



MASTODON NOMINATED FOR TWO 2018 GRAMMY® AWARDS

INCLUDING "BEST ROCK ALBUM" FOR *EMPEROR OF SAND* & "BEST METAL PERFORMANCE" FOR "SULTAN'S CURSE"

On Tour Overseas Now



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November 28, 2017 (Burbank, CA) – As announced today, Mastodon received two 2018 GRAMMY® Award nominations. The Atlanta rock band's critically acclaimed seventh full-length album, *Emperor of Sand* [Reprise Records], earns a nod in the category of "Best Rock Album," while the opening track "Sultan's Curse" is nominated for "Best Metal Performance." This brings the group's career total GRAMMY® nominations to five. The 60th annual GRAMMY® will be broadcast live from New York City's Madison Square Garden on January 28, 2018 at 7:30pm ET/4:30pm PT on CBS.

Emperor of Sand remains both a critical and commercial success for the quartet. Not only did it become the group's third release to bow in the Top 10 of the *Billboard* Top 200, but it also earned their best first-week sales to date with more than 43,000 units. It also debuted at #1 on the *Billboard* Rock chart as well as #1 on the Physical album chart. Among widespread praise, *Pitchfork* claimed, "*Emperor of Sand's* balance tips back to what Mastodon built a reputation on," while *Rolling Stone* described it as "*Their most ambitious in years.*" *Loudwire* placed the record at #2 on its "25 Best Metal Albums of 2017," and it graced *What Culture's* "Best Hard Rock & Heavy Metal Albums of 2017" list. Moreover, the boys covered the inaugural issue of the recently re-launched *Revolver Magazine* this fall.

Order *Emperor of Sand* here: <https://wbr.ec/emperorofsand>

In September, the band followed up *Emperor of Sand* with the four-song EP, *Cold Dark Place*. On October 27, they released a limited edition 10" vinyl picture disc of the collection—which is already almost entirely sold out!

Order *Cold Dark Place* here: <https://wbr.ec/colddarkplace>

View and share Mastodon performing "Toe To Toes" in the studio here: <http://bit.ly/2yvc9DE>

Including three songs recorded with producer Nick Raskulinecz during the 2014 *Once More 'Round the Sun* sessions—"North Side Star," "Blue Walsh," and "Cold Dark Place"—and "Toe To Toes" produced by Brendan O'Brien in the midst of working on *Emperor of Sand*, the EP notched further acclaim from *Spin*, *Kerrang!*, and many others. *The Line of Best Fit* said, "*The magnifying glass is on everything with this release, and it results in something distinguished and quite frankly mammoth.*"

Right now, Mastodon are on the road in Europe and the UK through the end of 2017. Check out remaining dates below!

Stay tuned for more from Mastodon in 2018 and beyond.

EUROPEAN NOVEMBER TOUR DATES:

*indicates dates with Scott Kelly of Neurosis

November 28	Komplex	Zurich, Switzerland*
November 29	Elysee Montmatre	Paris, France*
November 30	Rockhall Club	Luxembourg*

UK DECEMBER TOUR DATES:

December 2	Great Hall	Cardiff, Wales (Sold Out)
December 4	Civic Hall	Wolverhampton, UK
December 5	Rock City	Nottingham, UK
December 6	Northumbria Uni	Newcastle, UK
December 7	Barrowland	Glasgow, Scotland (Sold Out)
December 9	Manchester Academy	Manchester, UK
December 10	Brixton Academy	London, UK

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