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New Wave Of British Heavy Metal DVD Due Out In June

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It's been announced that a new DVD entitled Iron Maiden And The New Wave Of British Of Heavy Metal will be released on June 10th via MVD Entertainment. The documentary is described by its distributors as follows:

"Back in 1976, nobody really knew that there was an old wave of British Heavy Metal. But within two years of their formation, Iron Maiden had spearheaded what came to be abbreviated the NWOBHM, and as with punk the year before, a new generation of Rock musicians bought in a new wave of the genre - and in the process made loud, raw, heavy rock the global phenomenon it is today. For the first time this film investigates this New Wave - the bands, the records, the media and the series of unconnected events that led to this astonishing, durable and still hugely relevant form which is still heard today in virtually every rock record released. Focusing on Maiden and the other pivotal bands of the time, such as SAXON, SAMSON, PRAYING MANTIS, DIAMOND HEAD, TYGERS OF PAN TANG and

many others, this DVD is the ultimate expose of a style that may not get as much press as punk, but is equally as relevant to the music of the second millennium. It features rare footage of all the main NWOBHM bands; Live and studio recordings of the pivotal tracks; Scarce news items and archive of the movement, from the time, as it unfolded around the UK; Seldom seen photographs, many from private collections. It also includes exclusive interviews with many of the major players, including, Iron Maiden's PAUL DIANNO and Dennis Stratton, Diamond Head's Brian Tatler, Tygers Of Pan Tang's Rob Weir, Samson's legendary drummer Thundersticks, Tino and Chris Troy from Praying Mantis, the current line-up of GIRLSCHOOL and many other high profile names from the New Wave Of British Heavy Metal. There's also commentary, review and expertise from; Malcolm Dome [Kerrang, Classic Rock] Jerry Ewing [Metal Hammer, Classic Rock] Geoff Barton [staff writer at Sounds during the New Wave] Garry Bushell [Sounds journalist and champion of NWOBHM] Neil Kay [legendary metal DJ from the Soundhouse club] and British metal author and journalist, Joel McIver."

In addition to the documentary, there will also be extended interviews and a NWOBHM interactive challenge.

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1. godlike writes:

cool.... now this is something I'll be buying..!!

I lived through it and seen most of these bands, but watching this will be like a walk down memory lane...!!

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2. Diamond Oz writes:

I too shall be picking this up. NWOBHM was perhaps the last great thing Britain contributed to music. The state of our music and charts now are disgraceful and I use that word in its strongest sense.

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3. FocusShift writes:

Well. . .don't forget Britian has Cradle. . .

Okay, I couldn't say that with a straight face.

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4. Diamond Oz writes:

Thank God you said that second part!

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5. FocusShift writes:

I may not have said it 4 albums ago but sadly they've stepped out of the realm of musical talent and tact.

But to think so much influential metal in the form of Maiden, Priest, Sabbath, Saxon, Venom, and the like all came from the same country is impressive. America's best innovations to metal came in the form of Thrash and Death a long while ago though its an unfair comparison from us to you. There's so many distinctly diverse areas of the US (not saying there isn't in Britian but by landmass and what not) that for only the Bay Area Thrash movement and the Florida Death Metal scene to be our only claims while you guys have the originators of Tradition, Power, and Black metal is something.

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6. ZT writes:

They should AT LEAST give Vardis and Steve Zodiac a shout out.....the bastards.....

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