

# Alexi is dead - long live the hate crew!



So it's been almost six years since I wrote anything for Hallowed and my oh my how time flies! But when I saw the news that my hero Alexi Laiho had passed away I just knew I had to write something about it. Children of Bodom is such a big part of the history of Hallowed, they were the cover band to feature on the very first issue of Hallowed back in early 2003 and my interview with Alexander Kuopala for their Hate Crew Deathroll album was one of the very first I did as a music journalist.

I've seen Children of Bodom and Alexi Laiho perform plenty of times since then both in their own concerts and festivals and I can honestly say that Alexi Laiho was one of the greatest performers I've ever seen live. Definitely one of the top five when it comes to music!

Children of Bodom was never about doing something new, creative and different. It was about making music and having fun doing so. AND all though Bodoms music was always about hate and death they always seemed to enjoy themselves either on stage or recording.

I've seen plenty of great musicians leave this life lately but few has hit me so hard as seeing Alexi Laiho die at the age of 41. Rest in pieces, Alexi! We are sooo many who will miss you and I'm glad you were such a big part of my life with your music!

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