

MUSICA W FESTIVAL 2009

VENERDI' 14 AGOSTO - Castellina M.ma (PI)

ORANGE GOBLIN (Stoner/ Metal) London (UK)

Orange Goblin triumphantly continue to uphold the traditions of great British heavy metal. Having returned to the public eye after talks of a split following the departure of guitarist Pete O'Malley with their stunning album '*Thieving from the House of God*' in 2004, the Orange Goblin express train just keeps on gathering speed and the band has now risen to the very pinnacle of the stoner metal field. The 'Thieving...' album managed to encapsulate all of the unique traits that we've become so familiar with from the bands previous four albums, released on the legendary Rise Above Records, the Goblin are still riding high and leading the pack in 'balls to the wall' heavy rock! From the psychedelic noodlings of '*Frequencies from Planet Ten*' to the greasy, biker groove of '*Time Travelling Blues*', the crushing cosmic doom of 'The Big Black' right through to the aggressive punk-metal fusion of '*Coup de Grace*' and the all out rock / metal majesty of 'Thieving....', the Goblin have been there, seen it, drunk the place dry and continued to motor onward, freeing themselves from any stagnant pigeonhole that may be thrown their way.

Over the last ten years, since their formation in the late night drinking holes of London's Soho, the band have risen to the very pinnacle of what they do and played a major role in inspiring a whole crop of today's snotty upstarts such as *Raging Speedhorn*, *Charger*, *3 Inches Of Blood*, *Viking Skull*, *Kylesa*, *Torche*, *Baroness* and more. The Orange Goblin reputation as an awesome live band has seen them share the stage all over the world with the likes of *Alice Cooper*, *Heaven & Hell*, *Sex Pistols*, *Kreator*, *Queens of the Stone Age*, *Danzig*, *Monster Magnet*, *Nashville Pussy*, *Cathedral*, *Nebula*, *Unida*, *Alabama Thunderpussy*, *Dio*, *Grand Magus*, *Witchcraft* and many more. Over the years Orange Goblin have gained great maturity, due, in part, to the gruelling touring schedule that saw them conquer firstly the whole of Europe, a few times, and then headline a hugely successful first U.S tour, alongside Alabama Thunderpussy, that saw them play sell out shows in New York, Chicago and the famous Troubadour in Los Angeles. There was also a successful trip to the far-east with 3 sold-out shows in Japan, along the way.

The band have always been able to work with their favourite producers in the studio, including Dave Chang,



Scott Reeder of Kyuss fame and the master of all things heavy, Billy Anderson. Each of these have been able to get the best from Orange Goblin and captured the weight and ferocity of the live onslaught. In 2004 Orange Goblin embarked on their biggest headlining world tour to date and proved to be a raging success everywhere they went. Again there were packed out shows at world famous venues like CBGB's in New York, Chicago's Double Door and the band headlined the notorious Emissions from the Monolith festival in Youngstown, Ohio for the second time.

After celebrating their 10 year anniversary with a sold-out show at the Underworld in London which received a 5K review in Kerrang!, the band headlined another US Tour with the mighty *Scissorfight* and began work on what would become their next album on new label Sanctuary Records. '**Healing Through Fire**' was another slab of Sabbathian-Doom, punk-fuelled aggression and pure Heavy-Metal Thunder that earned rave reviews the world over and saw the band land a slot at the 2007 Download Festival at Castle Donington and support slots in Europe with Heaven & Hell. Orange Goblin also embarked on another headline tour of Northern Europe at the end of 2007, stole the show at the Damnation Festival as well as festivals all over the continent, recorded a coveted BBC session at the world famous Maida Vale studio (which was later aired on the BBC Radio 1 Rock Show) and ended the year with a sell-out show at the London Carling Academy. 2008 saw the band continue the hectic touring schedule supporting the 'Healing Through Fire' album before they finally started writing new material and signing a new worldwide deal with world renowned metal label, Candlelight. The new album written in 2009 and extensive touring plans are being made.....you have been warned!!

