
METALLICA



- Metallica was formed in Los Angeles, California in 1981 by drummer and former tennis protege Lars Ulrich, and guitarist and vocalist James Hetfield, who met after each had separately placed classified advertisements in the American publication The Recycler. The band got their name when drummer Lars Ulrich was helping a friend to pick out a name for the magazine he was planning to use to promote Thrash metal and the NWOBHM (New Wave Of British Heavy Metal) bands.



Lars Ulrich, drums (all time)

James Hetfield, vocals, rhythm guitar (all time)



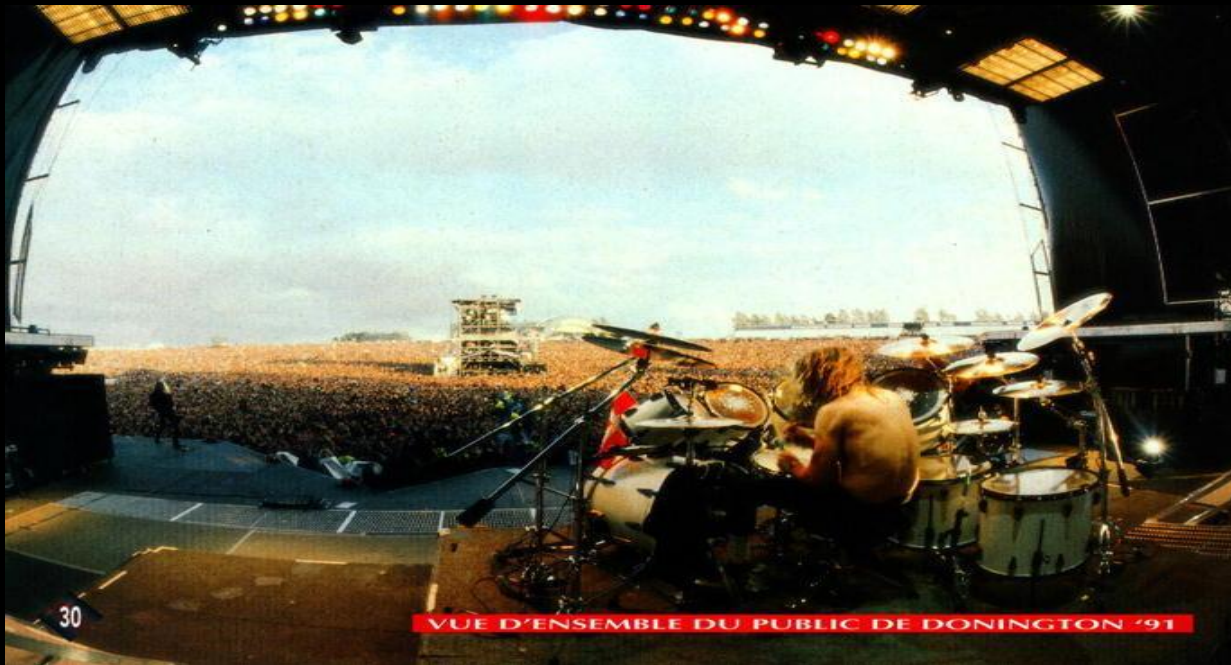
Kirk Hammett, lead guitar (joined 1983)



Robert Trujillo, bass (joined 2003)



Metallica's formation was seen by some fans as a direct reaction to the prevalent rock and roll music of the early 1980s. Inspired by bands such as Diamond Head and Saxon, the so-called New Wave of British Heavy Metal, as well as hardcore punk like the Misfits and Discharge, Metallica were single-minded in their desire to break the grip of soft metal on heavy metal fans.



■ Discography

■ Metallica's albums (in chronological order):

- ~~Kill Em All (1983)~~
- Ride The Lightning (1984)
- Master Of Puppets (1986)
- Garage Days Re-Revisited (1987)
- ...And Justice For All (1988)
- The Good, the Bad and the Live (1990); (Box set) Collection of singles and live tracks
- Metallica (1991)
- Live Shit: Binge & Purge (1993); Live box set (with videos of 2 shows)
- Load (1996)
- Reload (1997)
- Garage Inc (1998)
- S&M (Symphony and Metallica) (1999)
- St. Anger (June, 2003)
- Death Magnetic (2008)