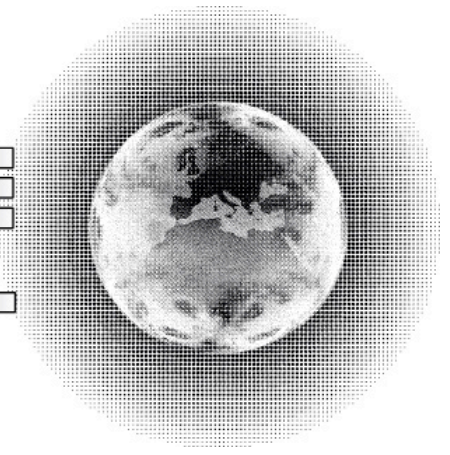


# SONISPHERE FESTIVAL



**\* METALLICA, SLAYER, MEGADETH AND ANTHRAX TO PERFORM TOGETHER FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY \***

**THE BIG FOUR CONFIRMED  
FOR SONISPHERE SWITZERLAND**

**SPECIAL GUESTS : MOTÖRHEAD,  
HEAVEN AND HELL, RISE AGAINST, MASTODON  
and many  
more Bands to be Announced.**

The world wide web has been abound with speculation on a possible "BIG FOUR" tour for several months. Now, **SONISPHERE** can exclusively reveal that **METALLICA, SLAYER, MEGADETH** and **ANTHRAX** will play together for the first time in history, in a move that will have metalheads across the globe frenzied with excitement.

Says **LARS ULRICH/METALLICA** of this historic announcement:

*"Who would have thought that more than 25 years after its inception, thrash metal's big 4 would not only still be around and more popular than ever, but will now play together for the first time...what a mindfuck! Bring it on!"*

*"It's about fucking time this happened,"* said **SLAYER's KERRY KING**. *"and about time the fans finally get what they want. This is fucking awesome."*

**ANTHRAX** guitarist **SCOTT IAN** agrees, commenting on the enormity of the announcement.

*"People have been talking about these four bands playing together since 1984. That's twenty-six years of expectation!!! And the thing is, I believe not only will we live up to*

*the expectations, we will shatter them!! No other four bands as influential as the four of us have ever done this. Imagine if The Beatles, Stones, The Who and Zeppelin had done shows? Or Sabbath, Priest, Maiden, Motorhead? Well, I may be getting into some rarified air here but as a fan, that's how big I feel this is."*

These four legendary acts broke out of the underground thrash movement to dominate the metal world in the 1980s, selling millions of records and packing arenas across the globe. The metal giants have never before all shared the same stage, despite huge demand. But on 18th June 2010, **METALLICA, SLAYER, MEGADETH** and **ANTHRAX** will take to the **SONISPHERE** stage at the Degenaupark in Wil / Jonschwil in Switzerland, to make the dreams of headbangers the world over become a reality.

*"This is a "once-in-a-lifetime" opportunity for Heavy Metal "Fans" to see the four greatest Heavy Metal "Bands" in American History back together on one stage" concludes **MEGADETH** mainman **DAVE MUSTAINE**. "If there are any heads left at the end of this Festival that haven't banged, they don't belong there."*

For the ticket-presale links (Switzerland, Germany, France, Italy and Austria) and information's please visit [www.sonispherefestivals.com](http://www.sonispherefestivals.com)

# **FRIDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2010**

## **WIL / JONSCHWIL**

## **DEGENAUPARK**

**Doors : 10.00 am**

**Show Start : 11am**

### **BACKGROUND NOTES**

Having established itself as the "**Best New Festival**" at the 2009 UK Festival Awards and holding six out of eight of the nominations for the forthcoming "Best New Festival" category at the European Festival Awards, SONISPHERE FESTIVAL moves forward proudly with the announcement of their phenomenal 2010 headliners. Last year's SONISPHERE saw 300,000 music fans attend six festivals across the continent, taking in The Netherlands, Germany, Spain, Sweden, Finland, and the UK. Boasting a line-up covering a truly broad spectrum of the rock scene, headliners Metallica led a diverse collection of acts from country to country including Slipknot, Lamb Of God, Anthrax, Linkin Park, The Prodigy, The Hives and many more, to make the inaugural tour a huge success.

Next year, SONISPHERE expands to eleven events with headliners including Iron Maiden, Metallica, and Rammstein. With an extremely impressive line up already shaping up across all eleven shows, this groundbreaking travelling rock circus is set to be an even bigger success in 2010, as it solidifies its position as the world's leading rock festival series.