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**American Metal Legends TESTAMENT Announce “Dark Roots of Thrash II” Tour, Coming April 2015**

**TESTAMENT to Perform an Exclusive New Set List, Including *The Legacy* and *The New Order* in Their Entirety + Select *Practice What You Preach* Album Cuts**

**Re-Introducing Bassist STEVE DIGIORGIO**

**Support from Thrash Leaders EXODUS + Texas Metal Assailants SHATTERED SUN**

**TESTAMENT and EXODUS Combined VIP Meet & Greet Experience Available via** [**www.SLOTIX.com**](http://www.SLOTIX.com)



Leaders of the classic American metal scene, **TESTAMENT**,are announcing what will undoubtedly be the most crushing heavy metal tour to hit North America this spring – the **Dark Roots of Thrash II** tour! The **Dark Roots of Thrash II** tour will conquer North America for five weeks, beginning April 1st in San Francisco, and will include select **TESTAMENT** and **EXODUS** festival performances. Select cities are on sale now, and more dates will be announced soon.

Adding to **TESTAMENT**’s live onslaught, fans will receive a guaranteed pummelling from the **Dark Roots of Thrash II** tour’s revered support: fellow Bay Area-thrashers **EXODUS** and Texas melodic metal assailants **SHATTERED SUN**.

**TESTAMENT, EXODUS and SHATTERED SUN “Dark Roots of Thrash II” Dates:**

04/01/15 Regency Ballroom – San Francisco, CA

04/02/15 House Of Blues – Hollywood, CA

04/03/15 Livewire – Scottsdale, AZ

04/04/15 Sunshine Theater – Albuquerque, NM

04/06/15 Aztec Theater – San Antonio, TX

04/07/15 House Of Blues – Houston, TX

04/08/15 House Of Blues – Dallas, TX

04/10/15 Pop’s – Sauget, IL

04/11/15 Mojoes – Joliet, IL

04/12/15 Harpo’s – Detroit, MI

04/13/15 The Intersection – Grand Rapids, MI

04/15/15 Phoenix Concert Theatre – Toronto, ON – CANADA

04/16/15 Rapids Theatre – Niagara Falls, NY

04/17/15 Starland Ballroom – Sayreville, NJ

04/18/15 The Palladium – Worcester, MA, New England Metal & Hardcore Festival

04/19/15 The Paramount – Huntington, NY

04/21/15 Mercury Ballroom – Louisville, KY

04/22/15 Cannery Ballroom – Nashville, TN

04/23/15 Masquerade – Atlanta, GA

**Additional TESTAMENT & EXODUS Festival Dates (*No SHATTERED SUN)*:**

04/25/15 – Metropolitan Park – Jacksonville, FL, Welcome To Rockville Festival

05/01/15 – Farm Bureau Live – Virginia Beach, VA, Lunatic Luau 15

05/03/15 – Charlotte Motor Speedway – Concord, NC, Carolina Rebellion 2015

***Additional dates will be announced soon.***

In addition to its monumental line-up, the **Dark Roots of Thrash II** tour sees **TESTAMENT** serving up another surprise for die-hard fans of their early tenure. Each night, **TESTAMENT** will perform an epic headlining set that digs deep into the early discography that launched their worldwide career spanning two-and-a-half decades. **TESTAMENT**’s exclusive set will feature full-album performances of 1987’s classic body of work ***The Legacy*** and 1988’s unrelenting ***The New Order***, in addition to select tracks from 1989’s mainstream crossover ***Practice What You Preach***.

The **Dark Roots of Thrash II** tour marks the live re-introduction of **TESTAMENT** bassist Steve DiGiorgio. This isn’t DiGiorgio’s first time playing with **TESTAMENT**, as he is credited for recording bass on 1999’s ***The Gathering*** and 2001’s ***First Strike Still Deadly***. Additionally, the tour will mark the live debut of Alex Skolnick’s anticipated brand new signature ESP guitars and Budda amps. Learn more about the [guitars](http://www.espguitars.com/products?categories=alex-skolnick) and [amps](http://www.budda.com/news/?a=742) at these links.

