



GURD HISTORY

1994

GurD formed back in early 1994 out of the ashes of the Swiss power-thrash metal legend **Poltergeist**. Stylistically, **GurD** decided to take a step into a rather different direction, as they preferred a more modern and crunchy sound to metal. Soon afterwards the company **Major Records** discovered the talented fourpiece and things easily started to work out for the self-titled debut album that got released in 1995 and which received awesome response from both media and the audience.

1995-1998

Hard touring and fast recording became two synonyms for the band. After their debut, their second output "**Addicted**" was also released in 1995, followed by tours with bands like **Spudmonsters**, **Schweisser**, **Life Of Agony**, **Stuck Mojo**, **Pro-Pain** or **Such A Surge**. The **Dynamo Open-Air** (1996) was definitely highlighting their history as they played in front of 20'000 wildly partying people. This amazing show led **GurD** to sign with **Century Media**.

Until 1998, they released three more outputs ("D-Fect" plus "D-Fect - The Remixes" and "Down The Drain" at famous Thomas Skogsberg's **Sunlight Studio** in Stockholm). After touring Europe with **Pro-Pain** again, **Marek**, **Tobi** and **Phil** decided to quit the band at a quite successful moment, so that **V.O.** remained on his own.

It did not take a long time until he joined forces with new members from Berne: **Andrej** (bass) and **Spring** (guit), who were formerly playing with the **Swamp Terrorists**, as well as **Tschibu**, ex-drummer of the band **Jerk**. As all three members were jamming together for a while, they fastly formed a tight and suitable team to continue the GurD-way.

1999- 2001

To steady their new built line up and performance, the four played several shows in Switzerland before they recorded the demo to the next album "**Bedlam**". It turned out to be the most powerful and heaviest material **GurD** ever wrote, more technical and thrash-oriented, yet also catchy as usual. The full-length album was released in august 2000. The year after was packed with clubshows in Switzerland and Germany, crowned by appearances at the famous **With Full Force Festival** and **Metal Dayz** in Switzerland. This successful time was sadly interrupted by the ending of the deal with **Century Media**. In consequence, **GurD** recorded a new demo, along with a video-clip to the track "Rule The Pit", which was produced by the wicked Evilproduction-stuntteam from Berne. Sad enough, **Andrej** had to leave the band at the end of the year due to health problems.

2002

The year started with welcoming **Franky** on bass, who helped to cope with that setback. As he was GurD's former live engineer, they knew each other well and he became a fully accepted bandmember very fast. He could prove his live qualities during many shows in Switzerland, the **Summerbreeze Open Air** and several benefit-festivals like the Fuck The Flut or In Union We Stand (both Germany).

2003

Signing a deal with **Diehard Music** was a good start for this year. As V.O. and Franky built their own studio **Little Creek**, their next album "**Encounter**" was one of the first records produced there. Soundwise, they followed their way to more thrashbased and old-schooly music, yet not to miss a very modern influence (if Jeff Waters says so, it can't be wrong!). In June, **GurD** went on a small tour with I-Trip, new-metal hopefuls from Stuttgart, continued playing in Switzerland and amazingly performed at the **Metal Dayz** in Switzerland again; the place was packed, all sweaty and partying! With that show, **GurD** proved that they are still alive and kicking and they survived all those awkward circumstances in the past like a phoenix!



2004

This was year 10 after forming **GurD**. To celebrate the "**Decade of GurD**" appropriately, the band was playing an anniversary show in Switzerland which was recorded and filmed and should be released the following year. GurD-Booking is now represented by **Dragon Productions/All Access**. **GurD** is surely a good choice, still bringing bloodrushing intensity and heavy spirit to every stage! At the end of the year, **Spring** decided to leave the Band & concentrate on his own project '**The Order**'.

2005

The year started with integrating new guitarist **Pat** into the band. A few shows later, **GurD** was back on track & stronger than ever. After the release of the Deluxe-Packaged **DVD/CD '10 Years of Addiction'** through **N-Gage Records**, **GurD** focused on recording new Killer Material & playing as many shows as possible.

2006

The new album is finished & **GurD** has signed a worldwide record deal with German based label **Dockyard 1**. The release date for the new Masterpiece called '**BANG!**' is set to 31st of July. Also several shows are made & the band rocked the **METAL DAYZ** festival in Switzerland.

2007

This Year the Band is ready to hit the road again! In April/May they toured through Europe together with their long-time-buddies **PRO PAIN**. **GurD** also made a **Video-Clip** for their anthem '**BANG!**'

2008

Besides many club shows and open airs, **GurD** worked on a new studio album entitled '**Your Drug Of Choice**' which was finished in October. Guest appearances from befriended musicians like **Schmier (Destruction)**, **Freddy Rotter (Zatokrev)**, **Mark Elliott (The Force)** and **Tommy B. (Ex GurD, now Undergod)** helped to make their ninth album sounding fresh and diversified like never before.

2009

'**Your Drug Of Choice**' will be released worldwide on **January 16th** through **LC Records**. And with this year marking the 15th Anniversary for **GurD**, there's a big Party planned for the **16th of may**, when they will celebrate their birthday at the **Z7** in Pratteln/Switzerland.

Line-Up:

V.O. : guitars & lead vocals

Pat: guitars & vocals

Franky: bass & vocals

Tschibu: drums

Discography:

'**GurD**' 1994

'**Addicted**' 1995

'**D-Fect**' 1996

'**Down The Drain**' 1998

'**Bedlam**' 2000

'**Encounter**' 2003

'**10 Years Of Addiction**' 2005

'**BANG!**' 2006



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