

HAPPEN, (1998), includes 3 new tracks and 3 never released demos for a total of 32 tracks. The songs run the gamut from acoustic demos to fully-polished punk-pop anthems. An accompanying DVD features 12 MxPx videos. (Tooth & Nail Records - www.toothandnail.com)

HARD ROCK/METAL

SATRIANI LIVE! is a double CD from JOE SATRIANI's Anaheim tour stop in support of his CD Super Colossal. This virtuoso has total command over his instrument, and gives the listener a range from shredding guitar to smooth soul. (Sony - www.sonymusic.com)

LIGHT GRENADES is a new perspective for the five-piece alternative rock band INCUBUS. They've obviously taken time to work on the songs in this album and the maturity shows. Lead singer Brandon Boyd always brings the group a notch above their contemporaries with his vocals. Catch them at the Hard Rock in Orlando on Jan. 22. (Epic Records - www.epicrecords.com)

MASTERS OF HORROR II is the soundtrack for Showtime's series, Masters of Horror. The CD is a who's who of the metal world - with music that is rebellious, transgressive, loud and abrasive, to accompany the series theme. Some of the contributors are Hatebreed, Chimaira, and All That Remains. (Downtownrecordings.com)

The MELVINS are an amazing show to see live, and translate well to CD. On their new release, A SENILE ANIMAL, you get to hear the adrenaline pumping double-drumming of Dale Crover and Coody Willis, tricky bass lines of Jared Warren, and killer riffs by King Buzzo. This is one solid album. (Ipecac Recordings - www.ipecac.com)



DIECAST's new release, INTERNAL REVOLUTION spotlights their blend of melodic hardcore and rock influences. Their sound is still full of blistering riffs and powerful melodies, but it is more mature and polished this time around. (Century Media Records - www.centurymedia.com)

KEYDRAGON is a Gothic/Power/Doom metal band with unique songs reminiscent of some of their varied influences such as Metallica, Devo, Type O Negative, and Trail of Tears. DRAGON PROPHECY features the angelic voice of lead singer Tamara Venus Star lighting the path on most of the 14 songs. (www.keydragon.com)

Iron Maiden meets Pantera! Metal maniacs FIFTY CALIBER KISS owns the stage and has attitude. Their debut CD, ARMOR CLASS INVINCIBLE also features an enhanced video. Fifty Caliber Kiss takes the aesthetic of a Hollywood Murder and mixes it to an East Coast style metal sound track. (Universal Warning Records - www.universalwarningrecords.com)

RAP/HIP-HOP

MC/Producer MC13 has released his debut album, ILLADELPH ETERNAL. He describes his sound is a "modern King David mixed with a little Bob Marley, Bono, and Marvin Gaye". The CD is filled with classic beats, fresh lyrics and live instruments. (MiaMind Music - www.iammc13.faihtweb.com)



WYLDE BUNCH is an unconventional ten-piece, alternative hip-hop group influenced by diverse acts such as Earth Wind & Fire, Outkast, Green Day and Led Zeppelin. Their sound on their self-titled CD infuses funk, jazz, soul, and rock within hip-hop. (Surfdog Records - www.surfdog.com)

GOSPEL

CAROLYN TRAYLOR is blazing a trail for herself with a powerful voice and show-stopping live performances likened to Patti LaBelle. THERE'S A STORY BEHIND MY PRAISE, the title track from her new CD is one of the most requested songs in the Gospel market. (Malaco Records - www.malaco.com)

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