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Metal-head vocalist Blaze Bayley, who fronted the New Wave of British Heavy Metal band (NWOBHM) Wolfsbane as well as doing a five year stint as singer for Iron Maiden, (for the albums Man On The Edge and Futureal) releases his first-ever DVD on the Metal Mind/MVD Video label titled Alive In Poland.

Filmed live at the 21st edition of the Metalmania Festival in Katowice, Poland, Bayley performs songs from his entire career, including three tracks from his days with Maiden including "Futureal", "Man On The Edge" and "Sign Of The Cross". He also pulls out "Tough As Steel" from his Wolfsbane days.



Blaze Bayley's "Alive In Poland" DVD

If you are expecting a big, over-blown theatrical stage set up don't look here, as this stripped down metal show is purely about the music, which drifts from hardcore NWBHM to more melodic metal tracks from Blaze's solo efforts.

Other interesting tracks include "Speed Of Light", "Man On The Edge", "Two Worlds Collide", "Kill And Destroy" and the encore-closing "Born As A Stranger".

Recorded in 5.1 surround sound, the DVD also includes three rather amusing interviews with Blaze and his new band, personal footage of Blaze's visit to Poland, a rare video clip of the song "Hollowhead", as well as a cool photo gallery, biography and discography covering Blaze's entire career.

Currently, Wolfsbane has now re-formed, with Blaze once again taking up vocal and front man duties. They are currently supporting the band Wildhearts on a short UK tour, which kicked off in December of 2007. Although Bayley might not be a household name within the metal genre, his style and power as a vocalist and front man should not go unnoticed. And this DVD release is certainly a good place to start for both the curious and long-time fans.

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