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B I O G R A P H Y

Emerging from the shadows of a small town in **Morocco** called **Settat**, **Pagan Ulver** was founded in **July 2020** during a time of uncertainty and introspection. Originally formed with a vision rooted in **Post-Black Metal**, the band began experimenting and evolving their sound, transitioning through various modern styles before ultimately crafting a signature identity that the majority now describe as **Symphonic Melodic Black Metal**.

From the outset, **Pagan Ulver** has embraced a thematic focus on **fantasy, tragic stories**, and sometimes **misanthropy**, weaving these narratives with profound emotions that delve into the darker corners of **self-destruction**. As the band continues to explore and refine their artistic essence, their music channels an orchestral and melodic grandeur that sets them apart from traditional black metal tropes.

The band was founded by three core members: **Ismail "Raven Samael" Essalhi** (vocals, guitars, bass & keyboard), **Hiba "Hellven" Elbouayadi** (guitars), and **Achraf "Ash" Khalqaoui** (drum).

After several lineup changes, they solidified their roster in July 2024 with six members: **Fenrisúlfr** on vocals, **Raven Samael** on guitars and backing vocals, **Seth** on guitars,

Sin on bass, **Turab** on keyboards, and **Ash** on drums.

In 2023, the band released their first demo, **Chaos Unfolds**, featuring **Raven Samael** on rhythm guitar, bass, and orchestration, **Moorkat** on vocals and lead guitar, and **Ash** on drums. This demo laid the foundation for their debut album, ***Obsidian Flame of Thy Offering***, which promises to expand their sonic and thematic horizons upon its release. A key milestone in the band's career came in September 2024, when they won first prize at the **Tremplin-L'Boulevard Festival**, marking them as **the first black metal band** in the festival's 22-year history to do so. The band's performance was described as *"perfect in composition and execution,"* with their symphonic and melodic style impressing even those unfamiliar with extreme metal.

Following their victory, **Metal Hammer Magazine** featured the band in an interview, emphasizing their bold artistic vision and potential to make waves beyond Morocco, and adding: *"This band is living proof that the future of metal is in Africa and not in Europe or the United States"*.

Later on, another **full interview** with **Raven Samael** was released in the magazine's Spanish edition, *issue 420*.

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The interview focused on the vision of the band, the difficulties they face, and upcoming projects.

Visually, **Pagan Ulver** stays true to the roots of **Black Metal**, incorporating traditional **corpse paint** and an ominous stage presence.

Despite their minimalist debut performance, the band has expressed a commitment to evolving their live aesthetic to align with the

epic and tragic themes that define their music.

Pagan Ulver represents a bold new chapter for **Moroccan metal**, pushing the boundaries of their genre while staying grounded in their passion for storytelling and raw emotion. With their **debut album** on the horizon, the band is poised to make an even greater impact on both **the local and global metal scene**.

LINE UP

Raven Samael:	Guitars/Backing Vocals	Fenrisúlfr:	Vocals
Seth:	Guitars	Tuñab:	Keyboard
Sin:	Bass	Ash:	Drums

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Bandcamp

<https://paganulver.bandcamp.com/>

YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/@PaganUlver>

SoundCloud

<https://soundcloud.com/pagan-ulver>

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DISCOGRAPHY



CHAOS UNFOLDS

Demo
2023

01. Chaos Unfolds (Demo)



OBSIDIAN FLAME OF THY OFFERING

Album
2025

01. Ascension
02. Ravenous Flock
03. Chaos Unfolds
04. Diabolical Eclipse of Sacrifice
05. Coven of the Broken
06. The Crimson Veil

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TOUR DATES

DATE	CITY	VENUE	EVENT
14/09/2024	Casablanca	Stade R.U.C	Tremplin L'Boulevard 22nd
08/02/2025	Casablanca	Boultek	Mosh Kill #5
20/09/2025	Casablanca	Stade R.U.C	L'Boulevard 23rd

INTERVIEWS

Metal Hammer España - Issue 420 | Exclusive interview

<https://metalhammer.es/metal-hammer-420-entrevista-myles-kennedy/>

Metal Hammer España | Article highlights Pagan Ulver's Boulevard show

<https://metalhammer.es/la-escena-metal-marroqui-lboulevard/>

Medi1 TV | National TV feature discussion about the band

<https://www.medi1tv.com/ar/episode/89775/%D%85%9D%8B%-9D%85%9D8%AC%D%85%9D%88%9D%8B%9D%8A-9PAGAN-ULVER->

TNT Radio Rock España | Feature puts Moroccan metal and the band on the map

<https://tntradiorock.com/reportaje/la-escena-metal-marroqui-y-su-mayor-escaparate-al-mundo-lboulevard-reportaje-en-profundidad/>

TNT Radio Rock España | Interview 1

<https://youtu.be/1gklnAwI77U?si=IB4PB3waXrUAJ75i>

TNT Radio Rock España | Interview 2

https://youtu.be/_oUt9dXg7j4?si=s-h5nMIoOy6IAn_Q

L'Mazadine | Interview with the Moroccan Metal web magazine

https://youtu.be/MkDMflsR52g?si=RX_Xomt8P9M4jHjr

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