

DUST BOLT BIO 2023

Never underestimate the dedication of the diehard. Formed in 2007 in Bavaria, Germany, DUST BOLT have been resolute and ruthless in their pursuit of metal glory over the last 16 years. Childhood friends with a collective passion for metal in all its various forms, the quartet led by vocalist/frontman Lenny Bruce have established themselves as one of Europe's leading thrash metal bands. Across four acclaimed studio albums – *Violent Demolition* (2012), *Awake The Riot* (2014), *Mass Confusion* (2016) and *Trapped In Chaos* (2019) – and countless intense and celebratory live shows, Dust Bolt have paid their dues and earned the respect of an ever-expanding army of fans in the process.

For those eager to predict the future, Dust Bolt have looked like heavyweight contenders for a long time, but the truth is that the band have only just started their heavy metal mission. In 2024, the Germans will release their fifth album, *Sound & Fury*: an album that refines and noisily redefines the Dust Bolt sound for a new era. Written during those isolated months of pandemic lockdown, the new record represents the peak of the band's creativity, and a major leap forward in every department. The first Dust Bolt record to feature new bassist Tom Liebing, alongside Lenny Bruce, guitarist Florian Dehn and drummer Nico Remann, *Sound & Fury* grew from a long period of self-reflection that began when the world shut down.

The end result of this admirable DIY crusade is *Sound & Fury* – the fifth and most fascinating Dust Bolt album yet. Although still rooted in thrash and old school metal, the new record adds dazzling colour and diversity to the band's trademark sound. With pummelling grooves, spine-tingling dynamics and a startling, part-melodic vocal performance from Lenny Bruce, new songs like album opener *Leave Nothing Behind* and *I Am The One* mark the beginning of a new era of Dust Bolt destruction. Simultaneously catchier than any previous record and grittier and heavier than before, *Sound & Fury* is the sound of a great band realising their full potential.

As Dust Bolt's chief songwriter, Lenny was newly motivated to breathe fresh fire into his band's whole creative process. Entrenched in his own studio, the frontman dug deep to find some new inspiration.

Triumphant in their quest to complete the new record on their own terms, Dust Bolt hit new heights of intensity and verve on *Sound & Fury*. Songs like *Burning Pieces* and *Love & Reality* retain all the viciousness of previous albums, but without the restrictions of any particular metal subgenre. Instead, it is a brave, groove-powered and emotionally supercharged piece of work, fuelled by a heartfelt need to progress and push the boundaries. It is also, in lyrical terms, a much more raw, honest and thoughtful affair, as Lenny delves into his own personal experience to tangle with some undeniable, universal truths.

Dust Bolt will return in 2024, armed with the finest album they have ever made, and a newfound sense of purpose. The making of *Sound & Fury* has clearly given the German four-piece a new lease of life, and subtly enhanced ambitions for the future. While most bands are content to be tethered to the usual music biz cycles, Dust Bolt have freed themselves and delivered a potential game-changing chunk of music. Still metal diehard to the bone,

they have simply found a better and more life-affirming way to gets head banging. On this form, there will be no stopping them.