

## **Melba Culp - Editorial Fact Sheet**

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**Official Biography:** Melba Culp is a rockmetal band known for its cinematic and theatrical elements while bridging the genres of both rock and metal. Formed in Austin, TX in 2015 by vocalist and multi-instrumentalist Jack McConnell, the band released its debut single "Never Surrender" in 2019. The thrash-inspired tune vowed rebellion against all of the world's empires. However, upon defeating the last of the world's evil empires, the temptation of power proved too much for the band leader.

In June 2024, Jack McConnell of Melba Culp crowned himself king and announced a new vision for the band (or lack thereof, after the execution of his bandmates). The sole-member of Melba Culp now seeks to take peasant listeners on a journey to celebrate the dark side of humanity and excellence of the ruling class. The first new installment, a full-length album titled "A Darkened Rose", is due September 6th, 2024.

This short biography is approved by Melba Culp's majority shareholder; Dark Pebble, Inc.

**Artist Name:** Melba Culp

**Genre:** Rockmetal

**Founded:** 2015

**Record Label (All Releases):** Melba Culp

**Hometown:** Austin, TX USA

**Line-Up:** Jack McConnell (Vocals, Guitars & Multi-Instrumentalist, sole-member)

**Jack McConnell Hometown:** Austin, TX USA

**Jack McConnell Age:** 28 (January 1996)

**Artist Links:** <https://linktr.ee/melbaculp>

**Narrative YouTube (storyline):** <https://www.youtube.com/melbaculp>

**Release #1:** Never Surrender - Single (January 18th, 2019)

Track Listing

1. Never Surrender

**Music Video:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IKUVV7wkwC0&pp=ygUKbWVsYmEgY3VscA==>

Director: Daniel E. Martin

Main Cast: Jack McConnell (Guitar, Vocals), Kaleb O'Neil (Guitar), Devin North (Bass), Ian Geyer (Drums), David Flannigan (Rebellious Street Fighter), Spencer Banks (Street Fighter)

**Lyrics:**

Binded in life  
But I, won't give up the fight  
Urgency strong  
But I, I'll never belong

Tempted with greed  
False prosperity  
Slave to their system  
I will be freed

We will fight against all the empires  
We will win or else we will die  
Will will fight to carry our creed  
To do whatever it is we please

Drowning in their wasteland  
Can't call this home  
I am so different  
And different, is what they'll be shown

Never will I  
Abandon these dreams  
Never will I  
Work the dead end beat

We will fight against all the empires  
We will win or else we will die  
Will will fight to carry our creed  
To do whatever it is we please

We will fight against all the empires  
We will win or else we will die  
Will will fight to carry our creed  
To do whatever it is we please  
Down on their knees  
I choose to be free  
Yeah

### **Team & Recording Location:**

Jack McConnell (Producer, Songwriter, Guitar, Vocals)  
Chris Brush (Drums, Audio Engineer, Mix Engineer)  
Dan Hawkins (Bass)  
Mark Lange (Production Assistant)  
Frank Gagliardi (Mastering Engineer)

Brentwood, TN USA (PlethoraTone)

**Release #2:** Faces of the Forest - Single (June 28th, 2024)

Track Listing

1. Faces of the Forest

**Music Video:** <https://youtu.be/fRhcOOvhgzA>

Director: Dalton Kennerly, Jack McConnell

Main Cast: Jack McConnell

\*Dalton Kennerly is the drummer for metal band Levels

**Lyrics:**

I am beast

I am man

I am beast

I am man

I am beast

I am man

I am beast

I am beast

Watch it all burn down

Four billion years of life

To feed our profit centers

Mother Nature, she must die

Her derivatives, feed our greed

She can't coexist, with humanity

If you find yourself in a state of scare

There's no need to dread what's out there

‘Cause the predators you fear on your TV screen are in the mirror, it’s  
You and me

We will kill  
The faces of the forest  
We will kill  
All that was before us

I am beast  
I am man  
I am beast  
I am man

Watch it all burn down  
Watch it all, burn

The eradication of another species  
All in the name of commercialized gluttony

Feel the heat on your skin  
We’re nearing the end

If you find yourself in a state of scare  
There’s no need to dread what’s out there  
‘Cause the predators you fear on your TV screen are in the mirror

We will kill  
The faces of the forest  
We will kill  
All that was before us

Faces of the forest  
We will kill  
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### **Team & Recording Location:**

Jack McConnell (Songwriter, Guitar, Vocals)  
Josh Schwartz (Songwriter, Guitar, Production Assistant)  
Kevin '131' Gutierrez (Producer, Audio Engineer, Mix Engineer, Multi-Instrumentalist)  
Ted Jensen (Mastering Engineer)

\*Josh Schwartz is the guitarist for metal band A Sound of Thunder, the guitar solo is provided by him.

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**Release #3:** A Darkened Rose - Album (September 6th, 2024)

### Track Listing

1. Patriotism Is for the Poor
2. Ivory Towers
3. Bitter King
4. Faces of the Forest
5. Divine Right of Tyrants
6. In Solitude We Trust
7. Loving You Dead
8. A Darkened Rose

### **Team & Recording Location:**

Jack McConnell (Songwriter, Guitar, Vocals, Production Assistant)  
Josh Schwartz (Songwriter, Guitar, Multi-Instrumentalist, Production Assistant)  
Chris McQueen (Songwriter, Guitar)

Brad Charles (Songwriter, Orchestra)

Dani Blizzard (Background Vocals)

West Lost Angeles Children's Choir (Children's Choir)

Kevin '131' Gutierrez (Producer, Audio Engineer, Mix Engineer, Multi-Instrumentalist)

Ted Jensen (Mastering Engineer)

Travis Smith (Album Artwork)

\*Josh Schwartz is the guitarist for metal band A Sound of Thunder

\*Chris McQueen is one of the guitarists for Snarky Puppy

\*Dani Blizzard is the vocalist for Autumn Stay

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