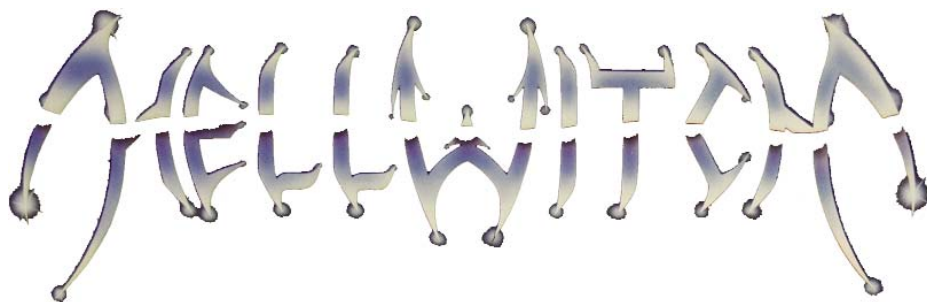


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Band: **HELLWITCH**  
Title: **Szygial miscreancy**  
Format: **CD**  
Catalogue nr: **D-00195**  
File under: **Thrash metal**  
Release date: **15.06.2009**

### Selling points:

- \* Finally reissued; the US classic thrash metal album of HELLWITCH
- \* Includes 12 bonus tracks, all pre-album demos
- \* Incl. 20 page booklet with all lyrics, liner notes and lots of rare photos
- \* Band reformed, new album out this Fall (on Xtrem Records)

### Biography:

HELLWITCH arose from the depths in October of 1984. Founding members Patrick Ranieri and Harry Tyler recorded the first demo, a one track venture, in the living room of their apartment in Gainesville, Florida. The track, "Nosferatu" consisted of Pat on all guitars, and Harry on drums (i.e. a seat cushion and a textbook) and vocals. Pat composed the music and the two of them penned the lyrics. In February 1985 Dave Silverstein and Andy Adcock joined HELLWITCH ranks; Pat took on vocals, Andy became the bassist, and Dave replaced Harry on drums. The band's first show was on July of 1985, opening for a local punk band, ROACH MOTEL. To this date, HELLWITCH has played with various established bands such as ANTHRAX, NUCLEAR ASSAULT, D.R.I, KREATOR, DEICIDE, MORBID ANGEL, DEATH, DARK ANGEL, CORONER, GBH, NASTY SAVAGE, and ATHEIST.

HELLWITCH recorded their first studio demo entitled, "Transgressive sentience" in January 1986. The demo features "Torture chamber", "Satan's wrath", "Nosferatu", and the instrumental epic, "Fate at pain's end". A remixed version of "Torture chamber" appears on a compilation LP on New Renaissance Records entitled "Thrash metal attack", released in July 1987. The band's second studio demo, "Mordirivial disemanation", released in June 1987, contains four tracks, "Purveyor of fear", "Pyrophoric seizure", "Degeneration", and a newer version of "Nosferatu".

In July of 1988, Pat relocated to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida and began auditioning bassists and drummers. A new line-up consisting of Pat on guitars and vocals, Frank Watkins on bass, and Steve Rincon on drums, released a rehearsal/demo in March of 1989. It features the tracks "Mordirivial disemanation", "Viral exogence", and a cover of DEATH's immortal "Archangel".

Soonafter, that line-up folded and Pat recruited drummer Joe "Witch" Schnessel, and bassist Tommy Mouser. In June 1989, Flight 19 Records released a 7 inch single featuring two tracks from the "M.D." demo, that quickly sold out. In October 1989, HELLWITCH approached Wild Rags Records and negotiated for the release of the band's first full length LP, "Szygial miscreancy". The album, released in December of 1990, contains 7 songs including "Viral exogence", "Mordirivial dissemination", and "Sentient transmography". The LP was recorded at Morrisound Studios with veteran producer Scott Burns and has sold over 10.000 copies world wide.



In late 1990, the band completed successful tours of New Jersey and Wisconsin, and then in February 1991, a 4 date tour of Texas.

HELLWITCH acquired bassist Craig Shattuck. A new 3 song E.P. was recorded in August 1991 at Morrisound for Wild Rags. The "Terraasymmetry" EP contains the title track "Dawn of apostasy", and a remake of the 1986 demo classic "Satan's wrath". This work, released in 1992, shows the band's extreme level of song composition. "Terraasymmetry" has sold 3,000-4,000 copies worldwide. In March of 1992, Joe "Witch" Schnessel left the band. The band cut all ties with Wild Rags Records in September of 1992. The "Anthrophagi" demo was released in November of 1994.

Mid 90s Ranieri called it quits, only resurrecting the group for occasional one-off gigs until 2005 when a new EP entitled The Epitome of Disgrace unexpectedly saw the light of day. In 2007 the band fully resurrected and started writing new songs, signed with Xtrem Records and a new album "Omnipotent convocation" is in the works. The new album will be released in the Fall of 2009.



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| 1. The ascent                    | Mordirivial disemanation demo '87 |
| 2. Nosferatu                     | 12. Degeneration                  |
| 3. Viral exogence                | 13. Nosferatu                     |
| 4. Sentient transmography        | 14. Purveyor of fear              |
| 5. Mordirivial dissemination     | 15. Pyrophoric seizure            |
| 6. Pyrophoric seizure            |                                   |
| 7. Purveyor of fear              | Rehearsal/demo '89                |
|                                  | 16. Archangel (Death cover)       |
| Bonus tracks:                    | 17. Mordirivial disemanation      |
| Transgressive sentience demo '86 | 18. Viral exogence                |
| 8. Nosferatu                     |                                   |
| 9. Satan's wrath                 | Nosferatu demo '84                |
| 10. Torture chamber              | 19. Nosferatu                     |
| 11. Fate at pain's end           |                                   |

### Discography:

Szygial miscreancy LP/CD 1990  
Terraasymmetry MCD 1992  
Final approach compilation CD 2003  
Epitome of disgrace MCD 2005  
Split with Storming Steels CD 2008  
Omnipotent convocation CD 2009

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