

LIVING IN THE PAST

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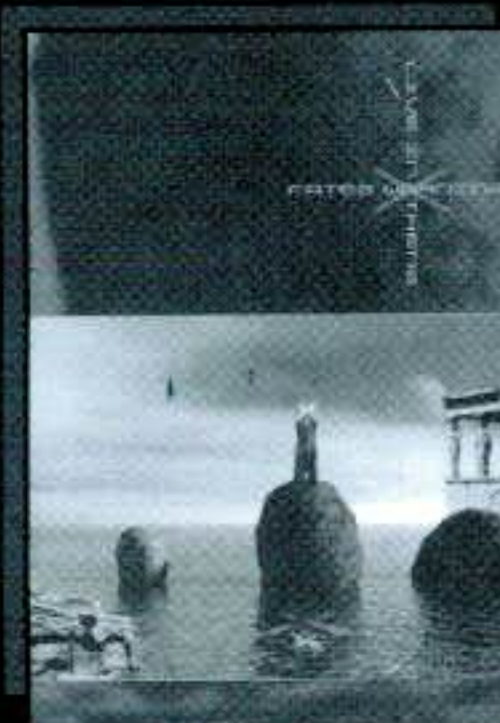
If you are a label re-issuing any old albums or releasing DVDs, e-mail Mark Kadzielawa: thornadoad@yahoo.com



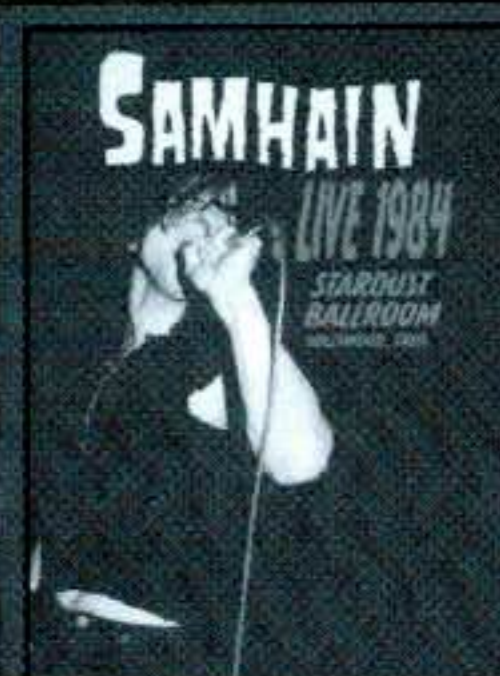
IQ is a lesser-known prog band on US shores, but in Europe they're quite popular. The re-releases include: *The Seventh House*, *Ever*, *Subterranea*, and *Are You Sitting Comfortably?* I must admit I'm new to the band even though I love obscure groups. But, I like what I hear. This is really good music, that makes me want to investigate this band more. **IQ** is a great band if your musical horizons are open, but if you're strictly metal then you'll probably pass. It's worth giving a chance though.
Contact: www.insideoutmusic.com



