

MONSTERS OF ROCK 2016

Featuring Ritchie Blackmore's RAINBOW and Guests

Shooter Promotions proudly presents the return of the legendary festival
Sensational headliner: Ritchie Blackmore's RAINBOW!
Open-air at the Loreley and in Stuttgart on June 17th and 18th 2016 confirmed
Tickets on sale: Friday, 6 November 2015

A long-awaited sensation for all hard rock fans: with two new editions of the legendary Monsters Of Rock festival and Ritchie Blackmore's Rainbow confirmed as headlining act, Shooter Promotions is set to present the highlight of the upcoming festival summer:

"It's a double honour for us to bring this ground-breaking festival back to life. On the one hand it's the festival itself, and on the other it's the fact that Ritchie Blackmore's Rainbow are an absolutely legendary band who have just been confirmed as the headlining act. Ritchie Blackmore has won worldwide acclaim as the driving force behind the likes of Deep Purple, Rainbow and Blackmore's Night and is without a doubt one of the most important personalities in the history of hard rock."

Ritchie Blackmore is considered to be one of the most influential guitarists in the annals of rock music. With Deep Purple (around 130 million records sold), the British-born musician created immortal anthems in the 1970s, among them "Smoke On The Water", "Black Night", "Highway Star" and "Child In Time", to name but a few. Having left Deep Purple in 1975, he continued his success story with Rainbow (50 million records sold): songs like "Man On The Silver Mountain", "Stargazer", "Long Live Rock'n'Roll", "Kill The King", "All Night Long", "Since You Been Gone" and "I Surrender" have become the DNA of classic hard rock.

Now, with the return of the legendary Monsters Of Rock festival, things are about to come full circle. Because on 16 August 1980 Rainbow, headlining the very first Monsters Of Rock, took hard rock to a whole new level, the final gig of their Down To Earth tour in Castle Donington/UK being witnessed by almost 40,000 fans. In the subsequent years, the festival expanded all over the European continent. At the end of August 1987, Blackmore and the reunited Deep Purple Mark II line-up with the hit albums "Perfect Strangers" (1984) and "The House Of Blue Light" (1987) under their belt went on to awe almost 100,000 fans in the German cities of Nuremberg and Pforzheim.

Now the guitarist extraordinaire is about to make history again by performing his greatest hits from the Deep Purple and Rainbow eras at those upcoming German shows (two of only three gigs worldwide!). "I'm doing it for the fans," says the Man in Black. It has not been confirmed yet who will join him on stage, but one thing is for sure: he is planning to film and record the performances for future release.

Tickets go on sale on the 6th of November 2015. On the 20th of November Eagle Vision is about to release "The Ritchie Blackmore Story", a Blu-ray/DVD/CD package, presenting for the very first time the whole story of Blackmore's remarkable career, featuring videos from his time with Deep Purple, Rainbow and Blackmore's Night. It will also include extended interviews with the man himself and his colleagues and admirers, such as Brian May (Queen), Glenn Hughes, Lars Ulrich (Metallica), Steve

Lukather (Toto), Joe Satriani, the late Jon Lord, David Coverdale, Gene Simmons, Joe Lynn Turner, Steve Vai, Graham Bonnet and Ian Anderson.
With the return of the Monsters Of Rock festivals, headlined by Ritchie Blackmore's Rainbow, the dream of a whole generation of hard rock fans is about to come true.
More information to follow.

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Friday, 17 June 2016: Loreley

Saturday, 18 June 2016: Stuttgart / Bietigheim – Viadukt

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