

ThrashGangsters – Band Portfolio / Press Text

1. Origin & Development

ThrashGangsters were founded in 2013 in Bonn when CylonThrasher was searching for his own band. After initial musical experiments with another colleague, he met Marco M.C. Mosh, with whom he began developing songs together. The duo laid the foundation for the band's sound before later expanding into a trio with drummer Thrasher "The Machine" Merlin.

The band grew out of a shared passion for old-school thrash metal, shaped by similar musical tastes. Each member contributes individual strengths: CylonThrasher provides original ideas, riffs, and compositional concepts that define the characteristic sound of the songs. Marco shapes more complex song structures and adds his own impulses to the arrangements. Merlin delivers powerful drumming. Songs are created as a collective process while maintaining a raw DIY character.

2. Current Line-Up

- CylonThrasher – Vocals & Guitar
- Marco M.C. Mosh – Bass
- Thrasher "The Machine" Merlin – Drums

The current trio formation defines the band's characteristic sound, combining long-term experience with fresh dynamics. Particularly notable is the father-and-son dynamic between CylonThrasher and Merlin, giving the rhythm section a special energy.

3. Songwriting & Musical Roles

- CylonThrasher (Vocals & Guitar): driving creative force of the band, delivers original riffs and compositional ideas, and is primarily responsible for video concepts and technical production.
- Marco M.C. Mosh (Bass): shapes song structures, adds individual impulses to arrangements, and co-creates songs together with the band.
- Thrasher "The Machine" Merlin (Drums): powerful and fast drumming supporting the rhythm section.

All songs emerge through a collaborative process. Ideas are developed together while preserving the DIY spirit.

4. Genre & Musical Direction

ThrashGangsters stand for classic thrash metal addressing both social and personal themes. The upcoming 2026 album includes experimental elements without losing its old-school intensity.

5. Discography & Known Songs

- Demo: Terror Has Begun (2015) – first video released on YouTube
- Lyric Video: Beauty is Only Skin Deep
- Album: Perseverance (2020) – Songs: Cheating Death, Tribute to Dimebag, Bad Hamster
- Album: Terror Has Begun (Full-Length, 2024) – Song: Back to the Roots
- Known live songs: Terror Has Begun, Bad Hamster, Thrashers in the Moshpit (THRA)

6. Live & Performances

The band is mainly active in North Rhine-Westphalia but has also performed internationally, for example at the Chalons Metal Festival in France (2018) and the Aggressive Music Fest in the Czech Republic (2024).

Germany:

- Bergisch Gladbach – AWO Jugendkulturhaus UFO, own festival series “Thrash Blood Disaster”
- Worms – Schwarzen Bär (2019, Headliner)
- Kamen – Metal Forces Attack III (2018)
- Oberhausen – Metal-Club Helvete
- Troisdorf – various gigs, including with ODIUM (2024)
- Cologne & Bonn – various underground venues

7. Video & Production Concept

All videos are produced in the band’s own Cylon .T. Production Studio. CylonThrasher is mainly responsible for directing, production, and technical implementation, supported by Merlin and Marco in creative ideas. Known DIY videos include: Terror Has Begun, Beauty is Only Skin Deep, Cheating Death, Tribute to Dimebag, Bad Hamster, Back to the Roots.

The videos maintain the band’s DIY character and focus on creativity, humor, and energetic performance.

8. Merch & Releases

Merchandising is distributed via:

- Bandcamp
- Social Media (Facebook)
- Live shows

Planned are limited physical releases (CD, vinyl) as well as shirts and hoodies matching the new album, with a strong focus on DIY spirit and direct fan connection.

9. Special Features

- Father-son duo on guitar/vocals and drums
- Collaborative songwriting process
- DIY production of albums and videos
- Releases via the band’s own studio/label

10. Core Q&As for Interviews

Q: Have ThrashGangsters released studio albums?

A: Yes, two studio albums and one demo EP so far: Terror Has Begun (2015), Perseverance (2020), and the full-length version of Terror Has Begun (2024).

Q: Is the band currently working on a new album?

A: Yes, the band is working in its own Cylon .T. Production Studio on a new experimental thrash release planned for 2026.

Q: Who is the new drummer?

A: Thrasher “The Machine” Merlin, son of CylonThrasher, joined in 2023 and adds power and speed to the rhythm section.

Q: Are there plans for videos and merch?

A: Yes, additional DIY music videos are planned. Merch will be released via Bandcamp, social media, and live shows, including limited CDs/vinyl and new shirts/hoodies.

Q: How are the songs created?

A: Songs are developed collaboratively: CylonThrasher provides original riffs and compositional input, Marco M.C. Mosh shapes structures and arrangements, and Merlin contributes the drum performance.