



Kreator is one of the best thrash metal bands, not only in Europe but also in all over the world. Just a few days before their visit in Greece, **Sami Yli-Sirniö** answered all of our questions...

Any metalhead (at least of some age) considers Kreator as one of the top ten (if not top five) thrash metal groups ever. What's the main reason for this accomplishment?

Thank you for the compliment Fedon. I hope music is the reason. Persistence and not giving up might also have something to do with it. For us music comes first.

The 80s were a truly successful metal decade. Some people believe that the current decade is even more successful. What do you think of that?

The whole structure of the music business has changed immensely since the 80's. For Kreator we have more people coming to our shows than ever before. I like to think of that as some kind of a success and I hope people will be coming to our shows in the future as well. I've never seen Metal as a trend. It's something that keeps on living underground due to loyal fans and good music.

Many magazines and websites mark 2001's 'Violent Revolution' as the "return" of Kreator. Do you agree?

It was the first album with the current line-up and perhaps changed the sound of the band to what we can still hear today. Although the band has been more or less active all the time since the mid 80's.



...for the next album. So you're not