

## Barren Cross, Legends of Christian Metal Return to the Stage of Intensity

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Legends of Christian Rock; Barren Cross stage a return after 14 years of silence. Releasing a Greatest hits and returning to the live stage, once again.

Teaming up with the North Coast Agency, an artist management and booking agency out of Lancaster, Pa; the band has begun playing festivals and concerts again as they stage their full comeback.

Lancaster, PA, March 20th, 2008: In the early 1980's multi-platinum Hair Metal Legends, Stryper, paved the way for Christian Rock in the mainstream market. Barren Cross formed on the heels of bands like Stryper, and has seen their share of successes since their start out of High School in 1983. In 1985 their first EP, Believe, a independent release, garnered national attention and trade marking their raw metal sound. The following year, Christian label, Star Song Records, released their first full length, and still widely sought after CD, Rock for the King.

The attention, record sales and buzz that was now forming around Barren Cross, attracted mainstream recording label Enigma Records (now Capitol Records) to sign them to their label. Barren Cross took their seat of honor next to label mates, Poison, Ratt, Slayer, Stryper and other legends of classic metal.

The Band Released one of their top selling CD's; a full length CD called Atomic Arena on Enigma Records.

In 1989, as a follow up to their Enigma debut, they released a third CD, considered their most successful release, State of Control also on Enigma Records.

By 1990 they saw a full production Live CD on mainstream Medusa Records called Hotter than Hell Live! A few months later, Rock for the King was reissued and has since become a collector's item.

Subsequently, the band enjoyed a bit of a break while lead singer Michael Lee (now known as Michael Drive) pursued another project (becoming writer and lead vocalist for the band, BareBones) until Barren Cross' last release (to date) in 1994 on Christian Label; Rugged Records, the stylistically evolved release, Rattle your Cage. At the height of their career and large audiences, the band faded into oblivion.

Besides six major label releases (five of them full-length), Barren Cross earned their stripes through relentless touring in their day; many full US and World Tours. Their sound and full passion for what they do has earned them respect and airplay on VH1, MTV, countless radio stations and several label and metal compilations. For over twenty years, international music magazines have featured the band consistently, confirming with certainty that this is a band that cannot be limited by time or trends. Their sound is as raw and tight as ever and there is no question that it can only be described as full-fledged rock for the King that will rattle your cage.

Now in 2008, over 14 years since the band slipped from the limelight, they have reunited to return to the stage. They have self-Released a greatest hits CD called, Paid in Blood, that is already becoming a desired item among fans.

They have teamed up with one of the most promising artist agencies to come to the music scene, The North Coast Agency based out of Lancaster, PA. Just starting Jan 1st of 2008; The North Coast Agency is a collaborate effort of seasoned industry veterans from all walks of life and industry experiences.

As they say, Rock and Roll never dies. There have been many incarnations of Rock and Roll over the years, but perhaps none as engaging as the music culture that erupted out of the scene in the late seventies and eighties. For the first time it seems Rock

and Roll had come into it's own, and become more than a style of music. Perhaps if Rock and Roll never dies, then neither will the forefathers of this edge-defying genre that helped develop the culture we are in today.

Barren Cross, legends in their own right, return to the stage of intensity by inviting the music culture back to Arena Rock once again to prove that rock and roll never dies. They are once again here with a sound that will cause their audience to feel, to be challenged and remind us all of the full scale that rock and roll demands.

Barren Cross now invites you back to arena rock, in full passionate stereo.  
You can't keep a good band down.

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