

WHIPLASH

Tony Portaro, legendary thrash guitarist of WHIPLASH, leads a power-trio lineup delivering metal – old school style.

WHIPLASH burst onto the metal scene in 1984, offering their brand of original East Coast Thrash. Known worldwide for taking lightning-speed metal on a neck-breaking ride, Portaro's dynamic vocals are punctuated with soaring screams. His intricate guitar playing and masterful riffs are signatures of his skillful songwriting.

Originally formed in New Jersey, USA, in 1984, WHIPLASH began as the 3 Tonys: Portaro on guitar and vocals, Tony Scaglione on drums and Tony Bono (R.I.P. 2002) on bass. They were signed by Roadrunner Records in 1985, recorded their debut album "Power and Pain" and took their place as Old School Thrash Metal Legends.

Departing in 1987 to tour with SLAYER, Scaglione continued on to bands such as SHEER TERROR, M.O.D. and RAGING SLAB. He returned to WHIPLASH for the release of "Thrashback" in 1998, with original members Portaro and Bono.

Portaro's personal and professional style attracts talented musicians to join the ranks. Bassist Dank DeLong joined WHIPLASH in 2010. He developed his bass style out of the 80's Metal/Hardcore/Punk scene in New York. An undeniable presence on stage, Dank's commanding backing vocals and powerful bass handling highlight a thunderous performance.

The WHIPLASH lineups have included the chops of some mighty drummers. Recruited along with DeLong in 2010, Dan "Loord" Foord brought his clean, mathematical approach to percussion around the globe, as a newly ignited incarnation of WHIPLASH set out to burn down the thrash world. Touring and writing were the goals of the Portaro/DeLong/Foord trio. Several new songs, as well as select tracks from the first two WHIPLASH classics, were recorded utilizing an analog method, and are awaiting release.

In mid-2014, Dan Foord returned to his UK progressive metal, djent-style band SYKTH, who reformed amid a climate ready to embrace all things metal once again. Around the same time, Dan also formed a new band, KROKODIL. The sticks were passed on to Sick Drummer Magazine Hall-of-Famer, Charlie Zeleny.

Zeleny, known as Charlie Z, is a widely sought after drummer, for both live performances and recording. Recognized on Blender Magazine's list of the Best Metal Drummers of All Time, Charlie Z graced the throne, flanked by Portaro and DeLong, through the end of 2015, when interest from original drummer Tony Scaglione began to surface.

Scaglione, intending to return for a string of 30th Anniversary shows, rejoined WHIPLASH, as they headlined two festival dates in Japan, performing there for the first time. Unfortunately, hopes for a reunion tour were not in the stars, after an East Coast blizzard caused schedule disruptions in the Scaglione camp. The call went out to backup drummer James DeMaria for the rescheduled "ThrashStorm" shows.

DeMaria had subbed-in for Charlie Z on four WHIPLASH dates in 2015. With a resume that includes drumming for both TOXIK and GUNFIRE-N-SODOMY, drum teching for EXODUS and former drummer with GENERATION KILL, James balances high on the WHIPLASH throne.

WHIPLASH continues to bring old school thrash to a new generation of metalheads.

— THRASH 'TIL DEATH!

LINEUP

GUITARS

Tony Portaro - guitar, vocals

Dank DeLong - bass, backing vocals

DRUMS

Dan Foord

Charlie Z

James DeMaria

DISCOGRAPHY

Power and Pain 1985

Ticket to Mayhem 1987

Insult to Injury 1989

Cult of One 1996

Sit, Stand, Kneel, Prey 1997

Thrashback 1998

Unborn Again 2009

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