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Album Review: Riot V - Mean Streets





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he American heavy metal band, **Riot V** will release their seventeenth studio album **Mean Streets**, on May 10th 2024.

They've playing heavy and power metal since 1975. Formerly known as **Riot**, they reformed the band and changed their name in 2013 after their founder, guitarist, and songwriter, **Mark Reale** died. **Mark's** father requested the band to put to rest the name. The band continued under a similar name, **Riot V**.

Band Members

- Don Van Stavern bass
- Mike Flyntz lead guitar, backing vocals
- Frank Gilchriest drums

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- Todd Michael Hall lead vocals
- Nick Lee rhythm guitar

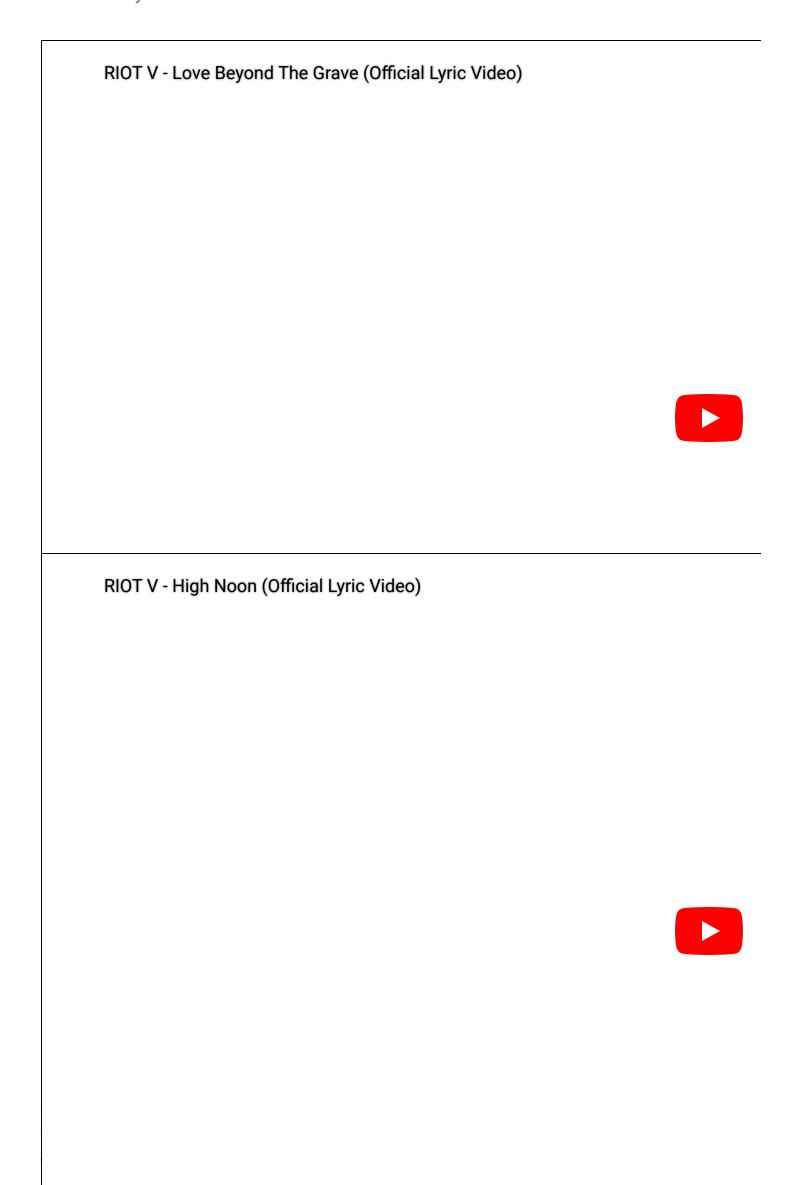


The album starts with '*Hail To The Warriors*,' an old-school classic heavy metal song. High-pitched screams, fast-pounding drums, catchy choruses, killer guitar solos and strong bass. The anthem feeling reminded me of **Manowar** with that power metal tone. Then '*Feel The Fire*.' I love the vocals here and that 80s metal vibe song. It tells the story of a passionate love.

RIOT V - Feel The Fire (Official Music Video)



The third song, 'Love Beyond The Grave,' starts like a power ballad with that typical guitar sound, but then transforms into another good heavy metal song. A fantasy love story between this world and beyond.



song is 'Lost Dreams.' It has my favorite guitar solo of the album. A different style is introduced with 'Lean Into It.' This song has more of a rock feel, with great guitar solos and sick guitar work during the whole song. I love this track, it gives you strength when you're feeling overwhelmed. The album finishes with another power metal song, 'No More.'

A solid metal album. *Mean Streets* represents their origins. They grew up on the streets of New York. It's a return to their original sound, but with a twist of modern power metal.

Riot V continued with **Mark's** and the band's legacy, because nobody can stop heavy metal, it's a passion and this band knows that well.



Rating: 7/10

Release Date: May 10th 2024

Released By: Atomic Fire Records

FFO: Running Wild, Metal Church, Grim Reaper



Track List

- Hail To The Warriors
- Feel The Fire
- Love Beyond The Grave
- High Noon
- Before This Time
- Higher
- Mean Streets
- Open Road
- Mortal Eyes
- Lost Dreams
- Lean Into It
- No More