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“BAT OUT OF HELL III – SEIZE THE NIGHT TOUR”

Meat Loaf takes his critically acclaimed Bat Out Of Hell performance on the road!

Tickets On Sale Saturday, December 16

Los Angeles, CA (December 11, 2006) – Grammy® Award winner and one of the top-selling artists of all time, **Meat Loaf**, brings his wildly successful performances from Broadway and Royal Albert Hall in London to the locals with his critically acclaimed live performance featuring songs from all three Bat Out of Hell albums with dates beginning early 2007. Thirteen years in the making, *Bat Out of Hell III: The Monster is Loose* unleashed to a hungry public on October 31st with a debut at #8 on the Billboard charts and a top 5 debut in more than 10 countries. Meat Loaf is now ready to take the epic trilogy on tour beginning Friday, February 23 in Pala, California (see dates below).

The three act performance includes smash hits from each of the Bat Out Of Hell installments, including “Two Out of Three Ain’t Bad,” “You Took the Words Right Out of My Mouth,” and the show-stopping “Paradise by the Dashboard Lights.” Act II features more favorites you know by heart including the classic international chart-topper “I’d Do Anything for Love (But I Won’t Do That),” which earned Meat Loaf a Grammy for Best Rock Vocal Solo Performance. Finally, Act III brings the franchise full circle with the powerful, “It’s All Coming Back to Me Now, ” “Blind as a Bat” and a finale spanning the entire “Bat” series.

Meat Loaf is in top form with audience and critics taking notice during several one night only preview performances of ‘Bat on Broadway’ last month (the limited engagement glimpse of the trilogy):

★★★★ (four stars) – *The Guardian* (London/Royal Albert Hall Performance)

“★★★★” (out of 4) -*The Independent* (Royal Albert Hall Performance)

“[Meat Loaf] didn’t stray from the “Bat” flight path once during this two-hour performance during which he offered up all of the bombast, affectation and unreconstructed lung power he’s come to embody over the years.”
– *Daily Variety* (New York Broadway Performance)

“... two hours of over-the-top power pop that blended the best of the ‘Bat Out of Hell’ trilogy...” – *New York Post* (New York Broadway Performance)

Bat Out of Hell III: The Monster is Loose was produced by hit-maker Desmond Child, and completed with the close participation of two key *Bat Out of Hell* veterans: Todd Rundgren, contributing vocal arrangements, and Jim Steinman, writing seven songs. Mixed by Grammy Award winning studio engineer Greg Collins (U2, Gwen Stefani), with string arrangements by David Campbell, this final installment of the Bat franchise includes special guest appearances by Motley Crüe bassist Nikki Sixx and Rob Zombie guitarist John 5 (ex-Marilyn Manson) who co-wrote the title track with Child, as well as guitar hero Steve Vai appears on the record and is a co-writer. Also included on the album is production/session whiz John Shanks, as well as an unmistakable signature appearance by Queen guitarist Brian May on “Bad For Good.”

Meat Loaf’s *Bat Out Of Hell* (1977), the immortal and genre-transforming original, released in 1977 with songs by Jim Steinman and production by Todd Rundgren, ran for an extraordinary 82 weeks on the *Billboard* album chart and has sold in excess of 14 million copies in the U.S. alone. The second installment, *Bat Out of Hell II: Back Into Hell*, released in 1993 earned Meat Loaf a Grammy for Best Rock Vocal Solo Performance. Meat Loaf has a total of 24 multi-platinum, platinum and gold RIAA awards. Additionally, he simultaneously released the album *Storytellers*, in partnership with VH-1, and his autobiography *To Hell and Back* in 2003.

Meat Loaf, one of most diverse talents in entertainment today, has appeared in more than 60 television and feature films including, *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* (as Eddie), *Roadie*, *Fight Club*, *Wayne’s World*, *Out of Bounds*, *The Squeeze*, *Leap of Faith*, and most recently a critically acclaimed role as Jack Black’s father in *Tenacious D: The Pick of Destiny*. At the outset of his performing career, he also appeared onstage in *Hair* in Los Angeles, Detroit and on Broadway.

For more information about Meat Loaf, please go to <http://www.meatloaf.net>.