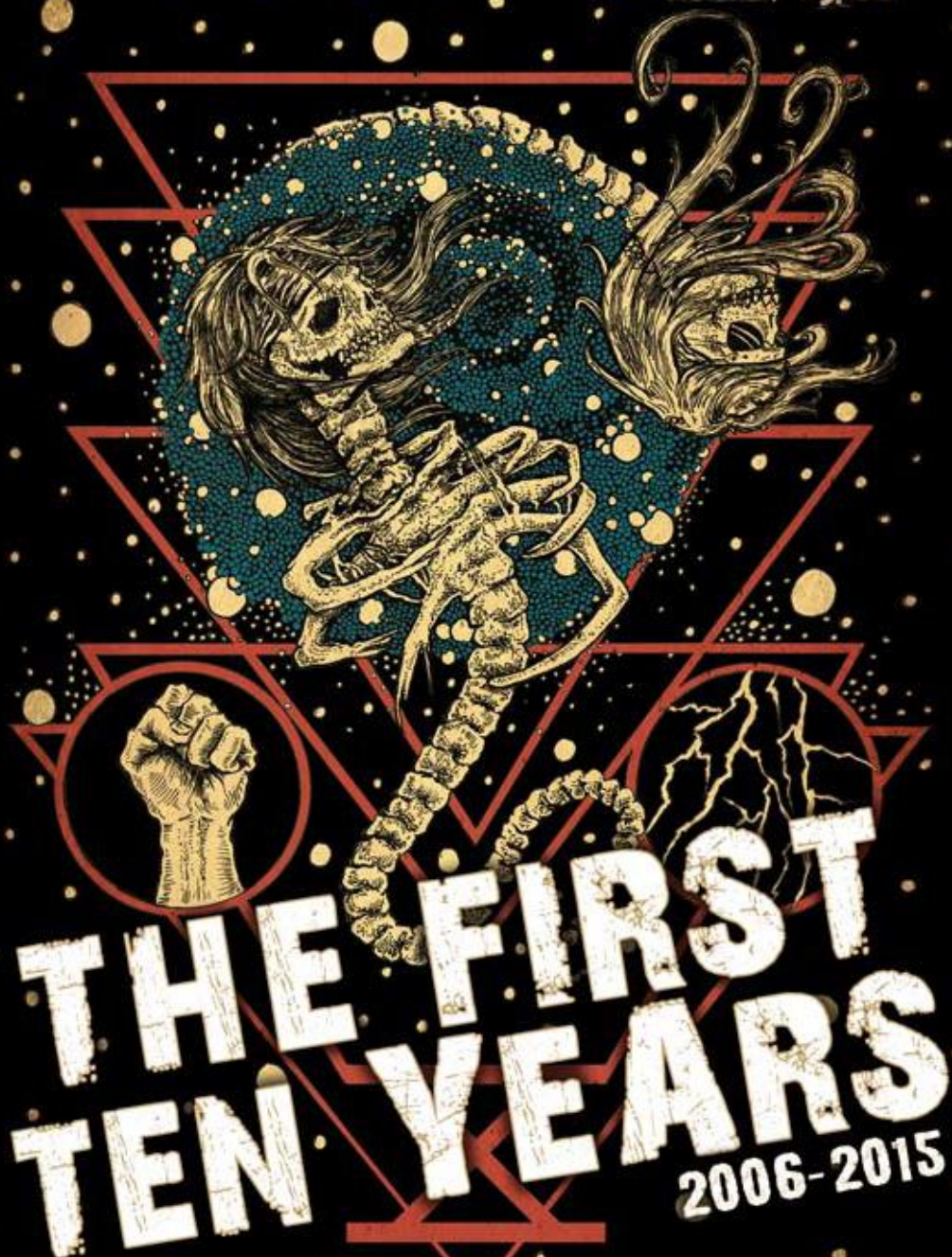


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A FEW WORDS FIRST...

A 10-year anniversary is quite an achievement and definitely worth celebrating in any possible way. So, first of all, a HUGE CONGRATS to the entire Power of the Night Festival crew for their non-stop passion and dedication in organising this great festival so perfectly all these years and offering so much good music and fun on our little island.

