

Nine Inch Nails - As selected history

Founded 1988.

Pretty Hate Machine released November 1989.

Written, arranged and produced by Trent Reznor.

[Head Like A Hole](#), [Down In It](#), Sin released as singles/videos.

Broken EP released September 1992. [Happiness In Slavery](#), [Wish](#) released as singles/videos. Initial pressings feature bonus disc of Physical (You're So) and Suck.

Fixed companion EP follows in November 1992, featuring remixes by J.G. Thirlwell, Coil, Butch Vig and Reznor himself.

The Downward Spiral released March 1994. [March Of The Pigs](#), [Closer](#), Hurt released as singles/videos.

Further Down The Spiral is released in 1995, featuring reinterpretations by Aphex Twin, Rick Rubin, Coil, and others.

Trent Reznor announces October 8, 2007 on [NIN.com](#) that Nine Inch Nails has fulfilled all contractual commitments to Interscope and is now "a totally free agent, free of any recording contract with any label."

Despite Universal Music's initial refusal to host it, the official NIN interactive fan remix site [remix.NIN.com](#) launched November 27, 2007. Within a week, 84,000 user profiles created, 43,000 multi-track files downloaded, 900 remixes uploaded and 670,000 remix files played.

Trent Reznor enlists Atticus Ross and Alan Moulder with help from Alessandro Cortini, Adrian Belew and Brian Viglione to create spontaneous, impulsive soundtracks to daydreams with no agenda or release date, only a self-imposed 10-week time limit.

Ghosts I-IV released 6:00 p.m. PST March 2, 2008 via [NIN.com](#): four volume collection of 36 untitled instrumental tracks, nearly two hours of music, recorded over that 10-week period. Rob Sheridan collaborates with [Artist in Residence \(A+R\)](#) to create accompanying visual and physical aesthetic.

The end result is a wildly varied body of work released in its entirety with no label-imposed limitations--musical, physical or otherwise.

The original motion picture soundtrack to Oliver Stone's Natural Born Killers released August 1994. Produced by Trent Reznor, it features NIN's "Burn," recorded specifically for the soundtrack.

NIN's Self-Destruct tour in support of The Downward Spiral is documented on the Closure full-length video, a collection also including the unedited Mark Romanek-directed "[Closer](#)" and the rarely seen "[Happiness In Slavery](#)" clip.

The Fragile double album released September 1999. [Starfuckers, Inc.](#), [The Day The World Went Away](#), [We're In This Together](#), [Into The Void](#) released as singles/videos.

Things Falling Apart remix record released November 2000.

The Fragility tour documented on the live CD and DVD And All That Could Have Been, released January 2002. The limited deluxe edition of the live CD includes extra disc Still, an album of largely acoustic performances of earlier NIN materials as well as four previously unreleased compositions.

With Teeth released May 2005, preceded by [The Hand That Feeds](#) video March 25 premiere on [NIN.com](#) and April release of source files for The Hand That Feeds, allowing fans to remix the tracks. Source files also released for second single Only, in a wider variety of formats. David Fincher-directed video for [Only](#) consists primarily of computer generated imagery.

Every Day Is Exactly The Same released April 2006 as title track of record featuring remixes of With Teeth singles by DFA, El-P, others.

Live: With Teeth tour documented on Beside You In Time, released February 2007, first music DVD released simultaneously on DVD, HD-DVD and Blu-Ray. Also features [The Hand That Feeds](#) and [Only](#) videos.

Year Zero alternate reality game (ARG) unveiled February 2007. Within a week, a fan discovers hidden message in a NIN t-shirt leading them to the game's first website [www.iamtryingtobelieve.com](#), a USB flash drive found in a bathroom stall at a Lisbon NIN concert containing an MP3 file of the song My Violent Heart containing ID3 tags leading fans to [www.anotherversionofthetruth.com](#), and a second USB drive found in a venue reveals a hidden phone number that is answered by a wiretap recording of a murder. Conceived by Trent Reznor and assisted in execution by 42 Entertainment, the ARG progresses through the release of Year Zero and beyond, featuring no less than 29 websites (including [www.uswiretap.com](#), [www.artisresistance.com](#), [www.hollywoodinmemoriam.org](#), [www.solutionsbackwardsinitiative.net/pilgrims](#), [www.securebroadcastinformatics.com](#), [www.judsonogram.net](#), [www.themailstromcom](#), [www.thepriceoftreason.net](#) and dozens more), hidden messages within NIN merchandise, recordings and barcodes, hotlines, flier and poster campaigns, and even resistance cell "meetings" organized via calls made to pre-paid cell phones distributed to participants.

[Survivalism](#) video "leaked" to the Internet via flash drives placed throughout venues at NIN March 2007 UK shows, contains clues leading to three more ARG websites.

Year Zero released April 17, 2007. The following day ARG participants are transported to an [Open Source Resistance meeting](#) in downtown Los Angeles that begins with a speech from ARG character Neil Czerno and culminates in a NIN live performance interrupted by the appearance of riot police.

Fans create <http://www.ninwiki.com/> detailing all aspects of Year Zero and the ARG. Within two months, the ARG amasses 2.5 million cumulative site visits, 7.5 cumulative page views and 2 million phone calls.

Capital G released as single. Capital G, My Violent Heart, Me, I'm Not source files released via [NIN.com](#).

NIN concludes touring for 2007 in September, having played first ever shows in China, Korea, Russia and Israel.

Y34RZ3R0R3M1X3D released November 2007, featuring reworkings by Saul Williams, Pirate Robot Midget, Ladytron, the Faint, Fennesz, among others, as well as separate DVD-ROM containing all tracks in multi-track format.

The original motion picture soundtrack to David Lynch's Lost Highway released February 1997. Produced by Trent Reznor, it features NIN's "[The Perfect Drug](#)," exclusive to the soundtrack and released as a video/single.