

Carmine Appice Rebuilds Legendary Rock Band CACTUS With Powerful ALL-STAR Album TEMPLE OF BLUES- INFLUENCES & FRIENDS

CACTUS RE-RECORDS ITS GREATEST BLUES-ROCK SONGS WITH HELP FROM JOE BONAMASSA, BILLY SHEEHAN, RON BUMBLEFOOT THAL, PAT TRAVERS, DEE SNIDER AND MANY OTHERS

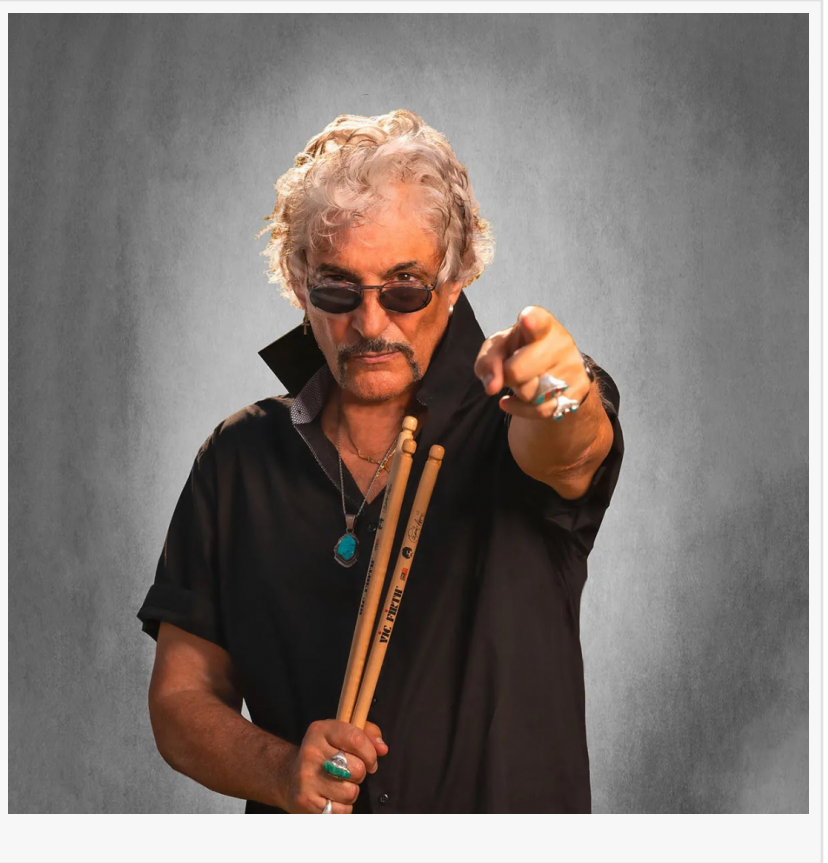
SAN FRANCISCO, CA, UNITED STATES, May 9, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Coming off two acclaimed studio albums (Black Dawn, Tightrope), and an energized historic live album, Birth Of [Cactus](#), founding member and world renown drummer Carmine Appice returns with the ultimate tribute to his legendary rock band. [Temple of Blues](#) - Influences & Friends, merges the members of Cactus with a super ensemble of guest artists, all of whom have called the group among their biggest influences. Once heralded by critics as America's answer to Led Zeppelin, Cactus recorded four hard rockin' albums for Atco Records before Appice and bassist Tim Bogert left to form their own supergroup: Beck, Bogert & Appice.



"The music of Cactus has always been steeped in blues tradition," says Appice, who wanted the group to re-visit its best songs within a modern rock approach to traditional blues. "We kept hearing from so many of our music celebrity friends how much Cactus influenced them and how they would love to be a guest on a Cactus album. Even our label President, Brian Perera from Cleopatra Records, suggested to us that this album happens. So, Temple Of Blues was the logical next step."

The album is set for release on JUNE 7th 2024 as a CD and also as double vinyl album. Featured along with the current Cactus band is a who's who of blues and rock icons: Guitarists Joe

Bonamassa, Ted Nugent, Pat Travers, Warren Haynes, Vernon Reid, Steve Stevens, Johnny A (The Yardbirds), Ty Tabor (King's X) and bassists Billy Sheehan (Mr Big), Dug Pinnick (King's X) Tony Franklin (The Firm, Blue Murder), Phil Soussan (Ozzy Osbourne, Billy Idol), Rudy Sarzo (Quiet Riot, Ozzy Osbourne), Kenny Aaronson (ex- Joan Jet and The Yardbirds), as well as members of Government Mule, Vixen, Rainbow, Zebra, and Whitesnake. Vocalist Dee Snider of Twisted Sister appears on the band's remake of the Howlin' Wolf classic "Evil," and Appice's bandmate in Vanilla Fudge Mark Stein turns in a powerful vocal on Little Richard's "Long Tall Sally." A second version of "Guiltless Glider," appears as a bonus track with former Judas Priest vocalist, Ripper Owens. Another of Appice's musical partners, Fernando Perdomo, also appears on the new record.