Orange Goblin were voted into the Top 10 Best Bands in the Terrorizer magazine Readers Poll for 2007. 'Healing Through Fire' came in at No.20 in Metal Hammer magazines Top 50 albums of 2007, was included in the Classic Rock Top 50 albums of 2007 and was voted 2nd best album of the year on AbsolutMetal.com.

"OG are STILL the best underground band in Britain" – Tommy Udo (Metal Hammer)

"It has to be said that Orange Goblin shows are very predictable, in the sense that you know they are going to be brilliant before they even hit the stage!" – Terry Beezer (Kerrang!)

"Consistently one of the greatest live bands the UK has produced in recent decades!" – Dom Lawson (Classic Rock)

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ELDRITCH (Metal)

Livorno (Italia)

La storia della band comincia nel 1991 quando Eugene Simone, Adriano Dal Canto e Terence Holler formarono una band con l'intento di pubblicare alcuni demo. Non appena la line-up fu completata, e non appena i demo cominciarono a circolare, l'interesse verso la band cominciò a crescere fino a che Limb Schnoor, nel 1993 accettò di essere il loro manager.

Nel 1995 il gruppo pubblica l'album di debutto *Seeds of Rage* per la Inside Out Music. L'album riscuote un buon successo al punto tale da essere premiato come album del mese dalla rivista tedesca "Heavy, oder was!?" Due anni dopo, nel 1997, la band prosegue sulla scia del primo album con la pubblicazione di *Headquake*, bissando il successo, al punto tale da convincere gli organizzatori del Gods of Metal ad includere la band nella lista dei partecipanti. Al termine dello stesso anno un altro passo importante dalla band fu il tour promozionale di supporto agli Angra che consentì agli Eldritch di farsi conoscere in tutta Europa.

Il 1998 fu l'anno del cambio di rotta. Con il rilascio di *El Niño* la band seguì le influenze di Metallica, Coroner ed Annihilator. Il pubblico e la stampa specializzata dimostrarono di apprezzare notevolmente il cambiamento di rotta, e tutto ciò si tradusse in un incremento delle vendite e in un successo del tour internazionale con Threshold e Pain of Salvation. Il 1998 è anche l'anno del cambiamento di line-up.

Con la nuova line-up il gruppo dovette affrontare varie traversie, e passarono tre anni prima che, nel 2001 fosse pubblicato *Reverse*, un album che ancora una volta segnava una svolta stilistica nella composizione. Passando a riff più complessi e lasciandosi influenzare ancora una volta da band famose come Machine Head e Pantera. Importante fu la partecipazione al Gods of Metal.

Il seguito di *Reverse* fu pubblicato anch'esso dopo tre anni. A causa di varie vicissitudini, comprendenti un ulteriore cambio di line-up (John Crystal al Basso) della band e la migrazione verso Limb Music Products, allungò i tempi di realizzazione di *Portrait of The Abyss Within* che venne pubblicato nel 2004.

Nel 2006 gli Eldritch hanno conosciuto una svolta. Con la pubblicazione di *Neighbourhell* il gruppo consolidò uno stile distintivo proprio che gli consentì di ottenere il parere positivo della critica specializzata. Durante l'anno la band ha partecipato a diversi festival di notevole importanza come al Chicago Powerfest 2006 in qualità di headliner, all'Evolution Festival di Toscolano Maderno ed altri festival italiani in cui la loro



partecipazione è stata da headliner.

Nell'anno 2007 la band ha deciso di non fermarsi ancora, progettando e dando alle stampe il settimo album Blackenday partecipando ad altri festival importanti quali Gods of Metal, Sweden Rock, Prog Power a Copenhagen...A giugno dello stesso anno il batterista Dave Simeone viene sostituito da Raffahell Dridge, un giovane talento della provincia di Pisa.

Nel 2008 esce un doppio cd live con dvd dal titolo "Livequake", dove viene eseguita una scaletta che racchiude tutti i pezzi di un intera discografia. Il gruppo poi tra novembre 2008 e gennaio 2009 parte per un tour europeo comprendente molte città importanti fra le quali Milano, Roma, Monaco di Baviera, Plattern, Budapest, Vienna, Zlin (Winter Masters of Rock), Sofia, Salonicco, Atene dove riscuote moltissimo successo.

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