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TEN YEARS ON THE ROAD AND OFF THE WALL

In 1972, two heavy metal fanatics decide they will become the band they've never seen and start a new decade in the world of rock and roll fantasy and these guys are SERIOUS. Gene Simmons and Paul Stanley, through a Musicians Free Classified in Rolling Stone Magazine, find, "Drummer willing to do anything to make it" whose name is Peter Criss. Ace Frehley lands from outer space and KISS is formed.

January 30, 1973—Thirty bucks for three days work. KISS debuts at Coventry Gardens in Queens, New York. Demo tage is recorded at Electric Lady Studios and the band rents a ballroom in the rundown Diplomat Hotel in Times Square. Right from the gitgo, it's full-on makeup and costumes with fire out of the Simmons mouth. These shows get the buzz turning to a bang, and the word spreads to the Coast to the late, great Neil Bogart, then President of Casablanca Records. By autumn, KISS has a record contract.

New Year's Eve to welcome 1974. KISS is opening act for BÖC and Iggy Pop. but when the reviews come out, it's KISS on top. First LP. KISS released in February followed by HOTTER THAN HELL in October. In between, The Guiness Book of World Records logs KISSing

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American Alivel Tour of "75. The band that's been breaking all the rock'n roll rules starts breaking rock n'roll rules starts breaking rock n'roll rules starts breaking rock n'roll records. KISS does biggest outdoor European date since Paul McCartney and Wings at the Tivoli Gardens in Denmark. ALIVE LP gets recorded at Cobo Hall in Detroit

which is also the same night of their first sell-out performance of eighteen thousand strong. That same year, KISS becomes the first band since the Beatles to crack four LPs simultaneously in the Top 100 ... ROCK AND ROLL OVER, ALIVE, DESTROYER and THE ORIGI-

NALS and gets their first thit single, ROCK AND ROLL ALL NIGHT.

77-78 All World Tour-KISS plays the Budokan in Tokyo, Japan resulting in four sold out shows by four souls who break the Fab Four's record at the same venue. Meanwhile, back in the U.S. of A., Gallup Poll announces KISS is the most popular rock band in America for 77 and '78.

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1981—Australia gets the show of shows. Eric Carr replaces drummer Peter Criss and enough people are working this show to stop unemployment in the U.S. for a week. The largest portable stage ever built at that time holds 85 tons of equipment, 400 speakers and over 450 spotlights. Fans from 9 to 90 are in attendance.

Since 1973, 17 KISS LPs are released—KISS, HOTTER THAN HELL, DRESSED TO KILL, ALIVE. ROCK AND ROLL OVER, DESTROYER, LOVE GUN, ALIVE II, DOUBLE PLATINUM, ACE FREHLEY, GENE SIMMONS, PAUL STANLEY, PETER CRISS, DYNASTY, UNMASKED, THE ELDER, CREATURES OF THE NIGHT. In the U.S. clone, 15 of these go acid while II break on through to lettium success. In short these go gold while Il break on through to platinum success. In short, a whole lotta LPs.

THE KISS OPENING ACT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION: those that have made it, played it and lived to tell about it. At one time or another, any band who is/was any band hit the road as warm up group for a







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KISS tour including: Styx. Bob Seger. J. Geils. Ted Nugent, Cheap Trick, Billy Squier, AC/DC, Judas Priest, Sammy Hagar, Iron Maiden, Journey, John Cougar, and Scorpions.

More than eight million people in four continents have seen the madness and felt the force. Throughout Europe, Asia, Australia, Canada and the States, over four million miles have been logged, thousands of stadiums fogged (enough vapor to close O'Hare Airport for a month). More than 120 decibels of sound per show with enough power to keep the state of Rhode Island lit for 40 days and 40 nights. The KISS road crew is the size of a small army with stage production brainpower equalled only by the Space Shuttle's Mission Control Scientists.

Scientists.

Finally, let us not forget the power source for the KISS force...a grouping of energy so strong and so important that its lifeline is the very pulse of what makes KISS tick. The fans...that swirl of individuals who play the records, write the letters and make the shows what they are. The roar of their approval and the strength of their love are the ingredients that could stop nuclear war and bring world peace. They are the fanatics that make the shows go on and the songs be sung. Their power alone could make the KISS guitars play eternally and could raise Eric's drums to the moon and back. The fans...the ultimate gears that make the KISS machine run smoothly and efficiently. They are the ones to whom KISS dedicates this, their Tenth Anniversary Tour and may they say forever proudly... IF IT'S TOO LOUD, YOU'RE TOO OLD.









GENE SIMMONS















PAUL STANLEY











ERIC CARR



















VINNIE VINCENT













ACE FREHLEY













PETER CRISS





















Creatures of the Night (October 1982)



KISS (February 1974)





Dressed To Kill (March 1975)



Alive (September 1975)



(March 1976)







Alive II (October 1977)



Double Pla (April 1978)





Paul Stanley (September 1978)



Ace Frehley (September 1978)





Peter Criss (September 1978)



Dynasty (May 1979)



(May 1980)



KISS 10th ANNIVERSARY TOUR STAFF 1982/1983

| C. K. Lendt |
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| Tom MarzulloProduction Manager |
| John Harte Security Director |
| Laurie Greenan |
| Debbie Weiner |
| Bobby Chirmside Security |
| William "Tex" HolmesGuitar Technician |
| Steve Habl |
| Ron Rose |
| Rick "Buzz" Abramson Drum Technician |
| Nick "Space Mountain" Luysterborghs Carpenter |
| Bruce MariettaRigger |
| Mike Singleton Special Effects Technician |
| Harry WitzSound Engineer |
| David Sommerfield Monitor Engineer |
| Bob WilcoxSound Technician |
| Harry BankerSound Technician |
| Jeff DurlingLighting Director |
| Dennis McGubbinsLighting Technician |

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