

SAXON

HEAVY METAL THUNDER - LIVE Eagles Over Wacken

SOME THINGS just go together... heavy metal and thunder... denim and leather... Saxon and Wacken.

They've been old friends for many years now, their harmony collecting an army of thousands upon thousands who view Saxon live as a pilgrimage to the heart of metal music. And when that pilgrimage takes you, repeatedly, to the largest heavy metal festival in the world, Wacken Open Air in Germany, the results will always be electric.

„When we first played Wacken, it was a small festival with a small stage in a small field, driven by nothing more than raw enthusiasm, which appealed very much to us!“ says Biff Byford, Saxon's venerable frontman, *„it started as fans putting on a festival for fans, and now it's fair to say that it is to Heavy Metal what the Donington Festival used to be. That was the iconic heavy metal festival of the '80s, and Wacken is the iconic heavy metal festival of now.“*

Now you can feel that electricity for yourselves thanks to Saxon - Heavy Metal Thunder - Live - Eagles Over Wacken the no-fat-no-bullshit-100%-pure CD/DVD featuring DVD highlights from Saxon's Wacken shows in 2004, 2007 and 2009 comprising THIRTY songs, plus a live CD from Glasgow in 2011. Each set captures the Barnsley-bred British heavy metal legends delivering classic after classic, from „Denim & Leather“ to „Metalhead“ to „Heavy Metal Thunder“ to „Princess Of The Night“ to „Crusader“ in front of 75,000+ loyal, ravenous fans, who have come to expect (and receive) the levels of performance Saxon have been delivering for 32 years.

„And when the eagle comes down at Wacken, when it opens up over the audience, it is always an electric moment for those there,“ says Biff emphatically of the famous Saxon eagle, a ton or so of steel and lights, rescued from a storage space in the British home counties where it had lain dormant gathering rust. In many ways, the eagle's rebirth and Wacken's ascent are partners on the journey, as it was Wacken's organizers who offered to restore the mighty metal bird so as it could become a live centerpiece of both Wacken and Saxon's history.

And when it comes to heavy metal, Saxon's history is, indeed, rich. Rightly seen as one of the premier vanguards of Heavy Metal alongside the likes of Iron Maiden, Saxon were a major influence behind platinum-coated stars such as Metallica and Megadeth. Formed as Son of A Bitch in 1976 (and becoming Saxon in 1978) they enjoyed tremendous commercial success in the UK during the '80s, with 8 UK top 40 albums, and have sold over 13 millions albums worldwide, while albums such as Wheels Of Steel, Strong Arm Of The Law, Denim & Leather and The Power & The Glory have become legendary staples of any self-respecting metal fan's collection.

But it has always arguably been on stage where Saxon have excelled the most. There's no hiding once you hit the boards, and whether playing to 20000 people in Buenos Aires or 2000 people in Bolton, Byford, Carter, Glockler, Quinn and Scarratt source the same high-voltage energy reserves and deliver the same high-octane, blood and sweat-soaked show that makes Saxon a perennial touring favorite.

„We've consistently tried to write, and perform songs which both us and our audience enjoy,“ says Biff, *„and we've worked very hard to maintain that link with our audience, because if you don't have that connection it can be very dangerous. We need them, and we need to be ready to deliver for them at every show, that's the challenge and it's one we gratefully accept and enjoy. If the audience are prepared to get crazy, then it's always going to be a strong show, and Wacken always delivers us a fantastic connection. You cannot fake that electricity, everyone wants that ‚charged‘ atmosphere and it is absolutely priceless...“*

If you've never had the chance to experience Saxon, start here and start now! If you've had the chance and yearned to capture the energy, the moment and the memory of it all, then put your hands together for Saxon "Heavy Metal Thunder - Live - Eagles Over Wacken" and be grateful to know that despite everything going on in our increasingly confused world, your escapist musical prayers have been answered.

„Heavy Metal Thunder - Live - Eagles Over Wacken“ is available in a variety of formats, including the ‚Golden Ticket‘ D2C/Direct To Consumer Box.

Strictly limited, this exclusive package contains the „Best Of Wacken“ DVD, plus the full and complete Saxon W:O:A performances from 2004/2007/2009 each on a separate DVD, plus a Saxon flag.

The real surprise is that 10 ‚Golden Tickets‘ are randomly included in the box sets, which will allow the lucky winners to visit any Saxon concert in any city around the world (excluding festival appearances).

„Silver Tickets“ giving access to special online content are for the remaining boxes so there are no losers - only winners.

