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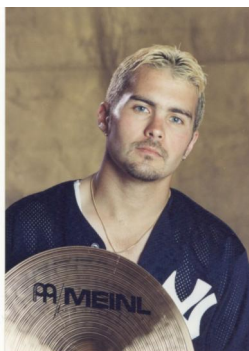
1999 - 2009

MEINL CYMBALS CELEBRATES 10 GREAT YEARS WITH JASON BITTNER

On March 01 1999, Jason Bittner signed an exclusive artist endorsement agreement with Meinl cymbals. Since that time, Jason has become one of Meinl's most enduring and loyal U.S. artists.

"In late 1998, Jason sent us his promo package." explains Norbert Saemann, Meinl's director of artist relations. "He played in Stigmata back then, of which I had heard great things. Even though Jason was not a high-profile artist at that time, I believed in him and felt very positive and optimistic about his future career. I decided to give him an endorsement and supported his career from early on. Meinl as well as Jason were relatively unknown at that time. Ten years later though, Jason has become one of the world's best Metal Drummers, winning all relevant readers polls, all the while playing an internationally successful band. Jason and Meinl have grown together, and that makes both of us very proud. More than anything, we appreciate and are grateful for his loyalty to Meinl and are all looking forward to the next ten years."

On behalf of Meinl, Jason has played on many world renowned drum festivals, has given several clinic tours for the company, and has designed his own Mb10 series Bell Blast Signature Ride with Meinl cymbals.



**Jason's first promo picture
for Meinl in 1999**



Jason Bittner at Ozzfest 2008

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