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**Producer:** Stu Marshall, co-produced by Louie Gorgievski

**Mixing:** Stu Marshall / Chris Themelco / Clay T

**Mastering:** Chris Themelco / Monolith Studios

**Cover Artwork Design:** Alex Yarborough

## BAND LINE-UP

Stu Marshall - Guitars / Bass (except track 2, 3, 11) / Drums (except track 3, 11) / Orchestral Arrangements

## GASTMUSIKER

### Vocals

- Rob Rock (Impellitteri): Lead Vocals on "Guardians Of Time"
- Darren Smith (Jake E. Lee's Red Dragon Cartel): Lead Vocals on "When Will It End"
- Jonas Heidgert (Dragonland): Lead Vocals on "Mortal Rites"
- David Readman (Pink Cream 69): Lead Vocals on "The Inner Me"
- Sean Peck (Death Dealer): Lead Vocals on "When The Beast Comes Out"
- Tony Webster (Archetype): Lead Vocals on "Stand United"
- Louie Gorgievski (Night Legion): Lead Vocals on "August Runs Red", "Baptise This Hell", "Baptise This Hell (Alternate Version) [Bonus Track]"
- Jeff Martin (ex-Racer X): Lead Vocals on "The Devil's Only Friend"
- Danny Cecati (Wicked Smile) - Lead Vocals on "Baptise This Hell (Alternate Version) [Bonus Track]"
- John "Gio" Cavaliere (Black Majesty) - Lead Vocals on "Baptise This Hell (Alternate Version) [Bonus Track]"
- Genevieve Rodda (Temtris) - Lead Vocals on "Baptise This Hell (Alternate Version) [Bonus Track]"

## EMPIRES OF EDEN Guardians Of Time

*CD Digipak*

1. The Dawn March
2. Guardians Of Time
3. When Will It End
4. Mortal Rites
5. The Inner Me
6. When The Beast Comes Out
7. Arabian Nights
8. Stand United
9. August Runs Red
10. Baptise This Hell
11. The Devil's Only Friend
12. Baptise This Hell (Alternate Version) [Bonus Track]

*Ltd. Vinyl LP*

A-Side

The Dawn March / Guardians Of Time • When Will It End  
Mortal Rites • The Inner Me • When The Beast Comes Out

B-Side

Arabian Nights • Stand United • August Runs Red  
Baptise This Hell • The Devil's Only Friend

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### Bass

- John Gallagher (Raven): Bass on "Guardians Of Time"
- Mike LePond (Symphony X): Bass on "When Will It End" and "The Devil's Only Friend"

### Guitars

- Tony Truglio (ex-Liege Lord): Guest Solo on "Mortal Rites"
- Anthony Fox (Temtris) - Lead Guitar on "Baptise This Hell (Alternate Version) [Bonus Track]"
- Aaron Adie (Elm Street) - Lead Guitar on "Baptise This Hell (Alternate Version) [Bonus Track]"

### Drums

- Clay T. (Arkenstone): Drums on "When Will It End" and "The Devil's Only Friend"

## INFO

A seismic shift is happening in the world of heavy metal. "Guardians Of Time" brings together a rare coalition of some of the genre's most formidable musicians. This isn't a typical collaboration; it's a bold, creative venture that challenges the conventions of metal.

Crossing genres of power metal, AOR and thrash elements, this album shows a deep creative input from a wide range of metal talent.

"Guardians Of Time" is a statement of intent from some of the most respected names in metal. It's not about nostalgia; it's about innovation and the future of metal as a creative force.

Produced by Stu Marshall, who has worked closely with each vocalist to ensure that their contribution is both individual and integral to the whole, the album represents a new model of collaboration in heavy music.

The CD bonus tracks is an alternate version of the song "Baptise This Hell", featuring The Aussie Alliance that's consisting of Louie Gorgievski (Night Legion), Danny Cecati (Wicked Smile), John "Gio" Cavaliere (Black Majesty), Genevieve Rodda (Temtris), Anthony Fox (Temtris) and Aaron Adie (Elm Street).

