

Black City RECORDS

THE CONQUEST OF STEEL 2022

NECRONAUTICAL, Scruffy Murphy's, Birmingham
4 February

THE RUIN OF JORVIK, The Fulford Arms, York
9 - 10 April

SOUTHWEST HEAVYFEST, Cobblestones, Bridgwater, Somerset
30 April - 1 May

CARDIFF DEATHFEST, Fuel, Cardiff
3 - 5 June

DOOMSDAY FEST VI, Concorde 2, Brighton
4 - 5 June

DARKNESS OVER CUMBRIA, Fell Foot Wood, Cumbria
15 - 16 July

BEERMAGEDDON, Stoke Prior, Bromsgrove
26 - 28 August

REAPER FESTIVAL, Rebellion, Manchester
3 - 4 September

DARKNESS OVER CUMBRIA, Fell Foot Wood, Cumbria
7 - 8 October

ERADICATION FESTIVAL, Fuel, Cardiff
17 - 20 November

We will be adding more dates for our mobile shop
throughout the year. Please check our website for updates
www.blackcityrecords.co.uk/mobile-shop

RIPPING HEADACHES

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FURY

MINI ZINE ISSUE 3

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INTHE SHOP

It's all been GO in the shop as we wound up our first calendar year of trading (our birthday is in April - stay tuned for more on that).

To see out 2021 we were lucky enough to have our friends in Svalbard (below centre) come down to host a DJ set and signing session and a mere 4 days later we hosted one of our favourite homegrown traditional metal bands, Fury (bottom left), who came to play an acoustic instore set.

Since our last issue we also hosted our second 'Black City Session' with Dead Space Chamber Music (bottom right) bringing their own unique brand of eeriness to Trenchard Street.

We will be looking to host more events like this in the new year and feel blessed that some of our favourite artists have been enthused to join us and our punters. Who shall we get in next, we wonder?



ADVENTURES IN RECORD COLLECTING

DON'T TOUCH THAT!

One thing we've seen far too often on our travels over the years collecting records is the different ways in which people handle them.

A record is like a fine piece of art that when treated correctly will give you years and years of perfect enjoyment. The grooves of a record are fine crevices that are filled with all the necessary information to make a sound. It is when dirt enters the grooves that crackling and hissing will be heard and the longer the dirt sits in the grooves, the harder it will be to clean.

The golden rule is that your fingers should never, ever touch the grooves themselves - not even the run-in grooves at the start. The easiest way to avoid this is by holding the record with your fingers on the centre label and the edge rested against the lower thumb.

With a little practice a record can then be taken from its sleeve and replaced in exactly the same way without your fingertips ever coming into contact with the grooves.

Of course it is always good practice to give your records a small clean every few plays. We have solution and clean cloths in the shop that can help with this. Like anything, if you are unsure then please just ask us and we'll be happy to show you.



1. Open



2. Insert



3. Retrieve

HAILS

Our first calendar year - DONE! What to say? It's been an amazing first trading period for Black City Records with many regulars (who have now become friends) and new faces gracing our doorstep all the time. So far we have had people make special trips to visit us from all around the country and beyond, with notable mentions being the Isle of Wight, Sweden and the Falkland Islands believe it or not!

The love and passion people have shown for our little shop has been immense and we are truly grateful to every single person that comes through the door. You are what makes the metal community what it is.

As we head into the new year we have some great things planned both in Bristol and further beyond. We can't wait for you all to be part of the journey. Here's to 2022.

Stay metal!

BLACK CITY

Available Instore

Dead Space Chamber Music - THE BLACK HOURS
Pre-order 05/11/21, Release 03/12/21
Download / Cassette / CD / Vinyl



Cover Image: Death Angel gig. San Francisco, 1986

ON THE ROAD

Since the last issue of Ripping Headaches we have been working hard on beefing up the shop's mobile offering to get out and about across the country as much as possible following great weekends away up in Cumbria at Northern Darkness Open Air in 2021.

We have been very lucky with some great promoters offering us some slots at some of the UK's best underground festivals this coming year. We will be hitting the whole country from North Yorkshire right down to the south coast.

