



HAMMERFALL

(r)Evolution

Release Date: *September 2, 2014*

Line-Up:

Joacim Cans - Vocals
Oscar Dronjak - Guitar
Pontus Norgren - Guitar
Fredrik Larsson - Bass
Anders Johansson - Drums

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The career of Swedish heavy metal pioneers **HAMMERFALL** has been one amazing march of triumph. After revitalizing the dying genre with their 1997 debut *Glory To The Brave*, the Gothenburg-based quintet went on to release eight studio albums and toured the world relentlessly. It wasn't until fifteen years into their career that the band decided to take a well-deserved break only to come back out of their short hibernation to treat their fans to what **guitarist, songwriter, and founding member Oscar Dronjak** is calling "the essence of **HAMMERFALL** at its very purist" with the band's ninth studio album, *(r)Evolution*.

"Absence makes the heart grow fonder, they say, and that was definitely true this time around," Dronjak continues. "The last time we worked with Fredrik Nordström was back in 1998 for Legacy Of Kings, so it's definitely been a while! Fredrik is a very vital component in making the album sound the way it does. It was the perfect match once again."

In yet another return, the band reunited with cover artist **Andreas Marschall**, the "father" of **HAMMERFALL**'s hammer-wielding mascot **Hector**, the Templar of Steel who graces the covers of eight studio albums. On *(r)Evolution*, Hector has even been granted his own [hymn and video](#)!

Regarding the new album title, it *"comes from the second remake of the Planet Of The Apes movie, 'Rise of...'"* states **Dronjak**. *"In Swedish, it was called 'Apornas Planet: (r)Evolution,' and the name stuck with me ever since I saw (and loved!) the movie. It seems like a fitting title for this album: We've taken everything that makes **HAMMERFALL HAMMERFALL** and evolved it."*

The recordings for *(r)Evolution* took place in March and April 2014 at **Dronjak**'s Castle Black Studios. Frontman **Joacim Cans** returned to Nashville, Tennessee in the U.S. to record vocal tracks with **James**

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Michael (SCORPIONS, MÖTLEY CRÜE, MEAT LOAF), who produced and mixed 2011's *INFECTED*, which debuted on three **American Billboard charts** including **#16** on the **Top New Artists / Heatseekers** chart.

(r)Evolution not only places **HAMMERFALL** back at their rightful place on top of the genre they helped revitalize; with the album's epic anthems, soaring melodies, creative guitar riffs, blazing harmonies, thunderous drums, and capped with top-tier musicianship, *(r)Evolution* is a magnificent example of staying true to your musical roots, staying true to yourself, and staying true to all that you believe in.

(r)Evolution track listing:

01. Hector's Hymn
02. (r)Evolution
03. Bushido
04. Live Life Loud
05. Ex Inferis
06. We Won't Back Down
07. Winter Is Coming
08. Origins
09. Tainted Metal
10. Evil Incarnate
11. Wildfire
- BONUS TRACK**
12. Demonized

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