

Stryper - Live In Indonesia at the Java Rockin' Land DVD Review

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In the heyday of '80s [hair metal](#), [Stryper](#) stood out. Not only were they decked out in yellow and black and had a singer with a very distinctive voice, they were a Christian band. The Sunset Strip during that era was one of the most decadent places on earth, and Stryper drew criticism not only from that side of the fence, but also from some fellow Christians for being part of what they considered an "evil" culture.

Stryper persevered, and had some hugely popular albums, including 1984's platinum selling *To Hell With The Devil*. Like many hair/glam bands, they hit the skids in the '90s and split up.

They reunited in 1999 and are touring and releasing new material. Their latest release is the DVD *Live In Indonesia at the Java Rockin' Land*, which was filmed in 2010.

The 12 songs span the band's career, focusing mainly on their '80s albums. Their big commercial hit "Honestly" is a highlight, along with well-known songs like "Calling On You" and "Soldiers Under Command." They also feature more recent material, such as the title track from 2008's *Murder By Pride* and "Open Your Eyes" from 2005's *Reborn*.

There are some of Stryper's more popular songs that were not included in this set, including "Free," "Always There For You" and "I Believe In You." Their performance at the festival is rock solid, and although Michael Sweet sings in a lower register most of the time, he still busts out some ear-splitting high notes just like in the old days. And the enthusiastic crowd in Indonesia energizes the band.

One disappointment with *Live In Indonesia at the Java Rockin' Land* is that there is no bonus material at all. In the two years since the show you think it would have been possible to do a couple of interviews or include something extra. Still, Stryper fans will enjoy this live show that proves the band's message is still connecting.

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