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## **MALEVOLENT CREATION and ALCEST at INFERNO 2011**

**MALEVOLENT CREATION, brutal death/thrash from USA joins the INFERNO 2011 line-up with ALCEST, french black fantasy shoegazer metal. Together with IMMORTAL, AURA NOIR, PENTAGRAM and SOILENT GREEN the line-up for 2011 is getting harder, darker and louder than ever!**

**THE INFERNO METAL FESTIVAL** has become a true black Easter tradition for metal fans, bands and music industry from all over the world with nearly 50 concerts every year since the start back in 2001. The festival offers exclusive concerts in unique surroundings with some of the best extreme metal bands and experimental artists in the world, from the new and underground to the legendary giants. At INFERNO you meet up with fellow metalheads for four days of head banging, party, black-metal sightseeing and expos, horror films, art exhibitions and all the unholy treats your dark heart desires.

**THE INFERNO METAL FESTIVAL invites you all to the annual black Easter gathering of metal, gore and extreme in Oslo, Norway from April 20 -23, 2011. - Four days and a hell of a lot of bands!**

### **MALEVOLENT CREATION – brutal death thrash!**

Malevolent Creation is a death metal band originally hailing from Buffalo, New York. Moving to Florida in 1987, they became a part of the emergent local death metal scene, landing a deal with Roadrunner Records. Their debut album, *The Ten Commandments*, became something of a landmark in the death metal underground, expanding on the early work of Slayer. With their share of drama and line-up changes during the years, the bands current line-up are: Brett Hoffman – vocals, Gio Geraca – guitars, Phil Fasciana – guitars, Jason Blachowicz – bass guitar and Gus Rios – drums

Starting the work on their 11<sup>th</sup> studio album the band announced: “After over 20 years in existence, and now having the most solid line up in years, we really wanted to make sure that with this new album we elevated the band in every way. We’ve said it before but this album really is without a doubt is the most relentless, focused and brutal MALEVOLENT CREATION album ever! We really went back to our roots, not only as a band, but as fans of metal. We wrote an album of songs that we as fans of brutal music would want to hear” The album *Invidious Dominion* was released august 24<sup>th</sup> this year and prepare for a blast of brutal, fast, death thrash when the band hit the INFERNO stage this Easter!

### **ALCEST – black shoegazer metal from a fairy land**

Alcest is a musical project born in Bagnols-sur-Cèze, France. It began in 2000 with three members – Neige, Aegnor and Argoth. This band released a demo of black metal songs in 2001. Shortly after, Aegnor and Argoth left the band, leaving Neige as the sole member. This marked a change in style, as Alcest's subsequent releases have more often been described as shoegaze.

Neige, having originally formed Alcest as an outlet to create cold and raw black metal, moved away from the minimalist approach with the follow-up to *Tristesse Hivernale*, entitled *Le Secret*. This EP, is an introduction of sorts to the new concept behind the reformed Alcest. After having signed to Prophecy Productions in March 2007, Alcest's debut album *Souvenirs d'un autre monde* was released in early August of the same year, and drew comparisons with the likes of My Bloody Valentine. In August 2007, *Tristesse Hivernale* was released by Northern Silence Productions in August 2007 as a split with French black metal band Angmar.

As a child, Neige had fantasies of being in contact with a "far off country", which he generically refers to as "Fairy Land". Alcest serves as the musical adaptation of the memories from this fantasy world. Neige intends for Alcest to be a journey for the listener to this world through his memories. Join Alcest to this dark, beautiful country far, far away when Neige plays INFERNO 2011.

## INFERNO METAL FESTIVAL 2011

Inferno is an international extreme metal festival which is arranged during the Easter, 20-23.april in Oslo, Norway. 45 concerts are being held at the venues Rockefeller og John Dee with club concerts in the following venues Blå, Elm Street, Rock In, Victoria and Revolver.

### TICKETS:

Tickets are sold at Billettservice/[www.billettservice.no](http://www.billettservice.no) Phone: + 47 815 33 133

Club night 35€, Day pass 70€, Festival pass 180€ [www.infernofestival.net](http://www.infernofestival.net)

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### Quick Facts - Inferno Metal Festival

[www.infernofestival.net](http://www.infernofestival.net)

#### Held every year during Easter

4 days – 45 bands

Two main stages: Rockefeller and John Dee

Clubs: Elm Street, Rock In, Blå, Victoria and Revolver

1500 tickets sold every day.



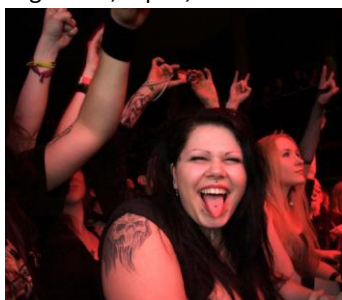
#### Previous headliners

Emperor, Dimmu Borgir, Mayhem, Immortal, Gorgoroth, Satyricon, Destruction, Morbid Angel, Dissection, Candemass, Opeth, Cathedral, Paradise Lost, Bolt Thrower, Sodom, Enslaved, Paradise Lost, Suffocation, and Children of Bodom.

#### Strong international appeal

In 2010 over 30 % of our audience came from abroad. In addition to metal fans from all over Europe, and from more distant countries as the US,

Argentina, Japan, India and Australia use their Easter holiday to visit Inferno.



#### Strong international media coverage

Usually around 150 accredited media from all over the world; Metal Hammer (Germany & UK), Terrorizer, Rock Hard, Sweden Rock and MTV – Headbangers Ball.

#### Strong international music business attendance

In the daytime we have the Inferno Music Conference with; panels, keynote speakers, speed meeting sessions etc.



#### Activities during Inferno

- Own festival hotel- exclusively for Inferno, filled with activities for both audience and media.
- Black Metal Bus Sightings.
- Exclusive concert at The Viking Ship Museum.
- Stands, INFERNO film, art exhibition, tattoo etc.



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