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**ABSOLVA REVEAL 1ST SONG/VIDEO, TRACK LISTING AND ARTWORK TEASER FROM THEIR UPCOMING ALBUM "ANTHEMS TO THE DEAD", INCLUDING SPECIAL GUESTS - DOUG SCARRATT OF SAXON AND LUKE APPLETON OF ICED EARTH.**

British metal trio Absolva reveal the 1st song/video, "Never Back Down", from their forthcoming album "Anthems To The Dead". This track, as well as others on the album, features special guests Doug Scarratt of Saxon on lead guitar and Luke Appleton of Iced Earth on rhythm guitar and harmony lead guitar. The album is set for release on 5th May 2014 to coincide with the band's UK tour dates. The video is available to watch now at the band's Youtube profile <http://www.youtube.com/user/Absolva>

"Anthems To The Dead" will be Absolva's 3rd album release, following the debut studio album "Flames Of Justice" (November 2012) and the live CD and DVD "Beyond Live" (September 2013). Their history has been nothing short of prolific, having formed in May 2012, in the wake of Fury UK bassist Luke Appleton joining US giants Iced Earth. A debut show at SOS Festival, plus 3 shows as special guests with Iced Earth were followed by memorable performances at Bloodstock Open Air and Hammerfest in the UK, as well as Wizzfest, Skull Fest, Metal Inferno and Summerrock festivals in Europe. Absolva has subsequently toured the UK and Europe extensively, mainly as a headline act but also as special guests with Michael Schenker's Temple Of Rock in France, Germany, Belgium and Switzerland.

Absolva's modern take on the art of British metal has attracted a legion of admirers in the press. For example... "Flames Of Justice" album.. *"Top notch British metal with brains, balls and big tunes"* Dom Lawson (Metal Hammer). Live review.. *"time in Europe has given them a muscularity, a groove - they are a tough unit.. they shone like highly polished metal"* Steve Swift (Powerplay)

The expanded UK tour schedule is.... May 1st: London, The Garage, 2nd: Birmingham, Asylum 2, 3rd: Burnley, Sanctuary, 4th: Kendal, Bootleggers, 9th: Newcastle, Trillians, 10th: Carlisle, Brickyard, 11th: Wakefield, Snooty Fox, 16th: Great Yarmouth, The Oakwood, 17th: Brighton, Green Door Store, 18th: Swindon, Victoria, 23rd Grimsby, Yardbirds, 24th: Selby, Riverside, 29th: Southampton, Joiners, 30th: Ebbw Vale, Odin's, 31st: Manchester, Sound Control. Europe dates to follow.

Band members : Chris Appleton - lead vocals, lead guitar, Martin McNee - drums, Dan Bate - backing vocals, bass. "Anthems To The Dead" was recorded with producer Matt Elliss at Axis Studios in Doncaster (as with the 1st studio album) during November 2013. Artwork by Mike Collins of Lungfull Design. Track listing.... 1. The Devil's Mouth 2. Victimiser 3. Never Back Down 4. Anthems To The Dead 5. In Some Wild Universe 6. The Alter and The Cross 7. Live For The Fight 8. Killing Season 9. Taste The Blood 10. Soul Remains 11. Silent Sacrifice (Doug Scarratt plays on tracks 3 and 10, Luke Appleton on 1, 3 and 11)

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