

= Decapitated (band) =

Decapitated is a Polish death metal band formed in Krosno in 1996 . The group comprises guitarist , founder and composer Wacław " Vogg " Kiećtyka , vocalist Rafał Piotrowski , bassist Paweł Pasek , and drummer Michał Wysejko . Decapitated have gained recognition as one of the genre 's most widely respected bands and one of the finest exponents of technical death metal . The band earned an international fan base in the underground music community , and became an innovating act in the modern death metal genre .

Vogg and his younger brother , drummer Witold " Vitek " Kiećtyka , founded Decapitated along with vocalist Wojciech " Sauron " Wsowicz in their mid @-@ teens , joined by bassist Marcin " Martin " Rygiel a year later . After releasing two demos , the band signed with Wicked World (subsidiary of Earache Records) and , in 2000 , released their debut album , Winds of Creation . In 2002 and 2004 the band released the albums Nihility and The Negation , respectively . The band 's ambitious fourth album , Organic Hallucinosis , was released in 2006 with a new vocalist , Adrian " Covan " Kowanek .

In late 2007 , the band was involved in an automobile accident . Vitek died at the age of 23 on November 2 , 2007 of the injuries he suffered from the accident and Covan survived , but he slipped into a coma as a result . After a period of disbandment , Vogg reformed Decapitated and in 2011 released the fifth album , Carnival Is Forever . The latest album , Blood Mantra , was released in 2014 .

= = History = =

= = = Winds of Creation , Nihility and The Negation (1996 ? 2004) = = =

Decapitated was founded in Krosno , Poland in 1996 , by guitarist Wacław " Vogg " Kiećtyka , who was 15 at the time , his brother drummer Witold " Vitek " Kiećtyka , who was 12 years old , and vocalist Wojciech " Sauron " Wsowicz , who was 16 . One year later , bassist Marcin " Martin " Rygiel , 13 , joined the band . Decapitated released its first demo , Cemeterial Gardens , in 1997 and its second demo , The Eye of Horus , in 1998 . After signing to Earache Records subsidiary Wicked World , the band released its debut album , Winds of Creation , which included a cover version of Slayer 's " Mandatory Suicide " , and was produced by Piotr Wiwczarek from the Polish band Vader , in April 2000 . The band toured with Vader in early 2001 in the United Kingdom . Allmusic states that " Decapitated have quickly gained recognition as one of Poland 's , and even Europe 's , finest exponents of ultra @-@ technical death metal . "

Decapitated 's self @-@ produced second album , Nihility , which was released in February 2002 , fulfilled the high expectations that followed the well @-@ received debut album . Nihility also included a cover version of Napalm Death 's " Suffer the Children " . Decapitated was chosen to perform at the Polish Ozzfest event in late May and toured in North America and Europe in August . Sławek and Wojtek Wiesławscy produced the band 's next album , The Negation , which was released in February 2004 . The album received a positive response from the critics and was followed by a tour in Europe and the United States throughout 2004 .

= = = Organic Hallucinosis and hiatus (2005 ? 2008) = = =

In mid @-@ 2005 , Sauron announced his withdrawal from Decapitated , stating : " It was not an easy decision . However , I could reconcile the welfare of the band with my personal plans , and hence quitting appeared to be the best solution not hampering the evolution of Decapitated . (...) Moreover , another reason that contributed to my decision have been some health complications . " The band chose Adrian " Covan " Kowanek , a previous member of Atrophica Red Sun , as his replacement and entered Hertz Studios in Białystok in August to record their ambitious fourth album Organic Hallucinosis , which was released the following February . According to Allmusic , the band

's musical change of direction on this album was " likely to polarize longtime Decapitated fans " .

During the following tour in December 2005 , Martin could not perform with the band due to military conscription issues and was shortly substituted by Richard Gulczynski , but joined again in February 2006 . During the year , Decapitated toured with American bands Suffocation , Six Feet Under , Fear Factory , and others . In June and July 2007 , Decapitated played with Cephalic Carnage and others in the Summer Slaughter trek across the US . Later on , Martin departed from Decapitated to live with his family and to move to California .

On October 28 , 2007 the band members were involved in an automobile accident that injured Vitek and Covan . Their tour bus collided with a truck carrying wood in Gomel , near the border from Russia to Belarus . Vitek died on November 2 , 2007 at the age of 23 in a Russian hospital from the injuries . Covan slipped into a coma and was later moved to Poland . In 2008 , Metal Mind Productions released the concert DVD Human 's Dust .

