THE PRIMER

Progressive metalcore and deathcore from Tallinn, Estonia. Active since 2011.

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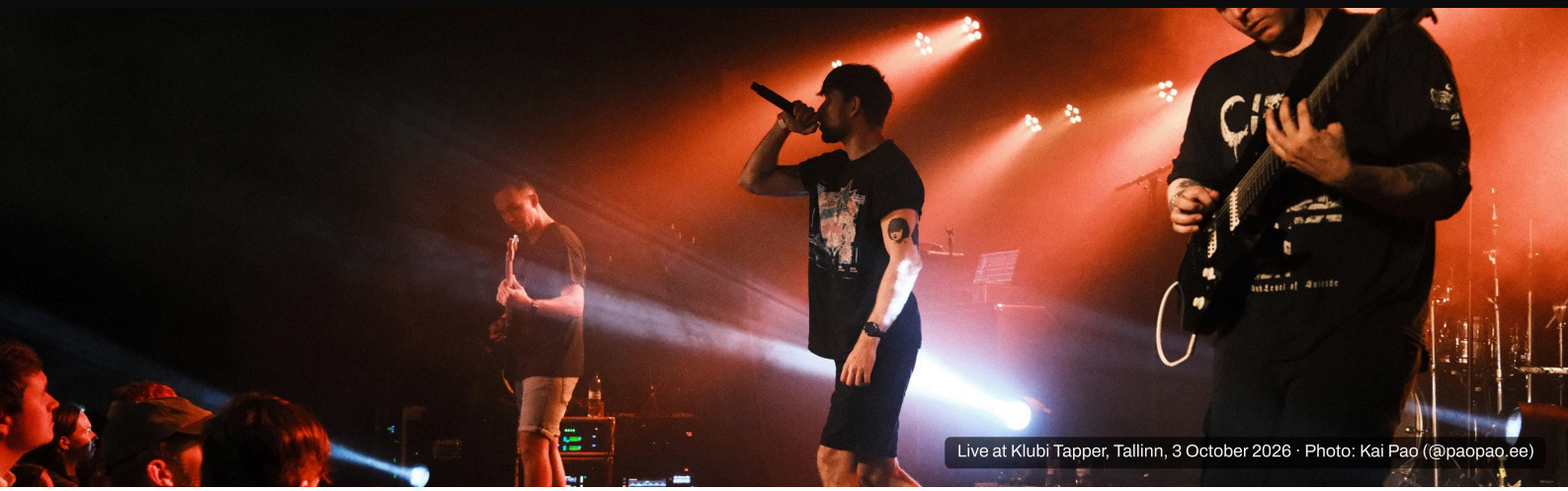

Live at Klubi Tapper, Tallinn, 3 October 2026 · Photo: Kai Pao (@paopao.ee)

ABOUT

Tallinn heavyweights THE PRIMER have been playing relentless progressive metalcore and deathcore since 2011, recording and producing every release themselves.

THE PRIMER blend raw aggression with modern heavy riffs, translating life's darkest cycles into pure chaos. On stage they are a four-piece: Kristjan Kruus on vocals, Raigo Valkenpert and Matvei Babitšev on guitars and Dmitri Tšeretšukin on drums.

With their latest 9-track album, *Perpetual Cycles of Violence*, the band brings an unapologetic, anarchic live assault that pulls zero punches. In October 2026 they played the sixth Raskemuusika Esitluspäev at Klubi Tapper in Tallinn, an evening of 12 Estonian heavy acts, and this winter takes them to Saar Cult, Turku and Batfest in Helsinki. New material is already part of the live set, and the next album is planned to be ready in January 2027.

RECENT AND UPCOMING SHOWS

3 Oct 2026	Raskemuusika Esitluspäev 2026	Klubi Tapper, Tallinn, EE
28 Nov 2026	With Tomorrow Was The War and Shatter Me Whole	Saar Cult, Tallinn, EE
5 Dec 2026	Chainline album release show, with Gladenfold	Nirvana, Turku, FI
2 Jan 2027	Batfest 2027	Lepakkomies, Helsinki, FI

LIVE SETUP

Four on stage. Two guitars, each through effects to the PA. Own click, plus backing tracks (bass, ambient guitars, synths) from a laptop through a Focusrite 2i2. Drums: please provide a base kit; we bring our own snare, cymbals and double kick pedal. The final input list and stage plot are agreed with production for each show.

CONTACT

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QUICK FACTS

Genre	Progressive metalcore and deathcore
Based in	Tallinn, Estonia
Active since	2011
Label	Independent
Latest release	*Perpetual Cycles of Violence* (LP, 2026)
Next	New album planned to be ready in January 2027

WATCH AND LISTEN

Redeath, live at Klubi Tapper
youtube.com/watch?v=Aa93Y3P9YhA

Live photos and videos
theprimerband.com/shows

Spotify
open.spotify.com/artist/1F94PjwnTdOcPPBwd2cgl8

Bandcamp
theprimerband.bandcamp.com

Social
Instagram and Threads @theprimerband
facebook.com/theprimerband
Bluesky @theprimerband.bsky.social

DISCOGRAPHY

2026	*Perpetual Cycles of Violence*	LP
2024	*Terminal Lucidity*	EP
2022	*Decay*	Single
2022	*ad_infinitum*	Single
2022	*Leviathan*	EP
2014	*Echoes of Eternity*	EP
2013	*The Ghost of Humanity's Past*	LP