was recorded with Stevo " Shotgun " Bruno and Mike Sarkisyan and was mixed by guitarist Logan Mader . After searching for a second guitarist , they found Caleb Bingham who played some shows with the band , but was later replaced by Darrell Roberts . Shortly after recording the album , they signed a record deal with Firm Music , a branch of " The Firm " . On July 10 , 2007 , they released an EP , Pre @-@ Emptive Strike exclusively through the American iTunes Store . The album 's lead single , " The Bleeding " , was released on July 13 , 2007 . The Way of the Fist was released on July 31 , 2007 . The album entered the Billboard 200 at number 199 and was certified gold in 2011 .

From July 30 ? September 2 , 2007 , the band went on their first major tour cycle as one of the supporting acts on Korn 's Family Values Tour . They were also a supporting act of the North American leg of Korn 's Bitch We Have a Problem Tour from September 22 ? October 27 , 2007 . They were set to tour with Chimaira and All That Remains from January through March 2008 , but due to singer Moody developing cysts on his vocal cords they were forced to pull out . He made a full recovery and they began to tour again . They supported Disturbed on their Indestructible US Tour from April through May 2008 .

The Way of the Fist was re @-@ released on May 13 , 2008 , with 3 bonus tracks . One of the bonus tracks , " Never Enough " was released as the album 's second single on July 15 , 2008 . Later that year they were a part of the 2008 Mayhem Festival playing the Jägermeister Stage . The third single from The Way of the Fist , " Stranger Than Fiction " was released on September 17 , 2008 . The Way of the Fist was released through Spinefarm Records in Canada on November 4 ,

2008 , and in Europe on January 19 , 2009 . In January 2009 Darrell Roberts was asked to leave the band and was replaced by guitarist Jason Hook . They ended their support for their first album playing the main stage at the 2009 Download Festival .

= = = War Is the Answer (2009 ? 10) = = =

War Is the Answer was announced as Five Finger Death Punch 's second studio album in May 2009 . The album was produced by Kevin Churko and mixed by Randy Staub . The album debuted at number 7 on the Billboard 200 and has been certified platinum by the RIAA . The first single from the album , " Hard to See " , was released on July 21 , 2009 . To promote War Is the Answer , Five Finger Death Punch embarked on " The Shock and Raw " US Tour . Main support on the tour was provided by Shadows Fall , with additional support coming from Otep and 2Cents . Upon completing the US run of the tour , Five Finger Death Punch then brought the Shock and Raw tour to Europe , finishing off with a run of dates in the UK . Main support for these dates was again Shadows Fall , and opening acts for the UK portion of the tour were Rise To Remain and Magnacult .

The second single from War Is the Answer , " Walk Away " , was released on November 2 , 2009 . The album also spawned two UK @-@ only singles , " Dying Breed " , released on November 16 , 2009 , and " No One Gets Left Behind " , released on March 8 , 2010 . During March 2010 , Five Finger Death Punch traveled to Iraq and played 10 shows for the United States troops . The band 's cover of Bad Company 's song " Bad Company " was released as the fifth single from War Is the Answer on May 17 , 2010 . On their way to perform at Rock am Ring and Rock im Park Zoltan Bathory , Matt Snell and Jeremy Spencer were detained by German police for alleged international weapons violations . After recognizing the event as a misunderstanding , German police released the band members and they appeared at both Rock im Park on June 4 , 2010 and Rock am Ring June 6 , 2010 as scheduled .

Five Finger Death Punch also played the Maurice Jones Main Stage at the 2010 Download Festival on June 12 , 2010 . While playing the song " Dying Breed " , their set was cut due to too many people crowd surfing up to the stage . They were allowed to play one final song , " The Bleeding " . They played the main stage at Mayhem Festival 2010 with Korn , Rob Zombie and Lamb of God from July 10 until August 14 , 2010 . On August 17 , 2010 they performed the songs " Bad Company " and " Hard to See " on the ABC show Jimmy Kimmel Live ! . On September 16 , 2010 , The band released " Far from Home " as the sixth single from War Is the Answer . They supported Godsmack on their " The Oracle 2010 " tour from October 3 ? November 4 , 2010 . The song , " Dying Breed " was featured on the soundtrack for Namco Bandai Games ' remake of Splatterhouse , released on November 23 , 2010 .

= = = American Capitalist (2010 ? 13) = = =

The band began to record their third studio album entitled American Capitalist in November 2010 at The Hideout studios in Las Vegas , Nevada . The album was released October 11 , 2011 . The album was produced by Kevin Churko , who also produced the band 's previous album , War Is the Answer . It was announced in April 2011 , that bassist Matt Snell had departed from the band in December 2010 and in June 2011 , Chris Kael was announced as Snell 's replacement . The first single from American Capitalist , entitled " Under and Over It " , was released on July 27 , 2011 , following a music video in September 2011 . In support of the album , Five Finger Death Punch embarked on their " Share the Welt " tour from October 16 ? December 14 , 2011 with support from All That Remains , Hatebreed and Rains and their " Furious and Deadly " tour from March 23 ? April 12 , 2012 with support from Soulfly , Windowpane , and Persist . The song " Back For More " is included on the soundtrack for the video game Madden NFL 12 . " Back for More " was released as a digital single on September 13 , 2011 . " Remember Everything " was released as the second official single for American Capitalist in November 2011 , with a music video following in February 2012 . " Coming Down " was released as the third official single from American Capitalist in April 2012 , with a music video , directed by Nick Peterson , following in June 2012 . The song also won

the band an Independent Music Award in 2013 for Best Metal / Hardcore Song .

