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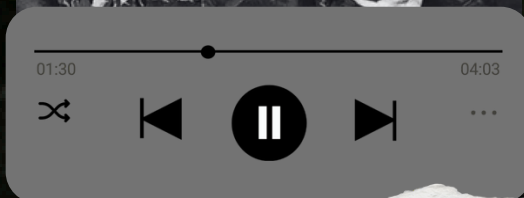


Slathered in a mixture of his own blood and the entrails oozing from an impaled cow's head, Mayhem's front man Maniac writhes around the stage wrapped in barbed wire. Dragging a Scandinavian surgical scalpel deep into his arm, he flings his head back as he barfs the lyrics to "Pure Fucking Armageddon." Black metal, the vilest music since Sy Snootles and the Rebo Band (Jabba the Hut's in-house orchestra), may still be as disgusting as ever



Funeral Fog

Mayhem



Can Mayhem ever be cancelled?

Who ARE MAYHEM?



Mayhem have been named one of the darkest bands in History. From mutilation, violence, suicide to murder, Mayhem lived up to their name.



Mayhem was founded in 1984 by three Norwegian teenagers. The lead vocalist, nicknamed "Dead", quickly garnered a reputation for being extreme. Violence became part of Mayhem's stage routine, with audience members often leaving their shows covered in Ohlin's (Dead) or a farm animals' blood.

TOP SONGS:



Scan this QR code to listen to Mayhem



THE MAYHEM HORROR STORY



Three years after joining the band, the singer "Dead" was found dead by the guitarist, Euronymous, in April of 1991. He died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound after slicing his wrists with butcher knives.

While the rest of Mayhem were struck with grief by the sudden loss of their bandmate and friend, Euronymous exploited the death of his friend to further the band's popularity. He used dead's suicide as a way to "legitimise" the band as true evil.

Rumours surrounding Dead's death spread across the metal community. Some claimed Euronymous had cannibalized parts of him, while others claimed he had made necklaces with fragments of the singer's skull.

The latter claim turned out to be true, as confirmed by another member. An actual image of Dead's corpse was used for one of the band's live albums, which many—including several members of Mayhem—found incredibly disrespectful to their friend.



The bassist left the band due to Dead's passing. Euronymous quickly recruited new members, Snorre Ruch on rhythm guitar, Attila Csihar on vocals and Varg Vikernes on bass. Vikernes had developed a notorious reputation for being an outspoken white nationalist involved with several church burnings.

Though only three are officially tied to him, it is believed that he was involved with several more acts of arson around Norway. The band completed their first and only studio album with Euronymous, "De Mysteriis Dom Sathanas," before falling apart.

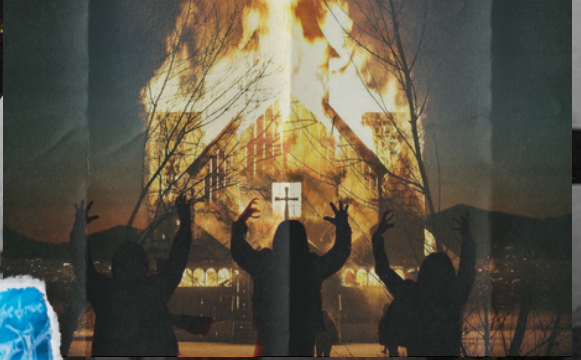
Conflict between Euronymous and Vikernes was quick to arise, with Vikernes claiming Euronymous had intentions of murdering him. On Aug. 10, 1993, Vikernes traveled over 300 miles to Euronymous's apartment in Oslo, where the two men engaged in a heated argument. This ended in Vikernes fatally stabbing Aarseth 23 times in the head, neck and back, before fleeing the scene.

He was caught within days of the murder, and was sentenced to 21 years in prison for the murder of his former bandmate and the burning of three churches around Norway.

"De Mysteriis Dom Sathanas" was released in May of 1994, dedicated to Aarseth. The record achieved critical acclaim, and is regarded as one of the most influential albums in heavy metal.

Mayhem reformed a year later, continuing to tour and release new music to this day.

MAYHEM'S VIOLENT REPUTATION



WHAT DO PEOPLE REALLY THINK OF MAYHEM?



After interviewing a few people, I learnt a bit more about what people now-a-days think of this "band from hell"...

DO YOU THINK MAYHEM DESERVE TO BE CANCELLED?

