EINSTUERZENDE NEUBATEN

have a new DVD out. It's called *Palast Der Republik*. It has real neat packaging, as the cover displays the old East Germany symbol with the bands logo inserted in the middle. It's a very creative artistic concept. The concert dates back to 2004, but it shows the band in a very fine form. Obviously with what this group creates it is hard to really compare to anything else, as the field in this industrial approach is quite limited. There's a certain beauty in the coldness of the NEUBAT-EN sound. The concert is very well filmed, and it's a real treat for the fans of the band, or anyone willing to give it a try.

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DIAMOND HEAD finally has a DVD out called *To The Devil His Due*. It's a brand new performance from 2005. It features the new singer Nick Tart. The concert features all of the DIAMOND HEAD classics. Tart's delivery is quite good, and the band seems very much revived. DH footage is always very scarce to come across, so this is a very welcomed release. I'm very happy this is finally out. Now how about a retrospective DVD?

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REALM was a Milwaukee band I saw at the first Metalfest in 1987. I was very impressed with them back then. A year later the band signed with Roadrunner and released Endless War, which they followed with Suiciety. Both albums were great power metal releases. The band never really toured, and quietly broke up. The legacy they left is very impressive. Both albums are remastered with bonus tracks. Only 200 copies of each reissue were pressed; therefore, get yours before they become extinct. Contact: www.metalmind.com.pl or www.mdb2.com

EAST CRACK is an example of an excellent band that never happened. It's hard to explain why, but that's how the business works. The band's two releases on Roadrunner Records are now available again. The debut album, Sinister Funkhouse # 17, was a good release, but Burning Time was a masterpiece. That was one of the greatest albums of the 90's. In fact, this writer selected it as an album of the year in 1991. Listening now, it sounds as good as it did over a decade ago. Both albums come with bonus tracks, and are released as digipacks. Contact: www.metalmind.com.pl or www.mvdb2.com

MANOWAR is back with another DVD. This one is titled *The Absolute Power*, and if you know anything about MANOWAR you don't get anything less. This double DVD set includes a MANOWAR show, and the band delivers as always. The second disc includes behind the scenes footage from the MANOWAR Fan Convention. You can only imagine the craziness that is being shown here. It's what the fans asked for and is an absolutely fabulous set.

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MENTORS finally have a DVD out. This crazy band dealt with sexual topics, and had tons o' fun at the expense of all the proper attitudes in America. The title, El Duce Vita, pays tribute to the immortal singer/drummer. MENTORS were one of a kind band who definitely pushed the envelope to the limit. Don't let you mom catch you watching this, but have fun while she's out.

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XENTRIX was a British thrash metal band with Bay Area sound and flavor. Three albums were brought back to life: Shattered Existence, For Whose Advantage, and a very hard to find release titled Kin. All three come in digipack format, and are supplied with bonus tracks. XENTRIX was one of those bands that was very good, but started at the time when the musical tastes were beginning to change, therefore, was not exposed to the maximum fan-base. The band was excellent, and should be investigated.

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STRYPER were always ridiculed due to their outrageous image. Listening and watching this video 20 years later, my honest opinion is...it's not so bad. Most of these songs are very catchy, and have smart melodic structures. Musicianship is really great, and so is the delivery. Once you get passed some of the lyrical content, it's very manageable. Apart from the main concert the DVD includes some bonus archival footage from 1989. Overall it is a very well put together DVD.

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DÉTENTE's Recognize No Authority is finally available on CD. This is an official release as opposed to several bootlegs that are circulating, DÉTENTE was a thrash metal band from the 80s that included vocalist Dawn Crosby. Crosby found her fame with FEAR OF GOD, and sadly passed away since. She was a free spirit with an incredible drive and will. Another known personality from DÉTENTE is Ross Robinson who became a very successful record producer. Recognize No Authority is a great record that shows how incredible and creative the 80s were. It marks the beginning of a special career. It shows the potential that was to come. Track down this CD, and buy it immediately! Contact: www.cogninverecords.com

DORO is very active on the DVD front. Besides the natural beauty, DORO is a very passionate performer and it shows every step of the way. This double disc set is called 20 Years-A Warrior Soul. A very appropriate title for a performer who is doing just that, DORO never gave up on heavy rock. She's the true metal queen, and deserves your support. This set is filled with so much great stuff, including many guest appearances. It's a piece of metal history. I can't comment on the packaging as I have an advance copy only.

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