

Check it Out: Judas Priest coming to Germain Arena

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For bands whose futures are uncertain, there's plenty of money to be made in looking back. Besides, most fans want to hear the old stuff anyway.

Such thinking has started a trend of concerts in which bands play classic albums live from start to finish. It's become enough of a phenomenon that entire musical festivals are based on this idea.

The key of course for any band is choosing the right album.

For Judas Priest, it wasn't too tough. After 10 years of playing highly complex, blues-based metal, the English band decided to make its music a bit more accessible to the masses. The result: "British Steel," an album that made metal both more pop and more brutal at the same time. It spawned hits on the other side of the pond and was Judas Priest's first big hit in the US.

The band is celebrating the 30th anniversary of that album (OK, it's really only been 29 years, but who's counting?) with a world tour that features the full disc from start to finish. The tour, which features fellow '80s icons Whitesnake, comes to Germain Arena on Aug. 19. Tickets range from \$29.50 to \$60 and can be purchased online at www.germainarena.com or by calling (800) 745-3000.

Expect a good deal of leather clothing on display. And a sea of people chanting "breaking the law, breaking the law" in unison.



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