Metallica: Confirm Glastonbury & Sonisphere Festivals

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Metallica have added one more show to their European summer tour. They had made no secret of the fact that there was still one live music festival on their wish list that had eluded them . . . until now! It is with a great deal of pride that they announce they will be headlining the Pyramid Stage at Glastonbury Festival on Saturday, June 28th!

The band said “There is such a vibe at Glastonbury and it's maybe the most quintessentially English festival, so when we finally got that call to visit Worthy Farm, we just had to reply with a resounding “YES!” “Glastonbury is the largest green field festival in the world and over the forty plus years of its existence, a widely diverse group of artists have graced the stage including Paul McCartney, Oasis, David Bowie, U2, Muse, Stevie Wonder, Radiohead, Neil Young, Jay-Z and so many more. We're psyched and honored to be among the first hard rock bands to hit the Pyramid Stage and join this prestigious group.”

Michael Eavis commented “Metallica are one of the most popular bands in the world! And they really are a phenomenal live act. This a band that can sell out stadiums in pretty much every country on the planet. From Newlyn to Newcastle on my travels, all through the years, people keep asking me, "When are Metallica going to play?" There's a huge swathe of people who love Metallica to bits and just think they're absolutely amazing. They're worthy headliners!

As previously announced the band will also make a welcome return to the Sonisphere Festival at Knebworth House on Sunday July 6th. As a special tribute to their fans, the multi-platinum award-winning band has introduced “Metallica By Request”, the ultimate interactive concert experience.

Fans who purchase tickets online will be invited to vote on the songs Metallica will play at the show – giving them the chance to help build their dream set list from 30+ years of Metallica's material and close to 140 recorded songs to date. Metallica's traditional 18-song set will include the 17 top voted songs and, as the band did not want to be left out of the fun, they get to vote for the 18th slot, which will be a brand new song. Visit www.metallica.com for more details on the voting process.

The band confirmed the Glastonbury appearance will not be a “By Request” night, “guess we'll have to go back to writing the set list ourselves! For those of you looking for the By Request show or a second dose of 'Tallica, we will be just down the road a week later at Knebworth for Sonisphere Festival on July 6th, which we thought might be our only chance to visit the U.K. this summer until the Glastonbury call came in last week. Hope to see you at both!”

About Metallica
Formed in 1981 by drummer Lars Ulrich and guitarist and vocalist James Hetfield, Metallica have become one of the most influential and commercially successful rock bands in history, having sold 110 million albums worldwide and played to millions of fans all over the world. They have scored several multi-platinum albums, including 1991's Metallica (commonly referred to as "The Black Album"), which is the best selling album in history of Soundscan scanning 16 million albums in the United States alone. Their latest album, Death Magnetic, was certified platinum just six weeks after it debuted atop the Billboard Top 200 Album chart in October 2008. Death Magnetic charted at #1 in 32 countries. Metallica have also garnered numerous awards and accolades, including nine Grammy Awards, two American Music Awards, multiple MTV Video Music Awards, and were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2009. Most recently the band spent 18 months touring and developing the staging for their groundbreaking 3D feature film Metallica Through The Never. Last summer, Metallica unveiled a brand new stage in Mexico City that featured iconic elements that spanned its 30-year career and is featured in the film. They played eight shows to nearly 180,000 fans at the Sports Arena in Mexico City . Starring Dane DeHaan, the film features dazzling pyrotechnics, the most elaborate live-performance stage ever built, state-of-the-art 3D photography captured on up to 24 cameras simultaneously and pioneering and innovative sound mixing. Metallica Through The Never was the first feature film to be released exclusively by IMAX in all of its theaters. The film was released on DVD, Blu-ray, 3D Blu-ray, digitally, and V.O.D. (Video On Demand) in January this year through Blackened Recordings.

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