We've also been lucky enough to get spots at some amazing gigs in the Midlands courtesy of our friends at NeCrow Events, and Scruffy Murphys in Birmingham is now becoming a familiar sight (site).

We have a full (at time of going to print) list of where we will be on the back page of this very mini-zine. We're so chuffed with it we decided to give it a name - 'The Conquest Of Steel'. Manowar would be proud!



WORD SEARCH

Find the 13 words associated with the Metal Gods - Judas Priest.

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| killing machine | british steel | point of entry | stained class |
| sin after sin | glenn tipton | rob halford | kkdowning |
| painkiller | ram it down | firepower | rocka rolla |
| ian hill | | | |

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NORTHERN DARKNESS

It was an early start and a long drive up to the far north to attend Northern Darkness Open Air. Arranged by Wulfhere Productions and showcasing some of the best UKBM talent around we were very much looking forward to a weekend in the woods and to bring the Black City to Cumbria.

We set up shop in the Blackwood the night before and maybe after one or two too many ales awoke the next morning to the hordes of BM faithfuls arriving at the site for a weekend of mayhem, strange brews (Gnat's Piss anyone?), baptisms and unholy Black Metal.

Though the weather was sometimes a touch unkind, the patrons were amazing and we met so many amazing folk who came to see us and purchase our wares - including the lovely folk from Winterfylleth.

We were handling the march for first night headliners, Heathen Deity that weekend and we have to say we've never met a nicer or more massive (these guys are fucking huge) band in our lives.



In all NDOA was a fantastic weekend held in the most difficult of pandemic circumstances and expertly curated by the Wulfhere guys. Being torch bearers for the moon pond ceremony (if you don't know, look it up) was amazing and we swore to return for the Autumn edition - which we did. We'll be back next year in earnest. Join us!



BLACK CITY CITIZENS

We've decided to start highlighting some of our lovely customers and have begun to ask them some of the most pertinent questions of this day and age!

To kick off we sat down and spoke to a familiar face on the Bristol metal scene - Mr Jake Bristow

Tell us about yourself?

I'm Jake, I'm 30 years old and from Bristol in the UK.

What band got you into metal?

There were a lot of bands that got me into Metal, but the ones that did were Black Sabbath, Iron Maiden, Motorhead, Judas Priest, Slayer, Metallica and Pantera.

What was the first metal album you ever bought?

The first Metal album I bought was Seventh Son of a Seventh Son by Iron Maiden and it was around 2004, so I was about 12/13 at the time.

What is the last metal album you bought and what's good about it?

The Sins of Mankind by Cancer and its awesome fucking Death Metal from the UK.

All time favourite metal album and why?

Mine would have to be Beneath The Remains by Sepultura because of how intense, dark and melodic it is and still stands as an influential album among bands and musicians



today. Also, I would like to add Ride The Lightning by Metallica because it's heavy and melodic which is blended so well together and still holds up as one of the best in Metal.

What's the one album people are surprised to find out you own?

I listened to Rock growing up. One of the bands I still love today is Queen and the album is Sheer Heart Attack. Such a brilliant album.

Do you mainly collect CD, vinyl or tapes? And what influences that?

At first it was just CDs but, then I started collecting vinyl from record shops (before Black City Records) car-boot sales and charity shops. Later on down the line, I started buying tapes and will continue to do so in the future.

What's a great album people may not know about that they should check out?

Well I can't just pick one as there's a lot I can recommend. Saying that, I'll go with World Without God by Convulse because in true Finnish Death Metal fashion it's a very dark and heavy album and sets me on a course to more bands from Finland and in that style from the UK and other countries. I feel that it needs more recognition among fans of Death Metal who may not have come across this band or album back in the day and to those in the scene now.



Jake can be found broadcasting on the following networks:

Jakes Metal Chat
www.youtube.com/c/JakesMetalChat

Jakes Metal Sessions
www.twitch.tv/jakemetalsmanbristow



SOUTHWEST HEAVYFEST

2022

APRIL 30 MAY 1

PARTY CANNON

BASINENT TORTURE KILLINGS

! PRIEST CRIPPLER !

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