## SONG COMMENTARY

(Lyric Info provided by the individual lyricists)

- The Dawn March (Intro) *(Instrumental, no comment available)*

- Guardians Of Time

The song is about life and how it goes by so fast. The guardians are the angels that watch us live our lives and keep their eyes on us to protect us. At the end of our time, they lead us into the next realm of existence (source: Rob Rock)

- When Will It End

This one is about the pain we all feel when the relationship goes south, and we are heartbroken. The song was written about 20 years ago and embodies the 80's AOR vibes and that was what we were trying to bring out in the track. The song ends with the writer taking the power back after a failed relationship and a cheating spouse. (source: Stu Marshall)

- Mortal Rites

(The song is about) the selfishness of humanity, thinking they are immortal. It's pushing the boundaries and paying the consequences. It keeps following the destructive path and never seems to learn from history even though it's written in plain sight. (source: Louie Gorgievski)

- The Inner Me

"The Inner Me" is that story of finding inner power and not being your worst enemy in all things. As we go through life, we can find we get in our own way, and this is about that awakening. (source: Stu Marshall)

- When The Beast Comes Out

The song is about overcoming obstacles and persevering through tough times and being an alpha apex predator in a society where only the strong survive. I sang this as a demo for all of the musicians from the Halford's solo band and we kept the lyrics and melody lines and altered them a little bit to go underneath our completely new music. (source: Sean Peck)

- Arabian Nights *(Instrumental, no comment available)*

- Stand United

The song is about how divided humanity is politically, and how people should put their differences aside for the common good because most of us want the same things out of life. (source: Tony Webster)

### - August Runs Red

(A song inspired by) the Battle of Amiens (August 8, 1918) was the opening phase of the allied offensive, later known as the Hundred Days Offensive, that ultimately led to the ending of the first World War. It centralises around bureaucracy and innocence is expendable at every and any cost. We often forget the suffering that's endured throughout great conflicts – it's always the ones that are left behind. (source: Louie Gorgievski)

### - Baptise This Hell

Enter the realm of science vs. religion or a world where fantasy meets reality. Was mankind what was really intended to be or a failed experiment, according to Einstein or God? Which side are you on? Is it better to reign in hell or serve in heaven? What's the right answer and what's the wrong answer?

We seem to think we are creating a better world, but we are doing more damage. Are social media / daily news the real hell that we are creating?

We live in a world which poses more questions than answers...Will we ever know the WHY? - I guess it all comes down to faith. Or fate? (source: Louie Gorgievski)

### - The Devil's Only Friend

I got the title from a line in the 1970 song "American Pie" by Don McLean, which goes like this: "'Cause fire is the devil's only friend".

Not unlike Dio, I was brought up as a Catholic and had bible class every day along with all my other schooling, so I know all the biblical stories to a T. As Ronnie has done in many of his songs, I drew on that schooling and how we see it with more open eyes now that we are older.

One story, which is about God's archangels like Saint Michael and Gabriel, Lucifer was also an archangel and was the leader of God's army, but he got full of himself and wanted to take the throne from God, so God cast him to his own place in Hell to rule over all sinners. So the song is about that biblical story and, where he's at now and what he's up to taking sinners down to hell to its fire and casting them in complete horror and eternal hell fire.

The Latin in the song I got from my pastor at Corpus Christi Catholic Church. I wrote out what I wanted to say in English, and he wrote it out in Latin for me and that is that angelic breakdown part. The end is a collage of souls being burnt and in eternal torment. No one down there loves the devil, I'm sure, so... The fire is the devil's only friend (source: Jeff Martin)

### **DISCOGRAPHY**

2009 - Songs Of War And Vengeance • 2010 - Reborn In Fire • 2012 - Channeling The Infinite • 2015 - Architect Of Hope  
2024 - Guardians Of Time

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