

*30 million album selling British rock legends return with first new studio album in ten years....*



## **Announce Release Of New Studio Album**

**Album: "Wake The Sleeper"**

**Release Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2008**

Universal Music are delighted to announce the release of a new studio album from British rock legends Uriah Heep in June 2008.

"Wake The Sleeper" will be Uriah Heep's first studio album in almost ten years (the first since 1998's "Sonic Origami") and is set to herald an exciting new phase for the band. The album sees Uriah Heep back to their very best and is set to become a future classic – sure to please their dedicated worldwide fan base and fans of progressive rock in general. Recorded in 2007 the album was produced by Mike Paxman (Status Quo, Judie Tzuke).

In the words of Mick Box, "We are delighted to be reunited with a major label in Universal music. "Wake The Sleeper" is an album we are incredibly proud of, and one that we hope the fans will see as one of Uriah Heep's best. We can't wait to get back out on the road to showcase the new songs."

The live arena has been vital to the longevity of Uriah Heep. So in addition to album sales of over 30 million worldwide the band have toured in 52 countries and established themselves as consummate live performers. The band has a series of impressive firsts including being the first British rock band to play Russia in December 1987.

This is the band's first album without their long-standing and original drummer, **Lee Kerlake** who sadly had to leave the band due to ill health in January 2007. Filling the drum stool for the very first time is the hugely well respected **Russell Gilbrook** (Tony Iommi (Black Sabbath), Van Morrison, John Farnham and Lonnie Donnegan). Current band line up is **Mick Box** – Guitar, Vocals **Trevor Bolder** – Bass, Vocals **Phil Lanzon** – Keyboards, Vocals **Bernie Shaw** - Lead Vocals and **Russell Gilbrook** – Drums, Vocals.

Full album tracklisting as follows:

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 – Wake The Sleeper          | 7 – What Kind Of God     |
| 2 – Overload                  | 8 – Ghost Of The Ocean   |
| 3 – Tears Of the World        | 9 – Angels Walk With You |
| 4 – Light Of A Thousand Stars | 10 – Shadow              |
| 5 – Heavens Rain              | 11 – War Child           |
| 6 – Book Of Lies              |                          |

Uriah Heep's progressive heavy metal made the British band one of the most popular hard rock groups of the early '70s. Formed by guitarist Mick Box and vocalist David Byron in the late '60s, Uriah Heep released their debut album "Very 'eavy...Very 'umble" in 1970. Since then the band have released 20 studio albums and played to millions of fans across the globe. Uriah Heep remain one of British rocks most consistent and long standing acts with album sales of over 30 million worldwide. "Wake The Sleeper" will be Uriah Heep's 21st studio album...

Wake The Sleeper will also be released on Vinyl as a 12" Limited Edition in a stunning gatefold sleeve.

"Wake The Sleeper" is released through Universal Music on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2008.

The album will also be available as a limited edition 12" vinyl.

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