

# INFERNO METAL FESTIVAL NORWAY 2 0 \*\* 2 5

# FIRST ARTISTS FOR INFERNO 2025

It is time to release our first batch of artists for Inferno Metal Festival 2025! Next year's festival will take place during Easter in Oslo, Norway, from the 17th to the 20th of April, 2025. We are proud to announce 1349, Blood Incantation, Aeternus, Seth, Abyssic, Spectral Wound, Angist, Bythos, Syn, and Violent Magic Orchestra for Inferno 2025! More artists will be announced soon!

### 1349

The Norwegian black metal band 1349 was founded back in 1997 and has maintained a steady course ever since. With pure aggression and brutality in their musical expression, and diabolical drums performed by Frost (Satyricon), 1349 has made a mark on the Norwegian black metal scene. To date, 1349 has released eight albums, three EPs, and a live album. Earlier this year, they released the single "Ash of Ages," indicating that 1349 is back in full force with more malevolence. Whatever it may be, you can see it at Inferno Metal Festival 2025!

### **BLOOD INCANTATION**

Blood Incantation is an American death metal band that has been active since 2011. The band is known for blending psychedelic elements into their death metal. The band gained a lot of attention when they released "Hidden History of the Human Race" in 2019 and have since played live extensively. In October this year, the band's next album, titled "Absolute Elsewhere," will be released, and it's something to look forward to. This will be Blood Incantation's first concert at Inferno Metal Festival.

### **AETERNUS**

Norwegian Aeternus was founded back in 1993 by vocalist and guitarist Ares in Bergen. The band was one of the pioneers of dark metal, combining black metal with death metal, and hints of classical music as well as folk music. The band members have extensive experience, having played in bands like Gorgoroth, Taake, Gaahls Wyrd, Hellbutcher, and Phantom Fire. Aeternus has released nine albums to date. The latest is called "Philosopher" and came out last year. Thus, it is time to bring the band back to Oslo, where they haven't played since Inferno 2013.

### SETH

Seth is a French black metal band that was started in 1995. Since then, the band has released six albums, an EP, and a live album. Already on July 14, we can add a new album to the list, as "La France des maudits" will be released. The band has only played in Norway once before, and that was back in 2005, also at Inferno Metal Festival. It is a pleasure to have the band back after twenty years.

## **ABYSSIC**

Abyssic is a Norwegian band that plays a unique form of funeral death-doom, with black metal influences. Their signature is enhanced by orchestrations and upright bass. It all started back in 1997 under the name Abyssic Dreams, but little was done. In 2012-13, Memnock (Susperia), Elvorn (Susperia), and André Aaslie (Funeral) revived the band—now simply as Abyssic. Together with Asgeir Mickelson (Ex-Borknagar, Ihsahn), they recorded the debut album "A Winter's Tale" in 2016. In 2016, Tjodalv (Susperia, Ex-Dimmu Borgir, Old Man's Child) and Makhashanah (Asagraum) joined Abyssic. This will be the band's first concert at Inferno Metal Festival.

### SPECTRAL WOUND

Spectral Wound is a black metal band from Canada. The band started in 2015 and has released four albums to date. But already in August, we can add the fifth when "Songs of Blood and Mire" is released. If the band continues in the same style, we can expect more old-school black metal, where the riffs are sharp as knives and the drums thunder away at a furious pace. Spectral Wound has only played once before in Norway, and we look forward to having them at Inferno Metal Festival for the first time.

### **ANGIST**

Angist is a blackened death metal band from Reykjavik, Iceland. The band was founded by Edda and Gyða back in 2009. After creating a two-track demo the following year, they recorded the EP "Circle of Suffering" in 2011. After playing several high-profile concerts and festivals in the following years, the band went into hibernation in 2017. Angist has now awakened from their slumber and is working on their debut album. This will be Angist's first time playing in Norway.

### **BYTHOS**

Bythos is a Finnish black metal band with members from bands like Behexen, Ajattara, Chamber of Unlight, Deathchain, and Forgotten Horror, just to name a few... the list is long. Bythos released their debut album "The Womb of Zero" on Norwegian Terratur Possessions in 2020. Earlier this year, they released the follow-up "Chthonic Gates Unveiled" on the same label. The band has rarely played live, so the concert at Inferno Metal Festival in 2025 will be a unique chance to see the band.

### SYN

Syn is a relatively new one-man black metal band from Norway. In 2023, Syn released the debut album "Villfarelse" on Norwegian Terratur Possessions. With nods to bands like Ulver and Forgotten Woods, mixed with the atmosphere of Vemod and the aggression of Gorgoroth, you might get a sense of what Syn is about. If not, you can find out at Inferno Metal Festival 2025.

### VIOLENT MAGIC ORCHESTRA

With members named after classic Norwegian black metal bands and a fresh album titled "Death Rave", there is little doubt that Violent Magic Orchestra from Japan has little regard for rigid genre boundaries and rule-bound musical approaches. To such an extent that it is more natural to describe VMO as a visual art and music project rather than a traditional band. Well-suited with descriptions like "Kraftwerk gone black metal" and "Blackened Aphex Twin," Violent Magic Orchestra shatters the boundaries between club and concert formats in a spectacle that simply MUST be experienced live when they play in Norway for the first time.

### INFERNO METAL FESTIVAL 17. - 20. APRIL 2025

1349, Blood Incantation, Aeternus, Seth, Abyssic, Spectral Wound, Angist, Bythos, Syn, Violent Magic Orchestra

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### INFERNO METAL FESTIVAL

The iconic Inferno Metal Festival started in 2001 – and is the longest-running metal festival in Norway – and one of the most important extreme metal festivals in the world. We are very proud to have this position and we will continue to promote Norwegian metal and bring bands from all over the world to Norway. The Inferno Metal Festival takes place for four days on Rockefeller's two stages; Rockefeller and John Dee – as well as many smaller clubs around Oslo. The festival takes place during Easter when there isn't much else happening in Oslo. The festival is usually sold out and more than fifty percent of the audience is from abroad. Ticket sales go to the whole world, including China, Australia, Chile, Japan, Taiwan, Canada, the USA, Colombia, Argentina, and many more.