

LIVING IN THE PAST

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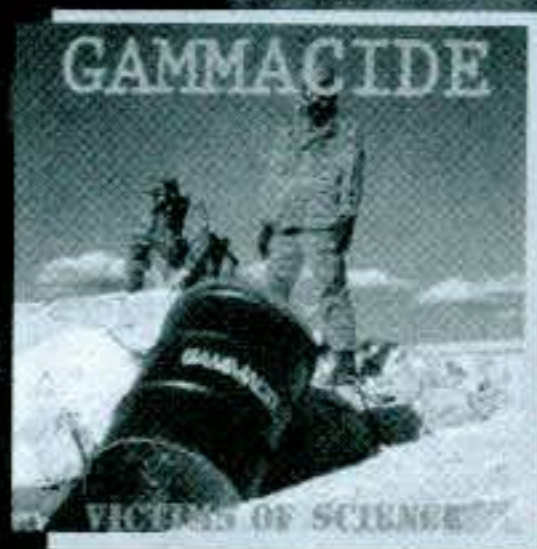
HELLOWEEN has reissues out of *Walls of Jericho*, *Chameleon*, *Pink Bubbles Go Ape*, *Master Of The Rings*, *Better Than Raw*, and *The Time Of The Oath*. They are all expanded to double CD sets; you get every bonus track available, beautifully designed booklets filled with pictures and information. The sound is superb, especially on *Walls Of Jericho*, which at the time suffered from the mediocre production. Other CDs are not as noticeable when it comes to sound, but all of them show improvement over the originals. This is a feast day for all **HELLOWEEN** fans. Contact: www.sanctuaryrecordsgroup.com



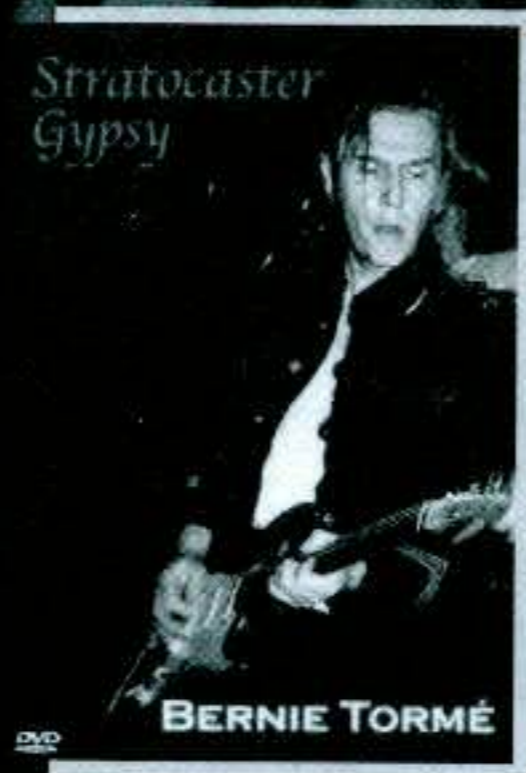
FLOTSAM AND JETSAM have a new DVD titled *Live in Japan* out on Crash Music. It's a very intense show that proves **FLOTSAM** hasn't lost a beat. The band is tight, very comfortable on stage, and simply loving to play live. The song selection concentrates around the best material, but once again it never fails. Some songs are simply timeless, and often get better with age. In addition to the live set, the DVD includes a video for "Straight To Hell" off the recently released *Dream Of Death* disc. A great little **FLOTSAM** package here. Contact: www.crashmusicinc.com



GAMMACIDE is one of those bands this writer covered back in the demo days in a fanzine back in the late 80s. The band followed with a great album on Wild Rags records, and then vanished from the scene. It was great to receive an email from the guitar player, Rick Perry, who informed me of this reissue and the fact that **GAMMACIDE** is back in business. **GAMMACIDE** was a great power metal/thrash band from the 80s. They were very musical, and had great chops. Their only album, *Victims Of Science*, is now available again. It is expanded with additional tracks, so you get the whole story here. I believe this might be the first time this album is available in a CD format. It is definitely worth investigating. Contact: www.gammacide.com



Bernie Torme is perhaps most known for his work with Ian Gillan, and the short stint with Ozzy Osbourne. But, he's also a fine performer in his own right. With over a dozen albums to his name, how can you be ignored? Despite all of this **Bernie Torme** is not too known outside of England. *Stratocaster Gypsy* is a DVD showing Torme on stage. We have a live performance and some video clips. Besides the musical aspects, the DVD focuses on the biographical aspects of this guitar player. You're able to gain a lot of background info, review all Torme releases. This is very enthusiastic performance, and I'm sure **Bernie** will win many fans that will see this DVD. Contact: www.mvdb2.com



CHRISTIAN DEATH has a new compilation out called *Death Club 1981-1997*, which focuses on the Rozz Williams years. It's a double disc set. The first disc is a compilation of the previously released material. The material is strong, and the selections are just right, but if you're a **CHRISTIAN DEATH** fan you probably own the regular albums anyway. The real treat is the second disc. It's a DVD with concert footage and interview footage. The packaging is very impressive as well. The booklet is greatly put together. It features photos and lines notes. It's a wonderful set for someone who is just getting into the band, as well as for someone who is a die hard follower. Contact: www.cleorecs.com



GILLAN finally released a DVD titled *Live Edinburgh 1980*. It's a great TV footage that is finally making its way onto DVD. It sure beats the bootleg copy I previously owned. The quality here is crystal clear. It's a classic **GILLAN** performance featuring the above-mentioned **Bernie Torme** on guitar. This set is just filled with extras. Not only do you see the band in action, but also you can learn about the **Gillan's** solo ventures. **GILLAN** as a band was not well known outside of Europe, so this may be a good chance to find out that Ian had an extensive solo career outside of **DEEP PURPLE**. Wonderful set that I just can't get enough of. Let's hope this DVD will pave the way for other visual releases from **GILLAN**. Contact: www.mvdb2.com



JUDAS PRIEST is back in the DVD market with *Live Vengeance '82*. This disc was previously released as a part of the box set. This time it has a life on its own, as it should. It's an excellent live performance showing the band in the top shape. The **PRIEST** fans waited a long time for this particular DVD to be properly released. The packaging resembles the box set, and it could've been better, but at least the content is amazing. This is classic **PRIEST** during *Screaming For Vengeance* tour, and it doesn't get better than this. Contact: www.sonybmg.com



MOTORHEAD has three amazing reissues out. *Another Perfect Day* is expanded into a double disc set of an entire live set from Manchester, 1983. *Orgasmatron* receives similar treatment. The second disc has some b-sides, and alternative versions, but the real treat is a show from Yarmouth, 1984. *Rock 'n' Roll* is backed up by the live performance from Donnington 1986. All of the albums come with great booklets, plenty of pictures, and liner notes. I must admit this is the third or fourth time these albums are reissued, but this by far is the best versions, and a great way to build up your live **MOTORHEAD** library. Contact: www.sanctuaryrecordsgroup.com

