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# NWOBHM: Rogue Male reissues

In retrospect, England's Rogue Male were one of the most underrated and overlooked of the "New Wave Of British Heavy Metal" bands to come out of the decade of the '80s. The band's 1985 debut album, *First Visit*, was championed by metal magazine



*Kerrang!*, who called Rogue Male the "next big thing" in heavy metal. The groundbreaking album featured a mix of speed metal with rhythmic overtones and hook-laden melodies.

Rogue Male released its follow-up, *Animal Man*, a year after its debut, delivering fans more of the same. However, when album sales failed to meet expectations, the band broke up, leaving behind just these two albums, which have sadly been out-of-print for years. This situation will be remedied on June 10, 2008 when MVD Audio reissues both of these long-lost Rogue Male albums, remastered and including bonus tracks. Both albums will be released in limited edition digipak editions of 2,000 copies, and are certain to introduce new fans to Rogue Male's breathless NWOBHM sound.

(Click on the CD cover to buy First Visit from Amazon.com)

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