= = = Reformation and Carnival Is Forever (2009 ? 2013) = = =

On March 8 , 2009 , after a period of disbandment , Vogg announced he was planning to continue the band and was searching for a new drummer and vocalist . Covan was unable to continue with Decapitated due to the slow improvement of his condition . In early 2009 , Vogg participated on recording of the guitars for Vader 's album Necropolis and continued with the band on a tour in support of the album , starting in September .

In mid @-@ 2009 Vogg stated : " It has been the hardest thing for me to move on without Vitek by my side , but he would have wanted me to continue with the band . Finally , I have found some great musicians who can continue the work of Vitek and Covan . " " There 's no sense in stopping this amazing thing we built up so many years ago together with Vitek , Sauron , Martin and Covan . "

On July 31 , 2009 , the Austrian drummer Kerim " Krimh " Lechner of Thorns of Ivy joined Decapitated . On November 20 , 2009 , the new line @-@ up was completed with the vocalist Rafa? Piotrowski of the band Ketha and bassist Filip " Heinrich " Ha?ucha of Vesania and Masachist . Decapitated continued with support of Nuclear Blast record label and Hard Impact Music management . The band toured in United Kingdom in February 2010 as well as in April and May in Australia , New Zealand and European festivals and the Summer Slaughter tour in United States in mid @-@ 2010 .

The band entered RG Studio in Gda?sk on February 9 , to begin recording their fifth studio album entitled Carnival Is Forever . The album was produced by Vogg ; while mixing and drums production was done by Swedish producer Daniel Bergstrand , who previously worked with Behemoth and Meshuggah among others . Heinrich departed from Decapitated after the recording in order to concentrate on Vesania , and Carnival Is Forever was released on July 12 , 2011 .

On November 1 , 2011 , the band was on board LOT Polish Airlines Flight 16 when the crew were unable to extend the landing gear and were forced to land the aircraft on its belly . Everyone aboard the flight survived . Lechner left the band in September 2012 and was replaced by former Vader drummer Pawe? Jaroszewicz .

In late 2012 , Decapitated played concerts in Nepal , Japan , and Thailand , among others .

= = = Blood Mantra (2014 ? present) = = =

On March 13 , 2014 , the band announced the addition of drummer Micha? ?ysejko to its lineup , who had been touring with Decapitated since January 2014 . Decapitated recorded Blood Mantra during March in Hertz Studio in Poland , and released the album in September . During a tour in United States in October , the band was involved in serious van accident on the way to a show in New Orleans , Louisiana . Nobody was seriously injured and the band continued on tour . Decapitated accompanied Soulfly on their 2015 We Sold Our Souls To Metal Tour .

= = Musical style and critical reception = =

Decapitated's music is composed by the "mastermind" of the band, Vogg, who co-@-@ worked with Vitek while writing prior to his death. Decapitated became known for its songwriting and technical instrumental approach at an extraordinarily young age and earned an international fan base in the underground music community. In the review of Decapitated's debut album, Allmusic said "the band has a seemingly effortless understanding and command of ... their instruments and ... the songwriting is extremely solid; even in the first listen." The characteristics of Nihilism and Negation are "powerful, blastbeat @-@ filled drumming, dissonant yet memorable guitar riffs, and inventive guitar solos" and substantially high production quality. In the review of The Negation, Metal Hammer states that "Sauron is one of the most capable vocalists on the scene". With Organic Hallucinosi, Decapitated focused on non @-@ traditional death metal aesthetics, more complex songwriting and grooves, and polyrhythmic approach; Covan contributed more versatile vocals. A notable element of groove is present in Decapitated's death metal sound, which has been often described as technical death metal.

Decapitated's releases are some of death metal's most significant albums of the early 21st century. Winds of Creation was "responsible for re @-@ igniting a stagnating death metal scene" and Organic Hallucinosi proved to be substantially influential in the subsequent development of the genre. According to Kerrang!, Decapitated have released "classic albums; (...) that have turned these youthful Poles into one of the genre's most widely respected bands. Tomas Haake, the drummer of the Swedish band Meshuggah, commented the death of Vitek: "The metal community has lost one of the most talented and skillful drummers of our time! [...] Vitek was a true talent and drummer genius."

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