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NEW ALBUM *POETRY FROM PAIN* OUT MAY 30 ON BLUE GRAPE MUSIC

BAND TOURING THIS SPRING

GRIDIRON — **Matthew Karll**, vocals; **Will Kaelin**, guitar and vocals; **Xavier Wilson**, guitar; **Lennon Livesay**, bass; and **Tyler Mullen**, drums — recently announced their new album *Poetry From Pain*. The album arrives May 30 via **Blue Grape Music**. It will be available on vinyl in several exclusive colorways. Pre-order it [here](#).

The band, which has been tipped by *Stereogum* for their "incendiary mosh riffs," have shared the latest single "**Still Playin' For Keeps**" (**Big Umbrella Remix**) **Feat. Daniel Son, Pro Dillinger, + Jay Royale**.

The track is hardcore x hip-hop hybrid that blends bounce, beats, groove, and grit — like the legends did in the '90s. The result is a rhythmic, genre-smashing Molotov cocktail.

"'Still Playin' For Keeps' is a track that I've wanted to pull off for a long time," says Karl. "Gridiron riffs and some of my favorite current hip-hop artists on the same track. Hardcore and hip-hop meshing together into one entity is what this track is all about.

Watch the visualizer [here](#).

Gridiron, which originally formed as a pandemic project and have since grown into a full-fledged entity, features members of Never Ending Game, Simulakra, and Scarab, and connects the Philadelphia, Delaware, and Michigan areas.

Pushing every boundary to a breaking point, Gridiron will go to any extreme and then some. They follow quite possibly the most unpredictable playbook in the game. The band might flood the zone with a corpsepaint-smearing death metal barrage only to double back around for a victory lap narrated by blinged-out and braggadocios bars. Their hybridization of metal, hardcore, and hip-hop wouldn't be out of place at either OZZfest 1997 or Rolling Loud 2027.

It's why the quintet have bulldozed their own path as a phenomenon with millions of streams and acclaim from *Stereogum*, *Brooklyn Vegan*, *NO ECHO*, and more.

Gridiron were born out of a series of COVID-era marathon *Call of Duty* sessions, which led to writing and recording together. Their musical pedigree spoke for itself with Will also in Never Ending Game, Xavier in Simulakra, and Tyler and Lennon in Scarab. Given their individual experiences, the guys instantly locked into a creative groove. Following the ***Loyalty At All Costs*** EP [2020] and ***Worldwide Brotherhood*** EP [2021], they dropped their first full-length, ***No Good At Goodbyes*** [2022]. Along the way, they also shared stages with everyone from Missing Link to Trapped Under Ice and have plenty of upcoming touring planned for 2025.

And now, *Poetry From Pain* is here and it slays.



POETRY FROM PAIN TRACK LISTING:

"26/9"

"[Mascot](#)"

"Army Of None"

"Best Served Cold"

"Tombstone"

"Still Playin' For Keeps" (Big Umbrella Remix) Feat. Daniel Son, Pro Dillinger, + Jay Royale

"Copycat League"

"Poetry From Pain" (Feat. nothing, nowhere.)

"Roses" (Feat. Mike "TRUCK" Ryan)

"[Talk Real](#)"

"Paydirt"

"Heavy Metal Money (Seen It All Before)" (Feat. Big Body Bes)

Gridiron have a bunch of live shows on deck. All upcoming confirmed dates are below.

GRIDIRON ON TOUR:

4/11 — Richmond, VA — United Blood

5/9 — Chicago, IL — Metro#

5/11 — Columbus, OH — Sonic Temple
5/13 — Atlantic City, NJ — Anchor Rock Club
5/14 — Virginia Beach, VA — Peabody's*
5/15 — Columbia, SC — New Brookland Tavern*
5/16 — Athens, GA — Georgia Theatre*
5/17 — Pensacola, FL — The Handlebar*
5/18 — Orlando, FL — Will's Pub*
5/19 — Surfside Beach, SC — The BrickHouse Lounge
5/20 — Raleigh, NC — Lincoln Theatre*
5/31-6/1 — Detroit, MI — Tied Down Detroit
6/21 — Rutherford, NJ — The Black Box at the Williams Center
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ABOUT BLUE GRAPE MUSIC:

In 2022, industry veterans **David Rath** and **Cees Wessels** formed **Blue Grape Music**. The name will be familiar to rock music fans, as it was the merchandise company also launched by Wessels, who founded the venerable and esteemed record label **Roadrunner Records** in the '80s. Roadrunner earned a reputation as an iconic label that turned hard rock and metal acts into household names for several decades under Wessels' tutelage. Rath spent 21 years in the A&R department at Roadrunner, working on albums by a variety of RIAA-certified and culturally important acts, including but not limited to **Slipknot**, **Korn**, **Turnstile**, **Gojira**, **Coheed and Cambria**, **White Reaper**, **Slash**, **Trivium**, **Dream Theater**, and more. When the label changed management and ownership, Rath guided the company and oversaw the signings of bands like **Young the Giant** and **Vance Joy**. Ultimately, the Blue Grape executive team is powered by experience and a roll-up-your-sleeves-and-get-your-hands-dirty, by-any-means-necessary work ethic. Blue Grape's inaugural signing was the two-time Grammy nominee **Code Orange** and since then, the label has gone on to sign San Francisco punks **Spiritual Cramp**, hardcore heavyweights **GEL**, and Baltimore sludge slingers **GASKET**, with several new signing announcements expected to be announced this year. Blue Grape is distributed globally by The Orchard.