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40 YEARS OF DOOM!

CANDLEMASS CELEBRATES 40TH ANNIVERSARY WITH NEW EP, *BLACK STAR*, OUT MAY 9 VIA NAPALM RECORDS — PRE-ORDER STARTS [NOW](#)

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Swedish godfathers of epic doom **CANDLEMASS** celebrate their 40th anniversary of pioneering the genre with a four-track EP, *Black Star*. Packed with craterous riffs, this celebration of doom metal mastery is set for release on May 9 via **Napalm Records**.

With *Black Star*, the genre-defying band unveils two brand-new songs alongside two cover versions of timeless classics. The EP will be available in various formats, including a strictly limited vinyl edition featuring a 12-page vinyl booklet, an A3 poster, and a tote bag.

CANDLEMASS mastermind **Leif Edling** comments:

"Not all bands get to see their 40th birthday and it certainly hasn't been an easy ride. But many ups and downs later, we stand here as survivors, veterans even... a bit scarred perhaps? Still ready though to unleash another piece of doom-laden metal

upon an unsuspecting world. You have to do something when you turn 40, right? Anyway, as always, it's been fun recording some new stuff as well as covering a couple of old favorites."

Get your copy of *Black Star* [here](#).



Title track, "Black Star," blends haunting melodies with deeply introspective lyrics, brought to life by the dark, romantic voice of vocalist **Johan Länquist**. Songwriter Leif Edling's lyrics delve into themes of existential struggle, temptation, and the allure of darkness — creating an intense atmosphere imbued with CANDLEMASS' signature sound. The second new track, "Corridors Of Chaos," marks a true old school instrumental containing both classic metal riffing and stunning guitar playing by **Lars Johansson**, showcasing the band's mastery of dynamics. Adding to this tribute, CANDLEMASS delivers a cover of Black Sabbath's iconic "Sabbath Bloody Sabbath," taking listeners back to 1973. This is followed by their rendition of Pentagram's classic "Forever My Queen," further cementing CANDLEMASS' remarkable contribution to shaping the genre into what it is today.

Prepare for 40 years of epic doom and watch the anniversary trailer [now](#).



BLACK STAR TRACK LISTING:

"Black Star"

"Corridors of Chaos"

"Sabbath Bloody Sabbath""Forever My Queen"

Black Star will be available in the following formats:

1LP Gatefold BLACK ORANGE SPLATTER (incl. vinyl booklet (12pp), A3 poster, tote bag) – Napalm Records Mailorder exclusive, strictly limited to 400 copies

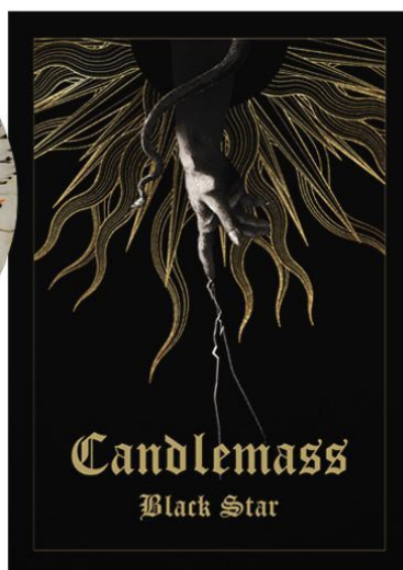
1LP Gatefold BLACK

1CD Digisleeve

Digital Album



Poster (Din A3)



Tote Bag



Front

Back

12" Booklet (12 Pages)



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 More info about Candlemass on tour in Europe [here](#).

CANDLEMASS ARE:

Johan Länquist — Vocals
 Lars Johansson — Lead Guitar
 Mappe Björkman — Rhythm Guitar
 Leif Edling — Bass
 Janne Lind — Drums