Brothers and sisters in metal – meet **TESTAMENT** and **EXODUS** via a combined VIP Meet & Greet Experience package – available for the first time during this tour via**www.slotix.com**. The combined VIP experience includes:

· One Premium Reserved ticket or One General Admission ticket

· A Meet & Greet with select members of **TESTAMENT** and **EXODUS**

· Individual & Group Photo opportunities with select members of **TESTAMENT** and **EXODUS**

· Exclusive **TESTAMENT/EXODUS** poster

· Collectible **TESTAMENT/EXODUS** commemorative laminate

· On-site check-in staff

**TESTAMENT** vocalist Chuck Billy states, *“The stars have finally aligned. After almost 30 years of touring,* ***TESTAMENT*** *and* ***EXODUS*** *get to share our individual styles of thrash metal across the U.S. and Canada. The Day of Reckoning is here and coming to a town near you. Good times with good friends – heavy metal forever!”*

**EXODUS** guitarist Gary Holt adds, *“****EXODUS*** *are very excited in the most violent of fashion to announce our part in the* ***Dark Roots of Thrash II*** *tour with our old friends and label mates* ***TESTAMENT****, as well as soon to be new friends* ***SHATTERED SUN****! This is gonna be a thrash metal tour de force and we cannot wait to deliver a Bay Area beating to everyone, everywhere, in every way! We shall see everyone out there!”*

*“We are ecstatic to announce this tour with* ***TESTAMENT*** *and* ***EXODUS****,”* offers **SHATTERED SUN** frontman Marcos Leal. *“This will be our first national tour and we couldn't be more ready to represent and show the world what we are all about! We have been anticipating getting out there and playing this album to the fans, so the moment we have been fighting for has finally arrived! Thank you to* ***TESTAMENT*** *for having us out, this is a huge honor for us and our family and we look forward to wreaking havoc with our brothers in metal* ***EXODUS****.”*

The **Dark Roots of Thrash II** tour embodies the true lineage of American thrash metal.



**ABOUT TESTAMENT:**

In 2012, **TESTAMENT**’s ***Dark Roots Of Earth*** debuted at **#12** on the **Billboard Top 200 Albums** chart, **#1** on the **Independent Albums** chart, and **#1** on the **Top Hard Music Albums** chart with the band’shighest first week sales since the inception of Soundscan. The album roared into the **#9** position on the **World Sales** chart - a huge accomplishment for a metal band on a chart that included pop artists such as ADELE, JUSTIN BIEBER, LINKIN PARK, JENNIFER LOPEZ and MAROON 5. In 2013, **TESTAMENT** released their ***Dark Roots Of Thrash*** live DVD/CD, recorded via multi-camera angles at their sold-out headlining performance at the Paramount in Huntington, New York. Order both titles from the [**Nuclear Blast USA Webshop**](http://shop.nuclearblast.com/en/shop/).

“[**Native Blood**](http://youtu.be/l5Ibm8mjSek)” is **TESTAMENT**’s award-winning video.

View **TESTAMENT**’s official live video of **“Rise Up”** on the [**Nuclear Blast YouTube channel**.](http://youtu.be/B81K2qKF-1M)

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**ABOUT EXODUS:**

This year, thrash architects **EXODUS** celebrate 30 years since the release of their first album, thrash metal’s classic blueprint ***Bonded By Blood***. Keeping with that tradition, **EXODUS** was joined by their original guitarist, **Metallica**’sKirk Hammett, on their most recent release ***Blood In, Blood Out*** (2014). In its first week, ***Blood In, Blood Out*** doubled the first week sales of their most previous full-length release, in addition to securing their highest charting position ever – **#38** on the **Billboard Top 200 Albums** chart, as well as **#2** on the **Hard Rock/Metal** chart and **#6** on the **Independent Albums chart. *Blood In, Blood Out*** gained a strong foothold in European countries by topping several first-week international charts, as well as landing at **#6** on **Canada’s Hard Music** chart. Order the dual-disc ***Blood In, Blood Out*** digi-pak from<http://smarturl.it/EXODUS-Blood>. **EXODUS** recently finished up a highly-successful tour with heavy music titans **Slayer** and **Suicidal Tendencies**.

**“**[**Blood In, Blood Out**](http://youtu.be/6c69S3pD8qI)**”** is the latest video by **EXODUS**.

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**ABOUT SHATTERED SUN:**

Victory Records’ **SHATTERED SUN** are poised to dominate the metal scene. The six-piece is a remarkable example of hard work and determination, coming a long way from their industrious origins. **SHATTERED SUN** reflect the roots of their influences amidst their vigorous Southern backdrop, slamming together into a sound that is ***Hope Within Hatred***, their debut album to be released April 21, 2015 via Victory Records. What sets **SHATTERED SUN** apart from the crowd is their lyrical content in a time where it seems most heavy music is about negativity and angst.  **SHATTERED SUN** empower with their message of hope and positivity.

[**“Hope Within Hatred”**](http://youtu.be/ro0FA_L_CiU) lyric video by **SHATTERED SUN**.

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