

BillyBio: Leaders and Liars artist biography

Billy Graziadei is best known as the guitarist / vocalist for **Biohazard**, the genre-defying band that rose to fame in the '90s. Although they haven't released an album since 2012 (Reborn In Defiance) the band still exists, but Graziadei hasn't waited around for **Biohazard** to resurface. In 2018, he announced the birth of a new solo venture, **BillyBio**, releasing and touring for the debut album, Feed The Fire. It was Graziadei's personal success story, so much so that while the world navigated the ongoing Covid pandemic, he dove into writing the second **BillyBio** album, Leaders And Liars.

Raw and gritty in the spirit of New York icons **Pro-Pain**, Leaders & Liars borrows from the Graziadei's **Biohazard** legacy in that it also defies being pigeonholed into a specific genre. Graziadei's love of punk and hardcore melds hard and heavy with full-on metal elements in the spirit of **Black Sabbath**, making for a 15 song take-no-prisoners assault that leaves the ears ringing and wanting more.

Simply put by Graziadei: "**BillyBio** is an extension of what I did with **Biohazard**."

Unlike **Biohazard**, where Graziadei would bring in finished songs in demo form to his bandmates for their input, **BillyBio** is Graziadei's creation from the ground up. He writes for and answers to himself alone.

"At first it was a little shaky because I didn't have anyone to bounce my ideas off of," Graziadei says of his creative process for **BillyBio**. "I always looked at it as 'I don't care if anyone likes it.' If I like it, that's all that matters. Then I know I'm being true to myself and that's all that matters. If people like it, cool. I've created something that is a good representation of me."

Leaders And Liars is the logical follow-up to Feed The Fire. The new songs were written and recorded in the same way, with Graziadei backed by **PowerFlo** drummer Fred Aching Rios, **Suicidal Tendencies** bassist Ra Diaz, **Death By Stereo** / **Zebrahead** guitarist Dan Palmer, and **The Exploited** guitarist Robbie Davidson. Skilled musicians in their own right, but according to Graziadei there were no egos involved and they followed his lead.

"I guess it's just that I don't ask for input," he says. "I'm so content and

happy with the music, I bring it to the table and the guys are cool with it. The stuff that I lay down in demo form, it's played and recorded 99% the way I wrote it, but they do add their own styles to the music."

The experiences and the feelings that Graziadei writes about aren't pretty and pristine. The songs on *Leaders And Liars* are abrasive, upsetting, sometimes uplifting, but "polished" isn't in his vocabulary when it comes to his music. Whether the songs are social ("Looking Up"), political ("Fallen Empires"), personal ("Cyanide") or introspective ("Turn The Wounds") in nature, Graziadei keeps **BillBio** raw, which he attributes to his punk rock roots.

"I love expressing myself and getting out the shit that's inside of me," says Graziadei. "It's therapy, it's kept me alive, centered and grounded throughout my life. I just share what I have inside and I'll do it until the grave."

Leaders And Liars

Tracklist:

Blackout
Fallen Empires
Leaders And Liars
Lost Horizon
Turn the Wounds
Sheepdog
Deception
Generation Kill
Looking Up
One life to Live
Our Scene
Just the Sun
Enough
Remission
Cyanide

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Mixed and Mastered by Tue Madsen

BillyBio Line-Up:

Billy Graziadei – Vocals, Guitars

Fred Aching Rios – Drums

Ra Diaz, Dan Manca – Bass

Dan Palmer, Robbie Davidson – Lead guitar

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