

BACKFIRE!

In the spring of '94 four friends are talking about their mutual interest: Hardcore Music.

They decide it's time to start their own band, playing music they love.

One week later Wyb (guitar), Patrick (vocals), Frank (bass) and Richard (drums) get together for their first rehearsal. From that moment on they are known as **Backfire!**. In the following weeks they write their first couple of songs, and record the first demo titled "*The Last Time*".

The reactions are unanimously positive, and when Lost & Found get their hands on a copy of the "*The Last Time*" demo, Lost & Found offers **Backfire!** a record deal. **Backfire!**'s first recording "*Who Told You Life Is Easy?*" is released in October '95. The band performs their first shows all over Holland and Belgium alongside hardcore legends like Warzone, Madball and 25 Ta Life. Soon their reputation is set. Less than 6 months later **Backfire!**'s first full-length CD "*Rebel 4 Life*" is released. Impressed with the quality of "*Rebel 4 Life*" New York hardcore legends Warzone ask **Backfire!** to support them on their 6 week European tour. At the end of their tour **Backfire!** have a disagreement with Lost & Found, and the band decides to leave the label and look for a new record deal. Several labels show interest in **Backfire!**, and **Backfire!** inks a deal with Century Media's sub label Kingfisher.

A couple of months later they are in the studio to record their second full-length album "*All Bets Are Off*", which is released in September '97. In the following months **Backfire!** tours with Deviate, and plays tons of shows all over Europe to promote their critically acclaimed album. At this time **Backfire!**'s popularity reaches a huge climax, and they become a household name to every hardcore fan in Europe.

The continuous touring and playing takes its toll by the end of October '98, during the European tour with 25 Ta Life, **Backfire!** decides it's time to take some time off before they start writing new songs. Richard uses this time to play the drums on the Comin' Correct tour in Europe and to record an album with his side project Determined.

Unfortunately on March 20th 1999, Richard takes his own life.

His friends and family are shocked to hear this sad news, and it takes several months before **Backfire!** starts thinking about their future as a band. Replacing someone like Richard is hard, but finally they decide to continue with Homethrust drummer Igor.

In June 2000 **Backfire!** joins the the Hautregard Studio in Herve, Belgium to record their new album "*Still Dedicated*". Tours with Madball and Biohazard bring **Backfire!** once more all over Europe, after which they record a new EP "*The War Stars Here*". This EP is released in September 2001 during their European Tour with Breakdown and Maximum Penalty, which is actually the very first Eastpak Resistance Tour.

In 2003 "*Change the Game*" has been released. "*Change The Game*" was recorded in Brooklyn, NY and was produced by Mike Dijan from Breakdown an Math Henderson from Madball and A.F. While recording "*Change the Game*", **Backfire!** also played a couple of shows with Madball in CBGB's and Connecticut right after they got together with Freddy Madball and Billy Grazaidei, who both appear on this record.

Although **Backfire!** never left and kept on playing shows and festivals all over Europe, it still takes till late 2007 before they start recording "*In Harm's Way*". Early 2008 "*In Harm's Way*" was released on GSR Music. The

record is received with overwhelming positive reactions, and **Backfire!** is once more booked for a lot of shows and festivals, like Groezrock, With Full Force, Hellfest, the Black and Blue Superbowl in NYC and many more.

After 2 years of intense touring, the end is near. Two extremely great and sold out farewell shows, Antwerp and Leipzig, should have put an to a successful 15 year career, which made **Backfire!** one of the leading European Hardcore bands.

Should have indeed...

'Cause hardly a few weeks after these shows, the **Backfire!** members start realizing what they gave up.

To avoid any hasty decision, and to take their time to write another **Backfire!** worthy quality record, the band starts recording in the winter of 2011. The result is "*My Broken World*", which is released once more on GSR Music in February 2012. "*My Broken World*" is definitely a new landmark in the **Backfire!** history. A culmination of furious anger and frustration, transformed into the best, hardest and darkest **Backfire!** album ever.

After some line up changes during 2012, which brought Sjarm 13 and Giel (both ex. NTB) in de band, **Backfire!** is once again a dedicated machine, writing songs for a new album (out mid 2013) and ready to hit the stages in 2013.

Still Dedicated!



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