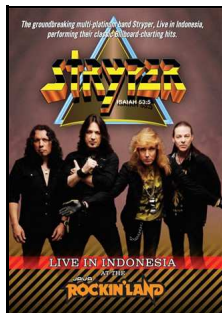


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STRYPER LIVE IN INDONESIA

Released October 23, 2012 (MVDvisual)

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Track List:

01. Sing Along Song
02. Murder By Pride
03. Loud 'N Clear
04. The Rock That Makes Me Roll
05. Reach Out
06. Calling On You
07. Free
08. More Than A Man
09. Honestly
10. Open Your Eyes
11. All For One
12. The Way
13. Abyss/To Hell With The Devil
14. Soldiers Under Command

Band:

Michael Sweet - vocals and guitar
Oz Fox - guitar
Tim Gaines - bass
Robert Sweet - drums

Review:

Christian rockers **Stryper** rose to fame in the mid '80s with breakthrough records such as the critically acclaimed *Soldiers Under Command* and the platinum *To Hell With The Devil*, which earned the band regular airplay on MTV with the videos "Calling On You" and "Free". **Stryper** were lumped in with the era's 'hair bands' mainly because of their image and their melodic hook-heavy songs, but unlike their contemporaries who were singing about 'sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll' **Stryper** were spreading their faith through music – and people listened.

Over the years **Stryper** has disbanded and reunited on a number of occasions. Frontman **Robert Sweet** has released solo music and was even a full-fledged member of the band **Boston** for a short period of time. **Stryper** issued the studio releases *Reborn* in 2005 and *Murder By Pride* in 2009, however the new music was a departure from the band's previous sound – and the new 'contemporary' **Stryper** was a hard sell. In a bold move the band released an album titled *The Covering* in 2011 which included covers of such artists as **UFO**, **Scorpions**, **Iron Maiden**, **Kansas**, **Deep Purple**, and more. The album also included a new track entitled "God", which was true to the band's traditional sound.

This brings us to the band's new DVD release *Live In Indonesia*, recorded in 2010 during the band's appearance at the Java Rockin' Land festival. The set includes 14 tracks heavily dependent on their back catalog, with only "Murder By Pride" and "Open Your Eyes" representing the group's post reunion output. **Stryper** are in top form during this performance, the only complaint being **Michael Sweet's** persistent banter between songs that affects the flow of the show. Unlike their 2004 show *Greatest Hits: Live In Puerto Rico* the set on *Live In Indonesia* is stronger and the mix isn't as sloppy. While the audience in the Puerto Rico show was more enthusiastic than the Indonesian crowd they certainly came alive when the band broke into hits like "Calling On You" and "Free".

In short *Live In Indonesia* is a very good representation of what **Stryper** is and it's sure to please casual as well as die-hard fans alike. *Live In Indonesia* is the most definitive DVD the band has released to date

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Reviewed by Ruben Mosqueda for [Sleaze Roxx](#), November 2012

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