

**The Michael Schenker Group** celebrated their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary by recording a show in Tokyo earlier this year. The result is the 'enigmatically' titled *The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show – Live In Tokyo* (Inakustik), with the German guitar god joined by vocalist Gary Barden, bassist Neil Murray, <u>keyboard</u> player/guitarist Wayne Findlay and drummer Simon Phillips. Sadly, it doesn't work. The playing's more than decent – with that lot how could it be anything else – but the magic's missing. Compared to 1982's flawed yet breathtaking *One Night At Budokan*, this new live album is rather drab.