



Twist Of Fate

(Limited Edition 1000 Handnumbered CDs)

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San Jose, California's premier power metal legends' all three demos first time on CD full digital remaster, lyrics, unpublished pics and bio. For all Helstar, Vicious Rumors, Liege Lord fans!



Vocals - William Santos
Guitars - Robert Kolowitz
Guitars - David Matela
Bass - Marko Parker
Drums - Greg Sablan

File Under:
Metal

Running Time:
75':47"

Produced By:
6, 10-11 Blackstorm
7-9 Geoff Thorpe
2-14 Doug Caldwell

Mastering By:
Kostas Scandalis

Artwork & Layout By:
Kostas Athanasoglou

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ASR CD-013

Format:
CD

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Jewel Box

Hometown:
San Jose, California,
U.S.A.

Track Listing:

1. Twist Of Fate
2. Thieves Of The Night
3. The Confrontation
4. Merciless Peril
5. Edgerunner
6. Bad Winds Rising
7. Visions
8. Vertigo
9. Ship Of Fools
10. House Of Dreams
11. Test Of Time
12. Faith Or Fear
13. The Lands Of Yesterday
14. Peace Of Mind
15. Ashes To Ashes
16. Escape

Founders of Blackstorm Greg Sablan and William Santos (William) are blood relatives that grew up together on the tropical island of Guam. They had dreams of putting together a music project that would take them on an adventure of a lifetime. While Greg Sablan was attending college at the University of San Francisco, he was reunited with his childhood friend and relative William who was living in the South Bay. A year later in the spring of 1986 Greg and William had a meeting that would change the course of their lives. While the plans to create the new group were being discussed, Led Zep's "Achilles Last Stand" played on the radio some prophetic lyrics that would set the tone for the project ... "it was an April morning when they told us we should go". That was a sign of the beginning.

Later that summer the duo left for Guam to form the band that was a childhood dream that would emerge from the mysterious Asian Pacific region. They met with many potential members and worked with two key guitarists, Peter Gutierrez and Franks Emmi. After four months things weren't happening as quickly as planned and Greg and William decided to relocate back to the Bay Area. After months of auditions, Franks Emmi rejoined the group and collaborated in writing Blackstorm's first 3 songs: Bad Winds Rising, Merciless Peril and House of Dreams. Emmi soon moved on to Florida. Greg and William started auditions again and this time hit the jackpot. First to join was former Hellhound guitarist Robert Kolowitz. Then the duo of David Matela and Marko Parker of Ascending Power completed the Quintet. A many hours of practice and determination, the group released its first demo album "Twist of Fate" in 1987 recorded at Suspect Studios in Santa Clara. Soon after, the band played its first live gig on Halloween Eve at the world famous club "The Stone" on Broadway St. in San Francisco.

The band loved to perform live and its popularity grew quickly among bay area metal fans and club owners. Soon after the band's first performance, Blackstorm would be opening for big name acts in the metal world such as, Apocrypha, Cacophony, Armored Saint, David T. Chastain, and Vicious Rumors. Geoff Thorpe (guitarist for Atlantic Records' Vicious Rumors) and engineer Dennis Hulett (Death Angel, Vain) enjoyed the groups sound and offered to produce the band's sophomore demo album "Tales from the Wishing Well" in 1989. Blackstorm continued its quest for a record deal and were offered several distribution deals in Europe. In the meantime, the band continued to headline shows in the major bay area clubs such as the Omni, One Step Beyond, The Cabaret and Puma's. The band also opened for acts such as Racer X and Nitro...



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