RELEASE DATES

EUROPE: April 20th, 2012

UK: April 23rd, 2012

USA: May 22nd, 2012



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FORMATS

1. 2 CD + DVD Digipack (CD rack size)

- DVD: Best Of W:O:A (2004/2007/2009)
 - CD: Glasgow Live, April 14th, 2011
- UDR 0100 CD+DVD**

2. DVD (Amaray)

- Best Of W:O:A (2004/2007/2009)
- UDR 0101 DVD**

3. 2 CD (2 audio CD Jewel Case)

- W:O:A 2009 - Fan's Choice Setlist
- UDR 0102 CD**

4. 3 VINYL LP 12" Gatefold

- W:O:A 2009 - Fan's Choice Setlist
- UDR 0103 LP**

5. D2C limited to 1000 copies

- Digipack - „Best of“ DVD
 - DVD - W:O:A 2009 - Fan's Choice Setlist (full show - video)
 - DVD - W:O:A 2007 (full show - video)
 - DVD - W:O:A 2004 (full show - video)
 - 10 golden tickets - personalized - any show, any city, life long (excluding festival appearances)
 - Saxon flag & more
- UDR 0104 BOX**

6. DIGITAL

- also available as digital downloads in various versions

TRACK LISTING

BEST OF W:O:A 2009, '07, '04

01	Batallions Of Steel	11	Travellers In Time	21	Stallions Of The Highway
02	Heavy Metal Thunder	12	The Eagle Has Landed	22	Live To Rock
03	Metalhead	13	747 (Strangers In The Night)	23	And The Bands Played On
04	Let Me Feel Your Power	14	Dallas 1 p.m.	24	Princess Of The Night
05	To Hell And Back Again	15	Witchfinder	25	I've Got To Rock (To Stay Alive)
06	If I Was You	16	Solid Ball Of Rock	26	Attila The Hun
07	Killing Ground	17	20.000 Feet	27	Denim And Leather
08	Unleash The Beast	18	Red Star Falling	28	Ashes To Ashes
09	Dogs Of War	19	Rock The Nations	29	Crusader
10	Rock 'n' Roll Gypsy	20	The Power And The Glory	30	Wheels Of Steel

GLASGOW LIVE, APRIL 14TH, 2011

01	Hybrid (Intro)	10	Demon Sweeney Todd	18	Princess Of The Night
02	Hammer Of The Gods	11	And The Bands Played On	19	Crusader
03	Heavy Metal Thunder	12	Man And Machine	20	747 (Strangers In The Night)
04	Back In 79	13	Play It Loud	21	The Eagle Has Landed
05	Never Surrender	14	When Doomsday Comes (Hybrid Theory)	22	20,000 Feet
06	I've Got To Rock (To Stay Alive)	15	To Hell And Back Again	23	Strong Arm Of The Law
07	Dallas 1 p.m.	16	Motorcycle Man	24	Wheels Of Steel
08	Call To Arms	17	Denim And Leather		
09	Solid Ball Of Rock				

W:O:A 2009 - FAN'S CHOICE SETLIST - FULL SHOW

01	Battalions Of Steel	09	Dogs Of War	17	Princess Of The Night
02	Let Me Feel Your Power	10	Rock 'n' Roll Gypsy	18	Heavy Metal Thunder
03	Lion Heart	11	Rock The Nations	19	Live To Rock
04	Strong Arm Of The Law	12	Motorcycle Man	20	747 (Strangers In The Night)
05	Killing Ground	13	Forever Free	21	Stallions Of The Highway
06	Metalhead	14	Solid Ball Of Rock	22	Denim And Leather
07	Wheels Of Steel	15	Crusader		
08	Unleash The Beast	16	The Power And The Glory		

W:O:A 2007 - FULL SHOW

01	Heavy Metal Thunder	08	Red Star Falling	15	Attila The Hun
02	Let Me Feel Your Power	09	Witchfinder	16	Denim And Leather
03	Dogs Of War	10	Solid Ball Of Rock	17	Ashes To Ashes
04	If I Was You	11	20,000 Feet	18	Crusader
05	747 (Strangers In The Night)	12	And The Bands Played On	19	Wheels Of Steel
06	To Hell And Back Again	13	Princess Of The Night	20	Strong Arm Of The Law
07	Motorcycle Man	14	I've Got To Rock (To Stay Alive)		

W:O:A 2004 - FULL SHOW

01	Heavy Metal Thunder	08	Drumsolo	15	And The Bands Played On
02	Dogs Of War	09	The Eagle Has Landed	16	Crusader
03	Backs To The Wall	10	Rock Is Our Life	17	Wheels Of Steel
04	Solid Ball Of Rock	11	Motorcycle Man	18	Denim And Leather
05	20,000 Feet	12	Strong Arm Of The Law	19	Forever Free
06	Travellers In Time	13	Princess Of The Night	20	Dallas 1 p.m.
07	Dragon's Lair	14	747 (Strangers In The Night)		

TOUR DATES

22.04.2012 BR SÃO LUÍS - Metal Open Air
28.04.2012 DE DORTMUND - Rock in den Ruinen
23.05.2012 BE ANTWERP - Lotto Arena *
24.05.2012 NL KERKRADE - Arena *
26.05.2012 UK HAMMERSMITH - Apollo *

30.07.2012 NL STEENWIJKERWOLD - Dicky Woodstock Festival

02.08.2012 DE WACKEN - Wacken Open Air

03.08.2012 DE GEISELWIND - Bike & Music Weekend

* show with JUDAS PRIEST

More dates to come ...