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**Press Release – EUROPE - War Of Kings**

**Release Dates:**

**UK: 2th March 2015**

**EU: 6th March 2015**

**USA: 10th March 2015**

**Cover:**

**EUROPE TO RELEASE WAR OF KINGS IN MARCH 2015.**

**Swedish rock legends will also embark on UK tour with Black Star Riders to celebrate their 10th studio album.**

Swedish rock legends Europe will release their 10th album, *War of Kings*, in March 2015. Recorded at the brand new PanGaia Studios in Stockholm, Sweden, produced by Dave Cobb (Rival Sons) and engineered by John Netti, *War of Kings* sees the classic rocking quintet confidently creating 11 monsterously melodic, yet hard-hitting, classic rock’n’roll standouts for their fervent global audience. *War of Kings* will be available in multiple formats, as a CD digipak, a CD jewel case, a vinyl LP and in digital download format. The album will be released in the UK on March 2nd, Japan on March 4th (via JVC), the EU on March 6th and the US on March 10th.

Joey Tempest: *“War Of Kings is the album we always wanted to make, ever since we were kids listening to bands like Zeppelin, Purple and Sabbath.*

*And after hearing Dave Cobb amazing production for Rival Sons we simply had to work with him. Our adventure is still ON!”*

Europe’s place as a legendary classic rock band was platinum-stamped early in their career, having enjoyed an explosive period of worldwide success in the ‘80s, under-pinned by their hit album and single *The Final Countdown*, before going on hiatus between 1992 and 2003. They re-united and quickly settled into a period of re-establishment which has seen them re-enforce their reputation worldwide as one of the premier purveyors of blues-tinged classic rock with an edge and some kick. Their last album, 2012’s *Bag of Bones*, saw Europe hit the UK top 40 rock album charts and debut at #2 on the Swedish national charts, and *War of Kings* is set to take full advantage of the global groundwork Europe have put in over the last few years.

Joey adds *“Hey! We took the long road! but we wanted to re-establish Europe the proper way. It’s taken 10 years and countless tours since the re-union, but we’re finally getting there! And we’ve done it our way!”*

Europe will commence their roadwork supporting *War of Kings* with a UK/Ireland tour in Dublin on March 2nd (their first visit to Ireland in 25 years) before continuing in the UK with Black Star Riders.

Joey - *“Looking forward to ‘tons’ of touring in 2015!*

*It’s getting harder and harder to be modest and humble about this band! It doesn’t get much better than this!”*

Europe are –

Joey Tempest – lead vocals, acoustic & rhythm guitar, keyboards

John Norum – lead & rhythm guitars, backing vocals

John Leven – bass, backing vocals

Mic Michaeli – keyboards, piano, backing vocals, rhythm guitar

Ian Haugland – drums, percussion, backing vocals

*War of Kings* tracklisting is as follows –

1. War Of Kings
2. Hole In My Pocket
3. Second Day
4. Praise You
5. Nothin’ To Ya
6. California 405
7. Days Of Rock n Roll
8. Children Of The Mind
9. Rainbow Bridge
10. Angels (With Broken Hearts)
11. Light Me Up
12. Bonus: Vasastan (Instrumental)

Europe/Black Star Riders UK/Ireland Tour dates are as follows:

02/03/2015 Dublin – Olympia Theatre

03/03/2015 Belfast – Ulster Hall

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| 06/03/2015 | [Glasgow - O2 ABC](http://www.planetrock.com/events/venues/glasgow-o2-abc/) |
| 07/03/2015 | [Newcastle-Upon-Tyne - O2 Academy](http://www.planetrock.com/events/venues/newcastle-o2-academy/) |
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