SHADOW PROJECT is a Rozz Williams post-CHRISTIAN DEATH era music. It's very gothic and dark. I was even surprised there was any footage available. This a great document of a band that's obviously no more. Williams was definitely a visionary, who was not afraid to make his ideas a reality. **SHADOW PROJECT** is definitely addressed to the fans of dark and obscure music.
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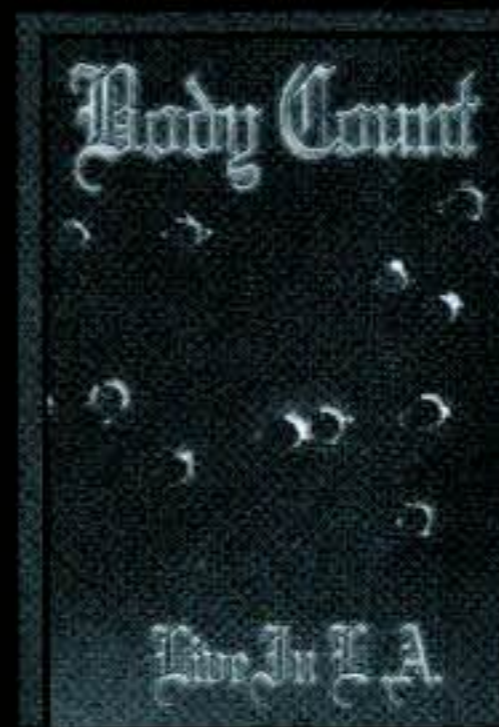
FATES WARNING's *Live In Athens* is a new DVD. This time the band gets it right. This show truly represents what **FATES WARNING** is all about. The band benefits greatly from the proper production, and that's something the last live DVD lacked. This performance includes new drummer, Nick D'Virgilio, from **SPOCKS' BEARD**. The band sounds and feels great on stage. Also, this is a full headlining performance, unlike the opening slot the band is usually doing in the U.S. Great show, great packaging, get it now.
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SAMHAIN has a new DVD out titled *Live 1984 Stardust Ballroom*. This is an official bootleg release. It's a one-camera show shot from side of the stage. Don't expect any big production. This is primitive and simple. But, it's a visual representation of **SAMHAIN** in its early stages. The show is very intense; it has guts, and unquestionable energy. All of these aspects make this DVD very unique, and that's why it's worth investigating.
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MANOWAR releases fourth installment of the **HOE**. This one titled *HOE 4*. This set is as always wonderfully packaged, and includes 2 DVDs and a CD. It's an ultimate package filled with all sorts of extras. What's strange is that for years there were no proper visual representation of **MANOWAR**, and now we have a plenty of it. Only complaint is that most of it comes from one period. But, it's still better than nothing. **MANOWAR** fans rejoice once again.
Contact: www.magiccirclemusic.com



BODY COUNT's reunion show is out on DVD. The show is titled *Live In L.A.* It's a good display of what **BODY COUNT** was all about. The performance includes all of the highlights from band's short but hyped career. There's definitely a lot of attitude and spirit in this performance. If you liked **ICE-T's** *Metal Incarnation* then you don't want to miss this disc. In addition to the visual, there's a second disc that's only an audio version of the show.
Contact: www.navarre.com



VOIVOD's **DVD-1** comes out in the wake of Piggy's passing. But. This is no coincidence or a way of cashing in on the death of the guitarist. **VOIVOD** intended to release this and other DVDs in the future. What we have here is a collection of earliest clips and videos from **VOIVOD's** impressive career. Also, there are live segments from various TV appearances. The time frame ranges from 1984-1991. This is very well done, with fans in mind. Highly recommended for any **VOIVOD** fan, or anyone else in that matter. This might be the only way to see this unique band in action at this point.
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ATHEIST is once again back in the reissue spotlight. The original three albums: *Piece Of Time*, *Unquestionable Presence*, and *Elements* receive superb treatment from Relapse Records. Each album contains many bonus features. *Piece of Time* comes with three original demos, and now becomes a complete document of the early **ATHEIST**. *Unquestionable Presence* offers pre-production demos, and studio outtakes. *Elements* includes a radio broadcast from 1992. In addition, each disc is very nicely packaged with pictures, notes, and artwork faithful to the original. **ATHEIST** was a highly influential band who broke existing barriers in the world of metal. In case you missed these originally, now is a chance to find a great band. **ATHEIST** recently re-formed for some festival appearances.
Contact: www.relapserecords.com



ASIA was progressive hard rock band from the 80's. Believe it or not they are still going on, of course on a smaller scale. What we have here are reissues of the early 90's period. *Archiva 1 & 2* are two discs compiling recordings that never quite made it onto a record. *Aria* and *Arena* are both albums with John Payne behind the microphone. Payne is doing a fabulous job singing, and properly carrying torch. Both albums are filled with catchy progressive hard rock tunes. All of the **ASIA** trademarks are here. The band thrives on melody and catchiness, and above all great delivery. Both albums come with bonus tracks, not included on the original releases. All of these albums include outstanding and imaginative artwork.
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