



Sven Gali Bio - Aug 2024

Formed in 1987 in Niagara Falls and Hamilton, Canada, Sven Gali brought the 80's and 90's hard rock/metal wave to Canada and then across the world. They delivered their high-energy live show from coast to coast, and across the US and Europe for the next 9 years.

Sven Gali built a name fast with their live shows; drawing growing crowds on the Canadian and US circuit while building their songwriting chops and a wild reputation. David Bendeth signed the band to BMG Music Canada in 1991 and produced the self-titled debut, released in 1992.

The album included singles and videos for "Under the Influence", "Tie Dyed Skies", "In My Garden", and the ballad, "Love Don't Live Here Anymore" (#6 Canadian Content song of 1993 and a top 10 radio and sales hit nationwide). It included a cover of Teenage Head's punk classic "Disgusteen" featuring guest vocals by Frankie Venom. The video for "Under the Influence" won the MuchMusic Best Metal Video award in 1993. The band was nominated for Hard Rock Album of the Year and Most Promising Band at the Junos. *Sven Gali* went gold in Canada that year.

Sven Gali toured extensively throughout Canada and the USA, Germany, Belgium, Ireland and the UK, headlining and on the bill with acts including Def Leppard, April Wine, Foreigner, Candlebox, and Pearl Jam. They were a staple on MTV's *HeadBanger's Ball* in the UK and Europe.

Their follow up album, *Inwire* (1995), recorded at London Bridge Studios in Seattle, was produced by Kelly Grey (Candlebox, Brother Kane, Dokken, Queensrÿche) and featured guest musicians Christopher Thorn of Blind Melon, and Candlebox's Kevin Martin and Scott Mercado.

After a hiatus of twenty years the band returned to the stage and the studio with a monster new song "Kill the Lies" recorded with legendary producer David Bendeth (Paramore, Breaking Benjamin, Bring Me The Horizon) that reached nr 3 on Top Rock Streams in Canada

on the CBC. Additional recording lead to the release of the EP “3” in 2021 which also included the song “Hurt” that won Best Rock Song at the Banger Music Awards in 2022.

The Sony Music remastered 30th anniversary reissue of the Sven Gali self titled debut on vinyl was a hit at Record Store Day across Canada and sold out the first printing.

In the 2020’s the band have sold out Canadian headlining shows and have opened for the likes of Bush, Headstones, I Mother Earth, Lee Aaron, Coney Hatch and Escape the Fate.

2023/24 marks the release of a new full length album, “Bombs and Battlescars” featuring 9 new tracks and 5 videos that brings the heaviness and punchy songwriting of the band into the new age.

The lineup includes all 3 remaining original members: David Wanless (vocals), Andy Frank (guitar), Shawn “TT” Minden (bass) and new members Sean Williamson (guitar) and Dan Fila (drums) from Canadian metal powerhouse and BMG label mates Varga.

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