

# The Cold War

After Slash left GNR, fans had a long wait for the feud to thaw. Eventually, their patience paid off



Slash in 1995

Fame, his final public performance of any kind for six years.

■ **December 13th**  
Guns cover "Sympathy for the Devil" for the *Interview With the Vampire* soundtrack; Slash calls it "what a band sounds like when it's breaking up."



Manson

## 1993

■ **July 17th**  
The *Use Your Illusion* tour ends in Buenos Aires.

■ **November 23rd**  
Guns release punk-covers collection "*The Spaghetti Incident?*" which features a song written by Charles Manson.

## 1996

■ **October 30th**  
A year after releasing an LP with his band, Slash's Snakepit, **Slash leaves** GNR. Rose tells the public via a fax to MTV News. "It was all about Axl wanting control to the point where the rest of us felt strangled," Slash later wrote of the band.

## 1994

■ **January 20th**  
Axl Rose sings with **Bruce Springsteen** at the Rock and Roll Hall of

Brad Pitt in *Interview With the Vampire*



## 1997

■ **August**  
Duff McKagan quits, calls GNR "a dictatorship." Rose is now the only original member.

## 1999

■ **November 9th**  
The song "**Oh My God**" is released on the soundtrack to the Arnold Schwarzenegger film *End of Days*. It's the first material

from the new lineup, and Rose tells MTV News the group is working on a new album called *Chinese Democracy*. "Axl has almost completed recording music for the disc, expected early next year," reads a report.

## 2001

■ **January 1st**  
The new GNR (with guitarist **Buckethead**) debuts at the House of Blues in Las Vegas. They play three songs that will appear on 2008's *Chinese Democracy*.

## 2002

■ **December**  
Rose's repeated inability to show up for concerts forces the band to cancel its **first North American tour in nearly a decade**. Fans riot at several shows.



## 2004

■ **March**  
The group cancels an appearance at Rock in Rio Lisboa after Buckethead quits; months later, the debut LP by Slash's new band **Velvet Revolver** goes double platinum.

## 2006

■ **May**  
Guns play their first shows in four years with a four-night stand at New York's Hammerstein Ball-



At the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame (sans Rose), 2012

room. **Izzy Stradlin** guests on the **last night**; it's the first time Rose has played with any original members since 1993.

## 2008

■ **November 23rd**  
*Chinese Democracy* comes out to mixed reviews and poor sales. A few months later Rose says of Slash, "I consider him a cancer."

## 2010

■ **January 13th**  
Axl and Co. begin a tour that will last for more than four years.



McKagan

■ **October 14th**  
**McKagan** joins Guns N' Roses for a few songs in London.

## 2012

■ **April 14th**  
Guns N' Roses are inducted into the **Rock and Roll Hall of Fame**. Rose doesn't attend the induction, saying, "Let lying dogs sleep."

## 2014

■ **April 6th**  
With bassist Tommy Stinson forced to miss shows because of the Replacements reunion, McKagan temporarily rejoins the band for a South American tour.

■ **June**  
GNR end a **Las Vegas residency** with a line-

up of guitarists DJ Ashba and Bumblefoot, along with Stinson and drummer Chris Pitman.

## 2015

■ **July**  
DJ Ashba and Bumblefoot announce they have left Guns N'

Roses, leading to increased speculation that the original Guns will get back together.

■ **August**  
Slash tells a journalist that he's **communicating with Rose** again.

## 2016

■ **January**  
After months of rumors, the group confirms plans for a **reunion** with Slash and McKagan. Shows are



polished; Steven Adler sits in for two dates, and Rose and Slash even seem to be having a good time.