

ELM STREET

Australian traditional heavy metal, hand-picked to open for Böhse Onkelz in front of 63,000 fans.

TWIN-GUITAR HEAVY METAL WITH A THRASH EDGE · MASSACRE RECORDS · FORMED 2004

63,000	4 CONTINENTS	3 ALBUMS	849K+
SOLD-OUT STADIUM CROWD NUREMBERG, 27 JUN 2026	TOURED: AUSTRALIA, EUROPE, NORTH & SOUTH AMERICA	FULL-LENGTHS ON MASSACRE RECORDS	SPOTIFY PLAYS, "METAL IS THE WAY"

THE STORY SO FAR

Metal Is The Way

BIOGRAPHY

Formed by four high-school friends in Melbourne in 2004 (originally as Raid), Elm Street play classic heavy metal the old way: twin-guitar harmonies, galloping rhythms, powerhouse drumming and choruses built for crowds. Their song "Metal Is The Way" became the band's mission statement.

Their debut **Barbed Wire Metal** (2011) was picked up by Germany's Massacre Records and took them to Europe alongside Iced Earth, Grand Magus and Ross The Boss, then to North America with Dirkschneider, Skull Fist and Night Demon. **Knock 'Em Out... With a Metal Fist** followed in 2016. Third album **The Great Tribulation** (2023) was recorded at Sing Sing Studios in Melbourne, with artwork by Andreas Marschall (Kreator, Blind Guardian).

In 2026 they supported Der W (Stephan Weidner of Böhse Onkelz) on a German club tour, then were invited to be the sole support at Böhse Onkelz's sold-out, in-the-round show at Nuremberg's Max-Morlock-Stadion. Self-managed and self-financed, they are one of Australia's hardest-working metal exports.

CAREER TIMELINE

- **2004** — **Formed in Melbourne** as Raid; renamed Elm Street in 2008
- **2011** — **Barbed Wire Metal** debut, then international release via Massacre Records
- **2012** — **First European tour** with Warbringer, Gama Bomb, Hell and Cauldron
- **2014** — **Europe with Iced Earth** and Warbringer (Jan–Feb); Australian dates with Iced Earth (Mar)
- **2015** — **USA with Skull Fist & Night Demon** (Jan); songs featured in the film *Deathgasm*
- **2016** — **Knock 'Em Out... With a Metal Fist** (Massacre Records)
- **2018** — **North America with Dirkschneider**, Back to the Roots Part II tour
- **2023** — **The Great Tribulation**, third album (Massacre Records)
- **2025** — **South America with Nervosa**: 8 Brazil dates, plus Buenos Aires and Santiago (Jan–Feb)
- **2026** — **Germany with Der W**: 14-date club tour in 1,500–2,000-capacity rooms (Mar)
- **2026** — **Böhse Onkelz, Max-Morlock-Stadion, Nuremberg**: sole support, sold out, 63,000 fans (27 Jun)
- **2027** — **Hellbound II** metal cruise with headliner Parkway Drive (17–21 Jan, announced)

LINE-UP

Ben Batres vocals, rhythm guitar · **Aaron Adie** lead guitar
Nick Ivkovic bass · **Tomislav Perkovic** drums

DISCOGRAPHY



Barbed Wire Metal
Album · 2011



Heart Racer
EP / single · 2015



Knock 'Em Out... With a Metal Fist
Album · 2016



Blood Diamond
EP · 2019



The Great Tribulation
Album · 2023

> "That's how an opener should sound."
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> **PRESSURE MAGAZINE (DE)**
> Böhse Onkelz live review, Nuremberg 2026. Translated from German

> "No reinventing the wheel here, just face punching good heavy metal... 10 out of 10."
>
> **WALL OF SOUND (AU)**
> Knock 'Em Out... review, 2016

> "A punishing, punchy sound that's right up there sonically with anything else in the marketplace."
>
> **SENTINEL DAILY (AU)**
> The Great Tribulation review, 2023

> "Hold your horns up high for this one and be ready to bang your freaking head."
>
> **METAL EPIDEMIC**
> The Great Tribulation review, 2023



FOR BOOKERS & PROMOTERS

Live & Booking

A road-tested four-piece that has played clubs, halls and a sold-out stadium on four continents.

LIVE CREDENTIALS

BÖHSE ONKELZ · DER W · ICED EARTH · DIRKSCHNEIDER · NERVOSA · GRAND MAGUS · ROSS THE BOSS · WARBRINGER · SKULL FIST · NIGHT DEMON · MORTAL SIN · TOXIC HOLOCAUST · THE ANGELS · PARKWAY DRIVE (2027)

- **Stadium:** sole support for Böhse Onkelz, Max-Morlock-Stadion, Nuremberg, 27 Jun 2026. Sold out, 360° in-the-round stage, 63,000 fans.
- **Club tour:** 14 German dates with Der W in Mar 2026, several sold out (Cologne, Rostock, Erfurt, Neu-Isenburg, Hannover).
- **Europe:** Iced Earth's 2014 "Worldwide Plagues" tour. The band puts it at 45 cities in 25 countries.
- **The Americas:** USA 2015 (Skull Fist, Night Demon), North America 2018 (Dirkschneider), Brazil, Argentina and Chile 2025 (Nervosa).

AUDIENCE

Spotify monthly listeners	3,230
Spotify followers	10,401
Instagram followers (@metalelmstreet)	11K
YouTube subscribers (@metalelmstreet)	4.57K
Spotify plays: "Metal Is the Way"	849,143
Spotify plays: "Heavy Metal Power"	275,790

Figures as shown on each platform, 10 Oct 2026. The band reports Barbed Wire Metal has passed 1 million digital streams, and Knock 'Em Out… made the iTunes metal top 10.

COMING UP

- **8 Nov 2026**, Espy Gershwin Room, St Kilda: *15 Years of Barbed Wire Metal*
- **13–15 Nov 2026**, Metal in the Mountains, Beechworth VIC
- **17–21 Jan 2027**, Hellbound II cruise (from Sydney) with Parkway Drive

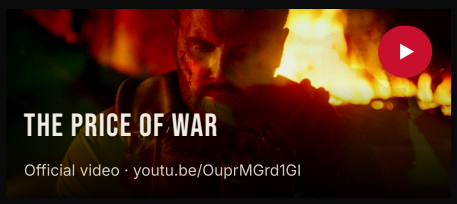
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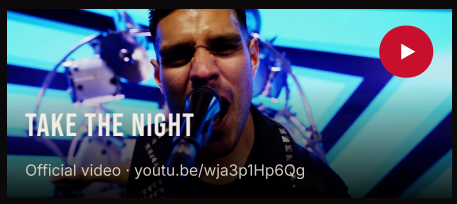
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