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EXCITER: 1988 Self-Titled Album To Be Reissued With New Artwork - Nov. 22, 2008

The 1988 critically maligned self-titled album from Canadian thrash metal pioneers **EXCITER** will be reissued with new artwork on January 20, 2009 via **Magnetic Air/MVD**.

"**Exciter**" saw the group's drummer/singer **Dan Beehler** relinquishing his vocal duties to singer **Rob Malnati**. But the strategy backfired, according to **Answers.com**, as the album's almost complete abandonment of thrash for a slower, mainstream metal approach alienated what remained of their already dwindling fan base and led to the band's breakup shortly thereafter.

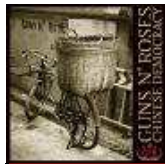
The track listing for the reissue is as follows:

01. **Scream Bloody Murder**
02. **Back In The Light**
03. **Ready To Rock**
04. **O.T.T.**
05. **I Wanna Be King**
06. **Enemy Lines**
07. **Dying To Live**
08. **Playin' With Fire**
09. **Eyes In The Sky**
10. **Termination**

"**Exciter**" recording lineup:

Dan Beehler - Drums
Rob Malnati - Vocals
Brian McPhee - Guitar
Allan James Johnson - Bass

EXCITER's latest album, "**Thrash Speed Burn**" — which features sole remaining original member **John Ricci** (guitar) alongside **Rik Charron** (drums), **Clammy** (bass) and **Kenny Winter** (vocals) — was released in North America on November 4 via **Blistering Records**, the new label formed by industry veterans **Tomas Sunmo**, **Lars Chriss (LION'S SHARE)** and **Jim Pitulski (Inside Out Music America)**. The CD was issued in Europe on February 22 via **Massacre Records**. It marks



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MASTER
"Slaves to Society"



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"The Way of All Flesh"



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"Doom, Gloom, Heartache
& Whiskey"



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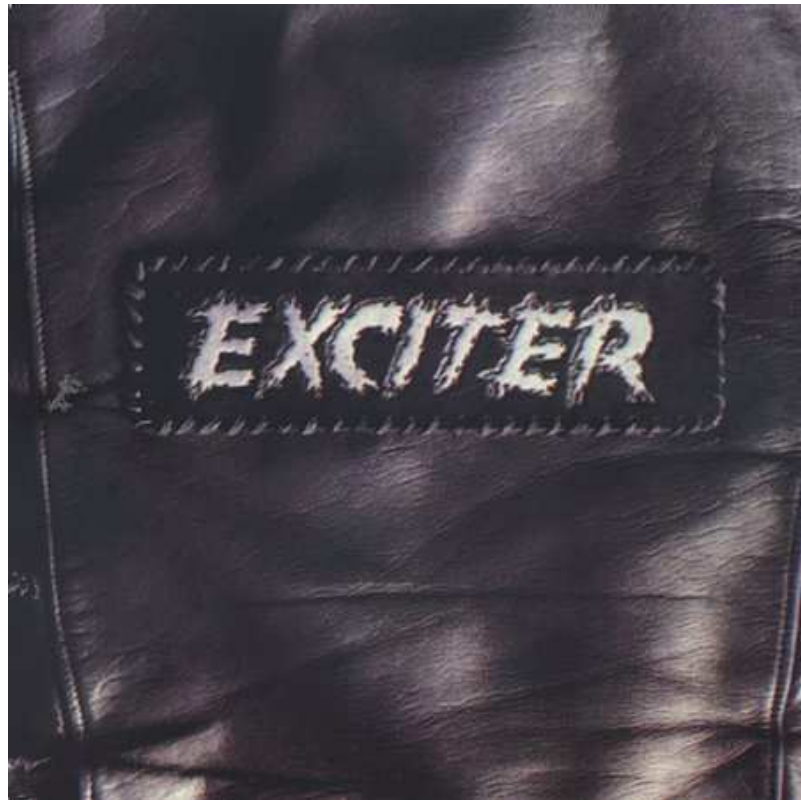
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EXCITER's recorded debut with new singer **Winter**, who joined the band in October 2006.

New artwork:



Original artwork:



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posted by : [sodomaniac](#)
11/22/2008 6:07:56 PM

terrible album

COMMENT |

posted by : [The-Sane-Asylum](#)
11/22/2008 6:14:37 PM

Violence and Force is one of the all time greatest thrash metal album ever...

The self titled album was very weak...

Sacrifice was another great Canadian thrash band and I understand they are recording a new album which I'm looking forward to...



COMMENT | You kind of wonder

posted by : PowerBrake
11/22/2008 6:56:18 PM

Who was really behind the horsehit that became of Exciter. Was it really John Ricci? Probably

I loved HMM and V&F. But the CD releases sounded worse than the original vinyl. Still it was great to hear them again.



COMMENT |

posted by : Acacia70
11/22/2008 7:59:19 PM

Easily my favorite album of theirs. Yes, very different than the older stuff but pretty damned good. But why a reissue if there's no bonus tracks? The new cover is silly.



COMMENT |

posted by : Metal Fisted
11/22/2008 8:24:33 PM


'Heavy Metal Maniac' and 'Violence and Force' are in my view the only two essential Exciter releases.



COMMENT |

posted by : pennandtell
11/22/2008 8:51:29 PM

Early Exciter was great. Ricci was the cause of their demise. Insecure ego from hell. HMM and V and F were the best. After the 80s, this band was a part-time joke band. Voivod is another part time act. Some good stuff but some not. Annihilator best Canadian metal band ever. Rush best rock, prog rock.



COMMENT | loved V&F

posted by : And Then There Were None
11/22/2008 9:20:35 PM

but Long Live the Loud is amazing too. fast, atmospheric and with the best Exciter single that never was: "Born To Die."

i bought this album when it came out (ST) and never liked it. the magic was gone.

don't know what happens to thrash bands, but many seem to lose what made them great after a few albums.

cheers.



COMMENT |

posted by : [kdavies](#)
11/22/2008 10:24:00 PM



Heavy Metal Maniac & Violence and Force are essential in any metal heads collection. Long live the loud was a ok, anything after that just isn't worth mentioning.



COMMENT |

posted by : [snakepitguy](#)
11/23/2008 1:31:37 AM



Never been Thrash Bori once again...Speed Metal, Power Metal but Not Thrash.
The reason of their demise? Nobody remember?
Well trying to caopture a larger audience in the first place but MAINLY the addition of Brian McPhee (ex- JET BLACK).... he was the main reason behind those two absolute crappy releases....

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