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Album Review: Riot V - Mean Streets



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The 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 Gilchrist – 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.

RIOT V - Love Beyond The Grave (Official Lyric Video)



RIOT V - High Noon (Official Lyric Video)



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

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Track List

- 01 - Hail To The Warriors
- 02 - Feel The Fire
- 03 - Love Beyond The Grave
- 04 - High Noon
- 05 - Before This Time
- 06 - Higher
- 07 - Mean Streets
- 08 - Open Road
- 09 - Mortal Eyes
- 10 - Lost Dreams
- 11 - Lean Into It
- 12 - No More