

EPITAPH

POWERFUL – TIMELESS – MAGICAL

There are only a few German rock bands that deserve the title legendary, and EPITAPH is one of them. Founded in 1969, the band wrote music history in the 1970s. EPITAPH was the first German rock band to tour the USA (several times), producing their legendary 1974 **“Outside The Law”** in Chicago. After TV appearances on the top German musicshows **Beat Club** and **Rockpalast**, EPITAPH was soon a household name. Tours with **Joe Cocker**, **Rory Gallagher**, **Golden Earring** and **ZZ-Top**, and numerous festival appearances made EPITAPH one of the most popular German cult rock bands. Over the last 40 years, the band has released 15 studio and live albums. And if you add the digital re-releases, that’s a total of 21 albums.

Things slowed down in the 80s and 90s, but the band hit the stage again in the Millennium, releasing the studio CDs **“Remember The Daze”** and **“Dancing With Ghosts”**, both new albums but again with timeless rock music. In May 2011 EPITAPH released the double DVD **“Live At Rockpalast”**, with all three Rockpalast gigs, and featuring the Beat Club recordings as bonus material.

The **“Still Standing Strong – Live At The Capitol”** DVD released in 2013, also available as a double CD, impressively demonstrates EPITAPH’s ability to bring any venue to the boil, and that they can also enthrall fans with their unplugged numbers.

After the Capitol gig many fans were calling for an unplugged album and the band’s response was the 2014 CD **“The Acoustic Sessions”**. The album reached 31 on **ECLIPSED** magazine’s Top 100 Rock Albums of 2014, ahead of artists like Foo Fighters, Joe Bonamassa or legends like Wishbone Ash.

March 2015 saw the release of the **“Outside The Law - 40th Anniversary Collectors Box”**, consisting of the vinyl LP, a CD that included bonus tracks, poster, t-shirt, illustrated booklet, and a signed and numbered limited edition certificate. Being a worldwide limited edition of 250, “this is a must-have for all rock aficionados” (mig music). The worldwide limited edition of 250 was a real delight for fans; the box included a vinyl LP, CD, booklet and a variety other special fan items (see Shop for more details) as well as a numbered certificate signed by “The Outside The Law - line-up”.

The long awaited new rock album **“Fire From The Soul”** was released in Spring 2016, with guest artists Tim Reese, Klaus Henatsch, Agnes Hapsari and Pete Sage. Drumming on the new album is Jim McGillivray, a founder member of the band, who has returned to replace Achim Poret. The title song **“Fire From The Soul”** is a 9-minute rock symphony that goes from baroque folk to orchestrated gothic, and **“Any Day”** promises to be a rock classic.

The current line-up consists of Briton Cliff Jackson (guitar/vocals), Bernd Kolbe (bass/vocals) and once again the Scotsman Jim McGillivray (drums) – all original founder members, and Heinz Glass (guitar), who was also a member of the band back in the 70s.

To meet the demand for acoustic performances, EPITAPH will be releasing a live acoustic DVD in 2016 entitled **“The Old Station Acoustic Session”**, featuring numbers from their Acoustic Sessions album as well as some new, previously unpublished acoustic titles.