Listen to the Evil single: https://orcd.co/cactus_deesnider_dugpinnick_evil

Digital album pre-order: https://orcd.co/cactus_templeofblues

CD and vinyl copies of the album: <https://cleorecs.com/search?q=cactus+temple+of+blues>

In addition to Appice on drums on all tracks, original Cactus guitarist Jim McCarty also appears on Temple Of Blues. Current band members vocalist/guitarist and harmonica player Jim Stapley and bassist Jim Caputo also appear on many of the tracks. Appice announced today a new member to the band's line-up: guitarist Artie Dillon will handle guitar duties for live tours and plays on one track for the new album. Founding member Jim McCarty currently contributes as a writing and recording member of Cactus on occasion but no longer does live tours.

The current line-up of Cactus came together in 2021. Lead vocalist Jim Stapley comes from England and had worked with ex-Faces/Who drummer Kenny Jones in the Jones Gang and Humble Pie. "Nearly five decades after I formed this band, the time had come to re-invent Cactus once again," says Appice, who also still drums for Vanilla Fudge, The Appice Brothers Drum Wars, and a hybrid tribute to former band leader, Rod Stewart. Adds Appice: "The music remains the same and Cactus is still a 'hot and sweaty' band. The level, quality and consistence of the band's musicianship is as strong as ever." Cactus has had a long and turbulent history. Formed in 1970

from the ashes of Vanilla Fudge by Carmine Appice and Tim Bogert, the initial line up also featured McCarty (from Mitch Ryder and The Buddy Miles Express) and Amboy Dukes vocalist Rusty Day. While Cactus saw success from the start and soon built a loyal fan base, by early 1973 the band had collapsed mainly due to lack of real support from its label and the fact that Jeff Beck was now ready play with Carmine and Tim in BBA.

The band reformed in 2006, three decades after the tragic death of Rusty Day with Randy Pratt on harp (who also appears on this album) and Jimmy Kunes vocals. When the late Tim Bogert was forced into retirement due to complications after a serious motorcycle accident, Pete Bremy joined on bass before Caputo replaced him in 2020. Now, with a powerful new line-up Cactus and an album the marries the band with some of the biggest names in rock and blues, embarks on a new and exciting musical journey to the Temple Of Blues.

This time around, the music is just as powerful as before – and bound to be just as successful “one way or another.”

Track listing:

1. Parchman Farm feat. Joe Bonamassa & Billy Sheehan (Mr. Big / David Lee Roth)
2. Bro. Bill feat. Randy Jackson (Zebra), Randy Pratt (Cactus) & Bob Daisley (Ozzy Osbourne)
3. Guiltless Glider feat. Ron "Bumblefoot" Thal (Guns N' Roses) & Phil Soussan (Ozzy Osbourne)
4. Evil feat. Dee Snider (Twisted Sister) & Dug Pinnick (King's X)
5. One Way...Or Another feat. Dug Pinnick (King's X) & Ted Nugent
6. Alaska feat. Johnny A. & Tony Franklin (The Firm)
7. No Need To Worry feat. Warren Haynes (Gov't Mule) & Jorgen Carlsson (Gov't Mule)
8. Oleo feat. Steve Stevens (Billy Idol) & Billy Sheehan (Mr. Big / David Lee Roth)
9. Big Mama Boogie feat. Pat Travers & James Caputo (Cactus)
10. You Can't Judge A Book By The Cover
11. Rock N' Roll Children feat. Britt Lightning (Vixen), Vernon Reid (Living Colour) & Rudy Sarzo (Quiet Riot)
12. Let Me Swim feat. Doug Aldrich (Whitesnake) & Marco Mendoza (Blue Murder)
13. Restrictions feat. Ty Tabor (King's X) & Phil Soussan (Ozzy Osbourne)
14. Long Tall Sally feat. Mark Stein (Vanilla Fudge) & Fernando Perdomo

BONUS TRACK

15. Guiltless Glider feat. Tim "Ripper" Owens (Judas Priest)

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