**American Heathen has never achieved such fame as their friends from Exodus or Testament.The fact of being under the radar does not mean, however, some loss in quality - quite the opposite. The band presented have always presented a high level and constantly tried to explore new areas within thrash metal genre. During Mystic Festival I was lucky enough to speak for a while with band's singer- David White.**



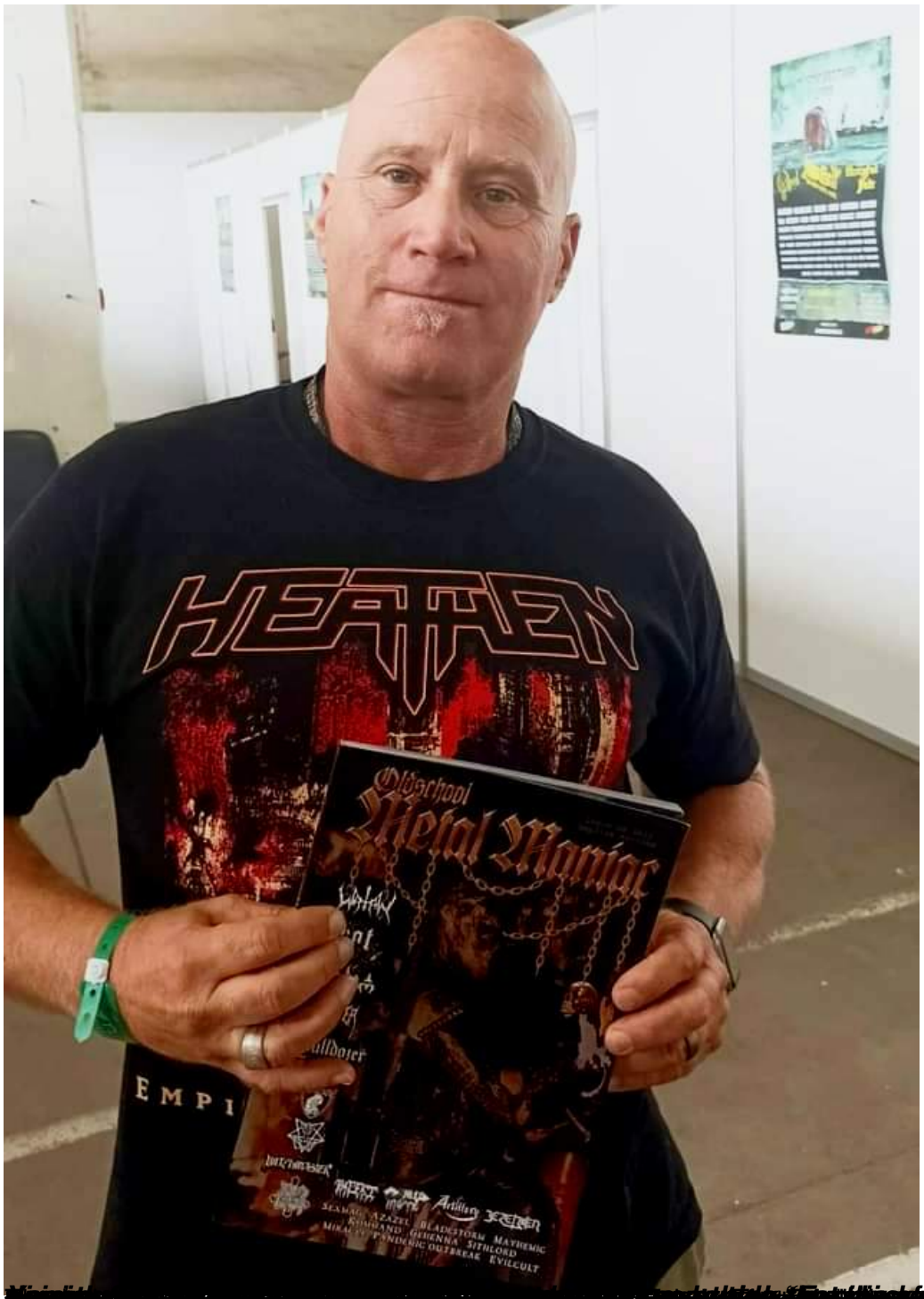

***Hi! It's nice to have you in Oldschool Metal Maniac Magazine. Let's start with more recent times. There's a ten years of difference between "The Evolution Of Chaos" and "Empire of The Blind". That's a lot- what caused it?***

I'd say it's mostly because of Exodus and Slayer. Gary Holt was filling in for Jeff Hanneman.

After Jeff passed away Gary joined Slayer as a full time guitarist. Kragen Lum had to temporary replace him in Exodus. With those shifts it was a bit difficult for us, especially that in the meantime we've signed a record deal with Nuclear Blast.

The fact that Lee (Altus) and Kragen were gone slowed done our writing process. Consequently- during that time Kragen was writing all the time and he wrote almost all of the record.

And that was good, because we knew that the clock was ticking and we had to release the record as soon as possible. We ran over Kragen's material and decided to do it. But I agree, it took a lot of time.




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