This booklet felt like a fitting "gift" as part of the 10-year anniversary celebrations of the festival since some notable things, as with good music, deserve to exist in a physical form and so hopefully this will survive for years and years to come and maybe one day children or grandchildren will be flipping through its pages while listening to some amusing stories.

It has been my absolute pleasure, privilege and honour to have been involved with PotN under different capacities (attendee, co-organiser, performer, supporter, etc) and watching it grow and mature. The things I got out of my involvement with this festival go beyond anything that words can describe. So THANK YOU to everyone involved with putting this awesome festival together and I look forward to the many more to come!

I have many great memories as well as tokens from all incarnations of the festival and here I would like to share just two of them which are particularly engraved in my memory and heart for reasons which I'm sure everyone will understand:



Power of the Night V - Scott Columbus' drumstick

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11. Αρχιπαραρτίστης 3311 Γιώργος Γεωργιάδης
12. Παραρτίστης 4829 Αλέκος Αδάμος
13. Νοστής Αντώνης Χαρολάμπος



Power of the Night VI
REFLECTION - When Immortals Die

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Back in 2006, the members of two bands from the Cypriot metal scene (RUST and HardRaw) embarked on a very important project in the history of metal music on our island: The Power of the Night Festival! The festival's main goal was (and always remains) to support the local metal scene, although as the festival grew, international acts were also added to the lineup. Initially a one-day festival it has now become a full two-day festival (3-day this year!) and the festival has certainly established itself an institution now. Special mention should be made to the fact that, in hopes of raising awareness, the festival is always dedicated in memory of those lost on the road, something which unfortunately affects just about everyone in Cyprus.

THE EARLY DAYS...

POWER OF THE NIGHT I

23 JUNE 2006

As already mentioned, the first festival took place in 2006, on June 23rd to be precise, in the Auditorium of Lakatamia. The line-up consisted of Ablaze (as HardRaw were first called, with Pougioukkas on vocal duties), Maenads (all female band!), Unreal (with Fancois from Minus One on vocals!) and RUST; all bands from our island.



POWER OF THE NIGHT II

23 JUNE 2007

Exactly a year later, on June 23rd 2007, at the School for the Deaf this time, the second edition of the festival took place. Five bands performed (again, all from Cyprus) and those were Crest Fallen, Prodigal Earth, RUST, HardRaw and Terminal Disease. The attendance reached 400 people, an unprecedented number for Cyprus standards! The results of this festival are now quite evident. More and more youngsters start to get involved in this music which praises the spirit and ideals. More and more companies and organizations are interested to finance such music festivals, the number of concerts increases while the bands that previously struggled to emerge, now emerge through these cultural events.



POWER OF THE NIGHT III

25 JULY 2008

The third festival took place on July 25th, 2008 and the number of bands rose by 2, reaching 7. Diphtheria, Hardraw, Lethal Saint, Shadows (the former act of Receiver members), Prodigal Earth, RUST and Solitary Sabred paraded on stage at Skali of Aglantzia. Again, around 400 people from all over Cyprus traveled to Nicosia to support all the bands performing.



POWER OF THE NIGHT IV

4 JULY 2009

On the fourth year the bands that performed were again five, with Blood Raven, Hardraw, Prodigal Earth, RUST and Solitary Sabred appearing in front of an enthusiastic audience at the University of Cyprus campus (at Kallipoleos), which is the venue that will host the festival for several upcoming years. The greatest achievement of these events is that new bands continue to emerge, giving young people the opportunity to use their free time creatively. This way, by creatively channeling their energy and time, young people are kept away from other, harmful habits, such as racing which yearly costs the lives of many young people.



However, the best for the festival was yet to come. After witnessing the festival's attendance, the organizers dared to engage in significant changes in order to further improve it.

MODERN DAYS...

POWER OF THE NIGHT V

23-24 JULY 2010

The first two-day festival was a reality! The University of Cyprus would host it on the 23rd and 24th of July 2010. The second "change" was that bands from abroad would appear for the first time! Marauder from Greece and one of the biggest names of the scene, Ross the Boss (ex-Manowar) with his band, along with Scott Columbus! It should be noted that this was one of the last performances of Scott who unfortunately passed away a few months later (RIP).