"If they did everything they did in the past now they would probably be cancelled by almost everyone. I think they do deserve it though, yes."

"I'm not sure how anyone can cancel black metal bands to be honest, but yes."

"Absolutely yes but I don't think that's going to happen anytime soon."

HOW DID YOU FEEL AFTER LEARNING ABOUT WHAT MAYHEM DID?

"I expect a lot of drama and controversialities from most rock and metal artists now, but this black metal stuff was a whole new level even for me."

"I learnt through the lords of chaos film and I was very disturbed."

"Ill. Haha! It's all really creepy shit but I like some songs."

"The lore is insane, but it's black metal, so, I'm not surprised."

DID THEIR CONTROVERSIES CHANGE HOW MUCH YOU CONSUMED THEIR MUSIC?

"I have to step back when it came to anything more than just listening, if that makes sense. I would never go to a live show, for example. Listening is one thing, but immersing yourself in that atmosphere and energy is something else."

"No. I openly dislike mayhem and all of the members as people, but I do enjoy the music."

"Not really. They were very controversial from the beginning, so you kind of know what you're getting yourself into when you listen to them."

THEIR TOP SONGS:



FREEZING MOON



WITCHING HOUR



DEATHCRAASH


WHAT DO FANS AROUND THE WORLD THINK OF MAYHEM?



 arthur loves jbh · 4d
these people must've never heard of mayhem or like half the black metal scene

 self-identified emo artist @Thy... · 4d
People are calling metal bands satanic again we are so back x.com/sotspodcast/st...

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 Derick Jolley @BloodRed87 · 4d
Replying to @MelonieMac
Bring Me The Horizon always sucked anyways. If you think that tweet from them is bad, that's nothing compared to the lyrics that Deicide, Morbid Angel, Venom, Mayhem and many other death and black metal bands write. 😂

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 btcnft420 @btcnft420 · 10h
This Kanye porn and Tupac gayness got me listening to Norwegian black metal again.

Check out the Wikipedia page for "Mayhem." Makes every rap controversy look like pussy shit.



 TheEvilBassist · 4mo ago
Mayhem is one of the greats in metal, period. They didn't want to be liked by most people anyway, so who cares about the hate.



 KarijesNaMozgu · 4mo ago
It's the best black metal album. It sounds nothing like a gimmick or a trend, it's just evil. Amazing songwriting, probably the best drum performance on a metal album, vocals are sick! Pure perfection.

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WHAT DO MAYHEM MEMBERS

THINK OF CANCEL

CULTURE?



"I DON'T WANT TO SEE PEOPLE RESPECTING ME, I WANT THEM TO HATE AND FEAR."

— EURONYMOUS OF MAYHEM



"HE DIED FROM ONE STAB TO THE HEAD... THROUGH HIS SKULL. I ACTUALLY HAD TO KNOCK THE KNIFE OUT."

— VARG VIKERNES, AFTER KILLING FORMER FRIEND EURONYMOUS



"SOMETHING I STUDY IS HOW PEOPLE REACT WHEN MY BLOOD IS STREAMING EVERYWHERE..."

— MAYHEM VOCALIST "DEAD," A YEAR BEFORE BLOWING HIS BRAINS OUT @marla.lokh

"People know we are sick, and we don't give a fuck"- Euronymous

"It's not the idea that every idiot shall like us either. If all idiots in the scene, or if my parents liked us, then something would be wrong."- Euronymous

*"There is NO HATE which is too sick, evil or perverted."
- Dead*

IN AN INTERVIEW WITH EURONYMOUS:

"What would you think of people talking shit about you and MAYHEM? Saying that you are posers because you have such a great live show!"

- "I'm not interested in what they used to listen to or what they are trying to tell me. We do what we like and that is enough for us."

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WHERE ARE MAYHEM NOW?

Mayhem are surprisingly still active within the black metal scene. Their most recently released album was in 2023, named "Daemonic Rites" where they play many of their songs live.

They are very successful, with continuous music releases, tours, and even a film being made about them. The film is called "Lords of Chaos". Many fans claim it is not a very accurate film, so not educational if you are wanting to learn true stories about the band- however, it was perfect for introducing younger metal fans to the band. There are many discussions on TikTok and other social media where young people have discovered Mayhem through this film.

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They have almost

400,000

monthly streams on Spotify

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