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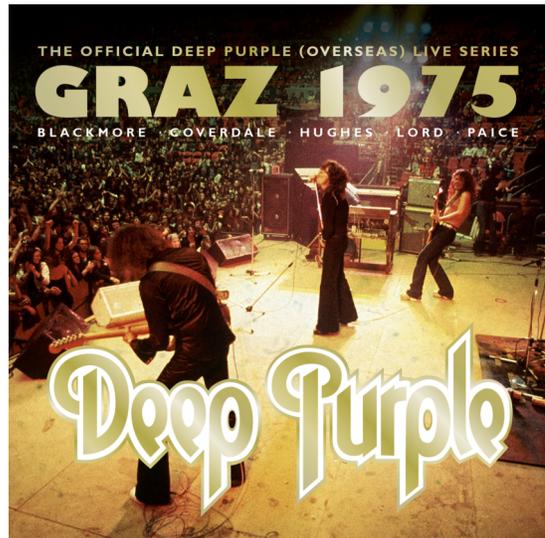
TO RELEASE PREVIOUSLY UNAVAILABLE LIVE PERFORMANCE
GRAZ 1975

~70 MINUTES OF PREVIOUSLY UNRELEASED MATERIAL~

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New York, NY (July 14, 2014)—On April 3, 1975 the Mk III line-up of **Deep Purple** – guitarist **Ritchie Blackmore**, frontman **David Coverdale**, bassist/vocalist **Glenn Hughes**, keyboard player **Jon Lord** and drummer **Ian Paice** – performed at the Liebenauer ice rink, located on the outskirts of mountain-cradled Graz, Austria’s second largest city after Vienna.

Enthused by **Deep Purple’s** arrival in town, the local press dubbed the concert “*das Rockereignis des Jahres [the rock event of the year]*”. And it was – in more ways than one.



Previously unreleased in its entirety, ***Graz 1975*** – will be released in North America on **September 23th, 2014 on earMUSIC / Eagle Rock Entertainment** [MSRP \$13.98 CD, \$24.98 2LP].

After Graz, **Deep Purple** would play just two more shows – in Saarbrücken, Germany and Paris, France – before **Blackmore** left to form his new band, Rainbow. The remaining band members would regroup quickly with American guitarist Tommy Bolin in tow.

In order to preserve **Blackmore**'s final run of Mk III concerts for posterity, **Deep Purple**'s managers had brought the Rolling Stones mobile recording studio over to mainland Europe. And what a show it was! **Graz 1975** is absolutely electrifying and exhilarating. Indeed, it has long been regarded as the holy grail of concert recordings among Mk III connoisseurs. A performance that has never been available in its entirety until now.

Kicking off with a blazing performance of “Burn,” **Graz 1975** is a wild eight-track ride, firing on all pistons. **Blackmore** plays with controlled brutality. The vocal interplay between **Coverdale** and **Hughes** has never sounded so good. And, of course, stalwarts **Lord** and **Paice** give it a good kicking – and then some.

The track listing, naturally, is weighted heavily in favor of Mk III recordings, with just two songs from **Deep Purple**'s previous incarnation with **Ian Gillan** on vocals and **Roger Glover** on bass: the iconic “Smoke On The Water” and the almost-as-iconic “Space Truckin’”. Still, it's true to say that, from beginning to end, **Graz 1975** showcases **Deep Purple** Mk III at the absolute top – and also, ironically, at the end – of their game.

After almost 40 years the concert is still captivating. It is the perfect example that, for **Deep Purple**, there is no need for extravagant video projections or expensive fire shows to play a unique and fascinating gig. All they need is their music. It is the love and passion for their music that makes every single show a unique experience.

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Track Listing:

1. Burn
2. Stormbringer
3. The Gypsy
4. Lady Double Dealer
5. Mistreated
6. Smoke On The Water
7. You Fool No One
8. Space Truckin'

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