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DEATH METAL ACT TO RELEASE "MALEVOLENCE" ON JUNE 8TH

[I Declare War](#) has officially been signed as the fifth band to [Artery Recordings](#), the new joint venture between The Artery Foundation and [Razor & Tie](#). Founded in 2005, the death metal band is comprised of five guys in their 20s out of Seattle, Washington. On June 8th, their self-produced album *Malevolence* will be released.

While the band can definitely be described as heavy and aggressive, guitarist Evan Hughes states, "We have elements of a lot of different styles but keep things interesting by straying from sticking to a formula and not writing the same song 11 times." The band agrees that *Malevolence* is their heaviest and most focused record to date. When discussing the album, Evan states, "The lyrics are based on a lot of what we think is corrupt in the world today – government, religion, and the self-inflicted downfall of humanity. The title reflects the overall feeling of the lyrics and a basic view of how we see the world today."

During I Declare War's first tour in 2007, the band happened to cross paths with well-known death metal band Whitechapel, and played what Evan calls "one of the worst shows both of us ever played." The unfortunate show turned into a lasting friendship and one of the best things to happen to the band. When Alex Wade from Whitechapel was approached by Artery in regards to possible bands to sign, he suggested I Declare War, and so the relationship began. Artery and I Declare War are equally excited to begin working together. Evan says, "Being recognized by everyone at Artery is an honor and we're really happy to have found a home with them. It's been a long road to get to this point, but it really feels like our hard work is paying off."

Artery Recordings is the label home to The Artery Foundation and is an imprint of independent label Razor & Tie, whose first two releases are from Chelsea Grin and Bury Tomorrow. A management company since 2004, Artery has a knack for finding diamonds in the rough and nurturing them into worldwide prominence. Some of their recent artists flooding the Billboard charts have included Top 40 releases with The Devil Wears Prada and A Day To Remember as well as Top 100 releases with Alesana and Breathe Carolina and additional artists such as Dance Gavin Dance, Attack Attack! and Whitechapel. The Artery Foundation will be hosting a showcase at the SXSW Music Festival in March.

New York-based Razor & Tie is one of the fastest growing independent record labels in the United States. The label has garnered both Platinum sales and Grammy awards, and is rapidly increasing their presence in the rock and metal genres. Their ever-expanding roster includes artists such as All That Remains, Day Of Fire and Dead Confederate, as well as upcoming releases from Norma Jean and Just Surrender.