

ANTHRAX Live in Pittsburgh



Anthrax has come from the top of the heap, running in stride with the top metal bands of all time, including

Metallica, Slayer and Megadeth. They have also seen the bottom fall out, when their former label, Ignition, went bankrupt shortly after the release of 1998's, *Volume 8: The Threat is Real*, along with a failed attempt to reunite with former signer Joey Belladonna. And who can forget the stigma that had immediately been attached to their name following the 9-11 tragedies. Where most bands would have given up and packed it in, Anthrax buckled down

and produced a landmark album, *We've Come For You All*. With new guitarist Rob Caggiano pulling duty with the legendary Scott Ian. Along with long time drummer Charlie Benante and bassist Frank Bello, 2nd generation vocalist John Bush have developed into a well oiled, mosh friendly music machine.

On August 20, Pittsburgh was

graced with a performance by the boys from Anthrax. This was long over due since the band had not stepped foot on a stage in our area for over 5 years. The wait was worth every minute. From the moment that the stage lights went up, the energy was high and the music loud.

They ripped through a set that consisted of some of the most classic Anthrax songs, including, "Caught In The Mosh" and "Madhouse". The old school songs set well among some of



the newer material such as "Only", "Black Lodge" and "Safe Home". But perhaps the most crowd pleasing songs where "Got The Time" and "NFL"

These two tracks brought the audience's energy level up to that of the band quickly. Bassist Frank Bello was his usual self, running from side to side of the stage screaming at the fans, getting them all riled up. In the break between songs, vocalist John Bush gave a little

impromptu speech about how all these rap/metal bands fight over who did it first. But all the real Anthrax fans know who really had the guts to do it first. With that, they bust into the

Public Enemy song, "Bring The Noise". They followed up these high energy songs with a cover of Iron Maiden's "Number of the Beast" and Metallica's "Whiplash".

Needless to say these boys are veterans of the rock stage and it shows. They had no problem unleashing their metal mayhem upon the peasants of Pittsburgh.



It was refreshing to see a band who had stuck to their guns for so many years and come out on top.

Anthrax has just released a new full length studio album, *We Come For You All*.

