

# The Impaler Speaks

## Stryper - Live In Indonesia At The Java Rockin' Land



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Stryper? Read on, please. When Stryper first entered the scene, I wasn't interested. If I had to categorize such things, I'd say that my favorite metal(ish) bands in 1983 were probably KISS, Motley Crue, and Grim Reaper. The makeup and costumes didn't scare me off, but the whole point of metal – it seemed at the time – was to be cartoonishly in league with Satan, at least as far as the rest of the world was concerned. How in the world could it be rebellious to bring parental-and-teacher approved concepts like God into metal? This was blasphemy of a whole different kind! Stryper. They had some killer riffs, though, and some inescapable hooks. After many years of trials and tribulations of their own, Stryper is back, and in 2010 the band ventured to Jakarta, Indonesia, to play a massive festival called The Java Rockin' Land. This show features the original lineup – brothers Michael Sweet (lead vocals/guitars) and Robert Sweet (drums), and their cohorts Tim Gaines (bass/backing vocals) and Oz Fox (guitars/backing vocals) – looking all grown up but none the worse for wear, still wearing yellow and black but not in the form of spandex-centric costumes of the striped variety, and good-naturedly poking a little fun at the glummy excesses of the good old days. From the first note of this concert to the last, Stryper kicks ass. The band is tight. Michael Sweet's voice sounds better than ever. Everyone – the band, the fans, and I daresay even the home viewers – is clearly having a great time. Thankfully, there isn't much in the way of preaching, unless you count exhortations to the crowd to sing along... louder! But that's a staple of every arena-sized show, metal or not, isn't it? The songs that Stryper fans want to hear are there – even the power-ballads – and I



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challenge anyone to sit still without any singing along or air-guitaring during the inescapably catchy one-two punch of 'To Hell With The Devil' and 'Soldiers Under Command'. It can't be done. The show is beautifully shot with multiple cameras, and the sound is amazing. Longtime Stryper fans absolutely need to add this DVD to their collections, and jaded old metalheads like me will be pleasantly surprised both at the welcome feeling of nostalgia generated by hearing some of these songs again after so long and at just how damn talented these guys really are. **The Impaler** [@impalerspeaks](#)


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