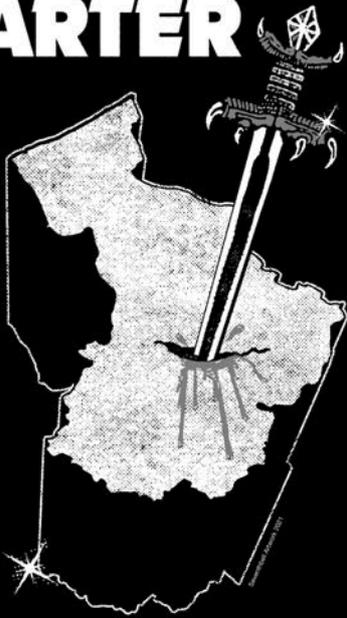


# BRISTOL METAL QUARTER



In collaboration with The Gryphon, Bristol Metal Quarter shirts are now available from [shop.blackcityrecords.co.uk](http://shop.blackcityrecords.co.uk) or through the Butlr app by searching for 'The Gryphon' in Bristol

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## INTHE SHOP

On Saturday 26 June we realised the crazy idea of having a band play in the shop. Local Death Metal titans Dies Holocaustum were kind enough to come and play a secret closed doors set at the shop for what we can now reveal was the very first of 'The Black City Sessions' - a set of raw recordings performed at the shop to be released on CD soon.



Assisted by equipment from our good friends at The Gryphon the band loaded in on the Friday night before returning early



doors to blast through a 7 song set they had prepared for the sadly cancelled Metal 2 The Masses.

Surreal, brutal and LOUD, it was a great morning. We wonder who's next...?

The CD release of the session will be available in the shop and from the band very soon.

## ADVENTURES IN RECORD COLLECTING

### UTRECHT RECORD FAIR

Pre-pandemic we were regular visitors to the bi-annual Utrecht Record Fair - the largest record fair in the world with over 500 stalls and covering an area the size of 10 football pitches! Yes, you read that right...TEN!



For those who enjoy crate digging this event is a must for your bucket list. It can actually be pretty overwhelming at the amount of stalls and the (quite literally) hundreds upon hundreds of thousands of records available. Looking for that yellow goat Bathory? It's very likely you will find it here.

In November (restrictions allowing) we will be attending for probably the ninth or tenth time, but the first time in a business capacity. Not to sell records, but to hopefully try and bring back some hard to find and rare gems for you all.

# HAILS

Well, we have well and truly opened! We had our grand opening on Saturday 17th April and what a day it was. To say we were blown away is an understatement. We always knew the metal community would have our backs and come out to support us (it's what we do, right?), but to the extent you all did was completely unexpected. Thank you to each and every person who has visited the shop!

As lockdown begins to ease we can see a sense of normality coming closer. The Gryphon is now open and to be able to lock the doors on the shop and walk the mere 100 metres to our favourite metal pub is such an amazing feeling. It was no accident that we decided to open up (business wise) next door. We hope that the sense of community we can all bring to the area will make it our very own Bristol Metal Quarter. In fact, see the back page for details on how to represent us with our first colab shirt.

Stay metal!

# BLACK CITY



**Iniquity in Salvation**  
**CD Digipack**  
 Available at Black City Records

Cover Image: Chris Needham ([youtu.be/sUKvV42ouKA](https://youtu.be/sUKvV42ouKA) - thank me later!)

# ON THE ROAD

In August and October we are heading to the Northern Darkness Open Air festival in Cumbria held by our friends at Wulfhere Productions to both sponsor the event and bring a stall.

This has led us to develop a separate initiative for the shop with 'Black City Records - On The Road' - a complete mobile shop set-up that we aim to take out across the country to a number of small underground festivals and beyond.

We will be tailoring the stock we bring out to reflect the genres and bands playing at individual events and hope to meet many of our lovely mail order customers from across the country. Keep and eye on our website to find out where we will be.

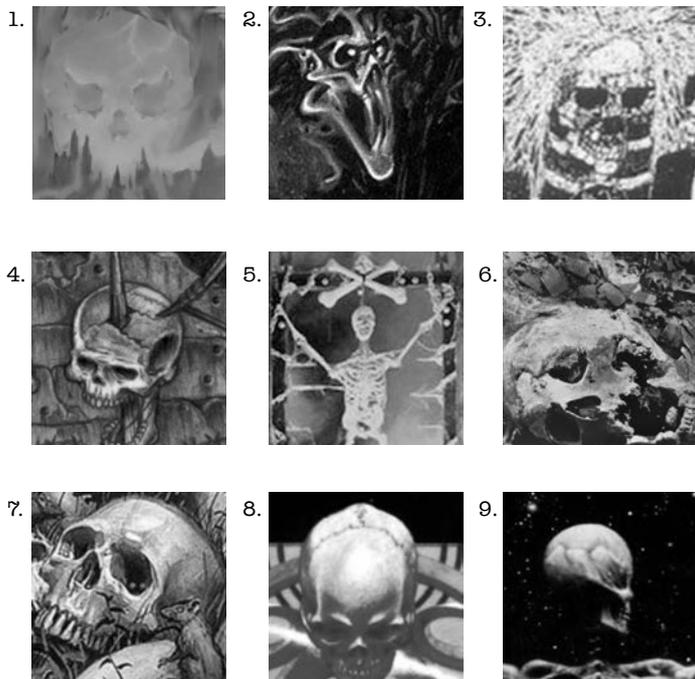


**Name That Skull**  
 1. Metallica - Creeping Death. 2. Entombed - Left Hand Path.  
 3. Napalm Death - Scum. 4. Darkthrone - Circle The Wagons.  
 5. W.A.S.P. - W.A.S.P. 6. Death Angel - The Ultra-Violence.  
 7. Obituary - Cause Of Death. 8. Black Sabbath - Sabbath Bloody Sabbath.  
 9. Slayer - Divine Intervention.

# NAME THAT SKULL

So, to provide a little light entertainment and test your metal skills of detection, we present 'Name That Skull'.

Featuring 9 skulls from 9 classic metal releases - how many can you guess? One 'I AM METAL AS FUCK' point for each correct answer.



Answers on page 7. No cheating, poser!

# OPENING DAY

What a day we had when we finally opened the doors to the Black City on Saturday 17th April. We had initially planned to open the shop on Halloween in 2020, but between solicitors and COVID restrictions it simply wasn't possible - but we finally got there.

Over 150 loyal metalheads and vinyl junkies queued from as early as 5:30am and the queue remained consistent until 5pm. We tried to ensure that everybody had a beer whilst they waited and to say we were blown away was an understatement. Thanks to everyone that came by - it was a day we will never forget.

