**VOICES OF RUIN**

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**BIO**

Genre: Blackened Melodic Death Metal

Focus Tracks: "Death's Design", "Fallen", "The Awakening"

Soon to be a household name, VOICES OF RUIN have come to give melodic death metal the shot in the arm it so desperately needs. Harkening back to the genre's glory days while pushing the envelope one step further, VOICES OF RUIN eviscerate their audience with brutally catchy guitar riffs, soaring melodies, devastating percussion, and the ferocious blackened death growl of their charismatic frontman. Their music can be described as an epically crafted blend of classic heavy metal and modern death metal, that also pays homage to the traditional Scandinavian melodic death metal sound. Now with the release of Born of the Dark, the band is primed to extend their reach out of the underground!

VOICES OF RUIN have been cutting their teeth in the highly competitive Southern California metal scene since 2007. From early on, the band received accolades for their devastating live performances all across the local metal circuit and soon went into the studio to record their first full length album. Into Oblivion, was recorded in 2010 by engineer/producer Chris Eck. At the time critics had been quoted as saying, "Into Oblivion is an insanely good album. It captures the raging intensity of 80s thrash metal and presents it in a melo-death format. VOICES OF RUIN are able to accomplish this fusion better than any band that I know of."

In the wake of this explosive release was a string of high profile live shows opening for international acts all over Southern California. Soon afterward, VOICES OF RUIN embarked on tours all over the west coast. Members shifted and VOICES OF RUIN found their ultimate lineup with the brothers Dave and Tom Barrett on vocals and lead guitar, Sleeve on rhythm, Wally Myers on bass, and Lonnie Van Horn handling the percussive duties.

After much deliberation, the band settled upon up-and-coming producer Scott Fuller (ex-ABYSMAL DAWN, ANNIHILATED, MORBID ANGEL) to record the album Born From The Dark in 2015. With his discerning ear and passion for music, Scott quickly became the "6th member" of the band and proceeded to record the ultimate VOICES OF RUIN album - Born From The Dark. The beautiful cover art by esteemed artist Par Olofsson (EXODUS, IMMORTAL, THE FACELESS, ABYSMAL DAWN) is just the icing on the cake. In short, Born From The Dark is a sonically crushing journey through the abyss that will keep listeners headbanging and lost in the melody.

Immediately following the album release, the band continued playing high profile shows all over Southern California and toured across the US. The band's momentum and passion for putting on a crushing live performance caused the band to earn a devoted fanbase all over America.

After devastating the underground with their blistering melodic death metal sound, VOICES OF RUIN was offered a full US tour with VADER, INTERNAL BLEEDING, SACRIFICIAL SLAUGHTER, and MICAWBER. The band proved to be road worthy and put on stellar performances non-stop during the 6 week trek. The VADER fans really seemed to appreciate the band's Euro-tinged brand of shred.

Another positive year for the band progressed and they were soon offered to tour Europe with INTERNAL BLEEDING, FLESHGORE, SACRIFICIAL SLAUGHTER, AND MICAWBER. The band packed up their gear and flew out to Europe to destroy stages all over the continent.

Now, the band is really primed to extend their reach even further by unleashing their modern take on old school melodic death metal on an even larger scale.

**VOICES OF RUIN is the 2018 Southern California Wacken Metal Battle Winner**

**VOICES OF RUIN have performed with the following international acts:**

Dark Tranquillity / Insomnium / Finntroll / Ensiferum / Trivium / Devildriver / Chimera

Watain / Skeletonwitch / The Devin Townsend Project / Tesseract / Rotten Sound / Dillinger Escape Plan / Animals as Leaders / Vital Remains / Morbid Angel / Cattle Decapitation Abysmal Dawn / Fallujah / Vried / Kampfar / Omnium Gatherum / The Absence / Metal Church / Powerman 5000 / Veil of Maya / The Kennedy Veil / Necronomicon / Warbringer / 3 Inches of Blood / Starkill / Unearth / Decrepit Birth / Master / Aeon / Dying Fetus / Vader / Origin / Gorguts / Internal Bleeding / Fleshgore / Sacrificial Slaughter / Micawber

**VOICES OF RUIN has toured all over US and Europe.**