The rest of the Cypriot bands to perform at the festival were Arryan Path, Harddraw, RUST, Solitary Sabred, Temple of Evil, Teror, Winter's Verge and, reunited just for this live, Zenith. It was obvious that the festival was already on another level!

POWER OF THE NIGHT VI

16-17 JULY 2011

The sixth consecutive festival was meant to coincide with the tragic events of the explosion at Mari and, thus, go through several difficulties until it finally took place. After it initially had been arranged to take place at the usual site of the University, almost at the last moment (the day before) the dean decided to cancel the event, so the festival was left literally on the street. But the quick actions of the organizers' group ultimately saved the event, which eventually took place at Franky's Live, as originally scheduled.



The bands from abroad were four this time and those were Crimson Fire, Reflection, Convixion (all from Greece), along with the legendary heroes of the NWOBHM scene, Tokyo Blade! From the local scene appeared Arrayan Path (who were headliners of the first day), Harddraw, Metal Blade, RUST, Receiver, Shut 'em Down and Winter's Verge. Of course the tragedy that happened was not forgotten during the festival and tributes were repeatedly paid to its victims.

POWER OF THE NIGHT VII

27-28 JULY 2012

We auspiciously reach the seventh year of this festival-institution of our island, which marked its return to the University of Cyprus venue. The festival evolves even further, increasingly reminiscent of the big events from abroad. Some small indications were the festival wristbands as well as the booklets with information about the bands and more. Sometimes the small details are those that make the difference...



There were again four bands from abroad, Power Crue from Greece, Dark Quarterer from Italy and two legends of the NWOBHM scene: Praying Mantis and Cloven Hoof. Cypriot bands performing were Dragonbreath, Harddraw, Lethal Saint, RUST, Solitary Sabred and Teror.

POWER OF THE NIGHT VIII

26-27 JULY 2013

The eighth edition of Power of the Night festival saw more changes, starting with the venue. This time the Famagusta Gate Moat was chosen, a place which, among other things, provided adequate comfort for camping; and camping was something a lot of people did! Even though the bands from abroad were reduced to two due to the financial crisis that had hit the island, a great name made its appearance and we are talking about the Italian gods Domine! The other foreign band that played live in front of us were the Dutch Emerald. Furthermore, many young and older bands gave their best in supporting the scene. More specifically, Chainsheart, Crusifire, Dark Poetry, Hardraw, Infected Syren, RUST, Stainlesz and Unholy Reich.



POWER OF THE NIGHT IX

25-26 JULY 2014

Last year's festival had two very famous and loved bands in the field of heavy metal; Polish Crystal Viper and American legends Manilla Road, as well as two bands from Greece; Strikelight and Sacral Rage. Along with our own Cypriot HardRaw, Armageddon Rev. 16:16, Vomitive, Dragonbreath, Gypsy Fears and The Ladderman they gave us wonderful moments! In fact, it is probably the first time people from abroad visited our island because of the festival! The venue chosen was the same as last year (Famagusta Gate Moat) and the festival took place on 25th and 26th of July.



POWER OF THE NIGHT X

23-24-25 JULY 2015

This year's tenth anniversary edition of PotN has some new changes, aspiring among other things, to communicate to everyone loud and clear its celebratory character. For the first time ever, the festival will take place over a period of three days while the location has once again changed. The festival will take place at a beautiful location, Camelot Park, which offers many surprises and comforts such as a camping area, a swimming pool, a bar and other). This promises to be a non-stop 3-day party!

With a total of 19 bands, this is the highest number of bands participating at the festival and they come from various countries since the festival organisers also want to extend their support to new bands from abroad as well, not just Cyprus. Main headliners will be Bonfire from Germany, Wotan from Italy and Blynd from Cyprus. Italy has another two bands this year, Crimson Wind and Nitehawks while we have 3 bands from Greece – Endless Recovery, Myst and War Dance. Cyprus has the most bands participating of course and the rest of the bands from Cyprus are (in alphabetical order): Abettor, Acamar, Chainsheart, Crusifire, HardRaw, Harmonize, Mortem Atra, R.U.S.T.X., Stainlesz, Teror and Winter's Verge.

SEE YOU THERE!

Power of the Night Festival X

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