

## **Broken Hope—Band Biography**

Broken Hope was formed in 1988 by guitarist/chief-lyricist, Jeremy Wagner, while he was in high school. In 1989 and 1990, Broken Hope recorded two demo tapes and soon secured a recording contract with an independent record label. In 1991, Broken Hope's debut album, "*Swamped In Gore*" was released worldwide, launching the band out of the underground and into the metal mainstream.

\**Swamped In Gore* was the first death-metal album to ever be recorded digitally.

By 1993, Broken Hope broke away from their first record label and quickly signed to Metal Blade Records. Broken Hope released four albums with Metal Blade Records: *The Bowels of Repugnance*, *Repulsive Conception*, *Loathing*, and the Metal Blade re-release of *Swamped In Gore*. The band's third album, 1995's *Repulsive Conception*, reached CMJ New Music Monthly's Metal Top 25 chart, as did the follow-up, 1997's *Loathing*—an album which explored topics such as political domination, necrophilia, and safe sex.

The first four albums during the Metal Blade years are great examples of Broken Hope's original fury and they are the albums that etched Broken Hope's place in death-metal history. The first ten years of Broken Hope's existence were filled with non-stop writing, touring, and constant visibility with these albums. Broken Hope's music has received praise from mega-metal bands such as Slipknot, DevilDriver, The Black Dahlia murder, and more.

By the end of the '90's, Broken Hope and Metal Blade would part ways and Broken Hope would go through lineup changes. Broken Hope produced one last album before the decade closed, the 1999 release, *Grotesque Blessings*. After a North American and European tour for GB—and unhappy with last round of hired guns—Jeremy Wagner cleaned house and officially put Broken Hope into "metal hibernation" in 2000.

On January 20, 2010, original Broken Hope vocalist Joe Ptacek committed suicide. He was only 37 years old. Before his death, Ptacek met with Jeremy Wagner and Shaun Glass to discuss the resurrection of Broken Hope. A plan was in motion with these three members to make Broken Hope a functioning reality. With Ptacek's death, Wagner and Glass took time off to reconsider their next moves.

In 2012, Broken Hope signed with Hard Impact Management and Booking with the intention to make Broken Hope a full-time monster again. Now, Broken Hope continues onward with main songwriters Jeremy Wagner and Shaun Glass keeping the beast alive...brutal as ever...and with live tour dates worldwide. The first Broken Hope tour will be on the Carnival of Death tour in September.

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