From July 13 ? August 28 , 2012 , Five Finger Death Punch took part in Metal Hammer 's " Trespass America Festival " with support from Battlecross , God Forbid , Emmure , Pop Evil , Trivium and Killswitch Engage .

= = = The Wrong Side of Heaven and the Righteous Side of Hell (2013 ? 15) = = =

On February 15 , 2013 , Five Finger Death Punch stated on Facebook that they were working on a fourth album , due in the summer . On February 28 , the band posted a picture on Facebook of Ivan being the last member to do some vocal recording for the new album . On March 12 , an update video was posted to YouTube . On March 18 , the band was announced to be playing Mayhem Festival 2013 . On March 18 , Five Finger Death Punch posted a promotional video of their next upcoming tour with the new short song of " Here to Die " .

On May 1 , 2013 , Five Finger Death Punch announced the release of their next studio albums : Volume 1 scheduled for release on July 30 , with Volume 2 following later in the year During the fifth annual Golden Gods Awards , Five Finger Death Punch performed their new song with Rob Halford of Judas Priest entitled " Lift Me Up " . The song was released as a single on May 14 .

On June 6 , Five Finger Death Punch revealed the art cover for The Wrong Side of Heaven and the Righteous Side of Hell , Volume 1 and also released a snippet of the future single " Dot Your Eyes " Volume 1 was released on July 30 and reached the # 2 position on the Billboard 200 with 113 @ , @ 000 copies sold in its first week , making it the band 's most successful debut to date . The Wrong Side of Heaven and the Righteous Side of Hell Volume 1 has sold over 210 @ , @ 000 copies to date .

On September 9 , 2013 , Five Finger Death Punch released a new single : " Battle Born " , in anticipation of their fifth studio album The Wrong Side of Heaven and the Righteous Side of Hell , Volume 2 , released on November 19 , 2013 . It sold 77 @ , @ 000 copies in its first week , and once again landed in the number 2 position on the Billboard 200 .

On August 11 , 2014 , Five Finger Death Punch released a video for the song " Wrong Side of Heaven " . The video is about homeless veterans suffering from PTSD , TBI and depression after serving in the military , and not receiving the help they need despite this .

= = = Got Your Six (2015 ? present) = = =

On December 12 , 2013 , Five Finger Death Punch revealed in a radio interview that they had already begun working on a sixth studio album .

On January 14 , 2015 , Five Finger Death Punch announced US Spring headline tour dates from April 25 to May 9 , 2015 and their intention to enter the studio to write and record a new album .

On May 2 , 2015 , the band released the title of their sixth album , Got Your Six as well as a teaser for a new song titled " Ain 't My Last Dance " on their official Facebook page . The album , which was slated for release on August 28 , 2015 , was later pushed back by a week .

On May 19 , 2015 , the band announced a co @ - @ headlining North American Tour with longtime friends Papa Roach . They will be promoting the upcoming album and be accompanied by In This Moment as special guests with support from From Ashes To New for the tour . The band also performed on the main stage as part of Download Festival 2015 .

On April 27 , 2016 , Billboard reported that Five Finger Death Punch 's record label Prospect Park (production company) filed a lawsuit against the band on April 21 , 2016 for breaching their contract . The basis of the claim cites that the band began working on a new album without Prospect Park 's consent .

= = Musical style and influences = =

Five Finger Death Punch has been described as groove metal , thrash metal , alternative metal and hard rock . Thom Jurek of AllMusic wrote that Five Finger Death Punch 's " instantly recognizable

sound is comprised of equal parts melodic and meaty guitar riffs , fat vamps , catchy hooks , tight , flashy solos , and hard @-@ grooving bass and drums " . Five Finger Death Punch vocalist Ivan Moody 's vocals are usually singing and screaming . Five Finger Death Punch also occasionally play ballads .

Bathory described Five Finger Death Punch as " a straight @-@ up heavy metal band with a hint of thrash metal ? maybe a hint of the Euro stuff in there " and then said , " that 's pretty much what we are " . Spencer described Five Finger Death Punch as " kind of like stepping on a garden rake while looking at a supermodel . Blissful yet fucking devastating " . He then said , " We have an energy and a rhythmical style that 's different than what 's happening out there . We have songs that grab you and stay with you and rip your face off . Hooks , balls , melodies and energy ? that 's us " .

Five Finger Death Punch guitarist Zoltan Bathory cited Pantera as an influence . Ivan Moody cited vocalists such as Mike Patton , Phil Anselmo , Layne Staley and Lynn Strait as influences . Moody also said , " Pantera is one of our biggest influences " . Jeremy Spencer cited drummers such as Lars Ulrich , Dave Lombardo , Gene Hoglan , Dave Grohl , Buddy Rich and Tommy Aldridge as influences . Spencer also cited Prince and David Bowie as influences .

= = Band members = =

Timeline

= = Discography = =

Studio albums

The Way of the Fist (2007)

War Is the Answer (2009)

American Capitalist (2011)

The Wrong Side of Heaven and the Righteous Side of Hell , Volume 1 (2013)

The Wrong Side of Heaven and the Righteous Side of Hell , Volume 2 (2013)

Got Your Six (2015)

= = Accolades = =

Revolver Golden Gods Awards

Metal Hammer Golden Gods Awards

Kerrang ! Awards

Radio Contraband Rock Radio Awards

Bandit Rock Awards

Loudwire Music Awards

SiriusXM Octane Music Awards

iHeartRadio Music Awards