

The Glam-A-Gedon Tour

THE NEW YORK DOLLS, MOTLEY CRUE AND POISON ARE GOING ON THE ROAD TOGETHER THIS SUMMER AND RIKKI ROCKETT PROMISES IT WILL BE NOthin' BUT A GOOD TIME!

By Helen Marketti

Rikki Rockett reflects on his 25 years as the drummer for Poison. "We've been really blessed with this career lasting. I remember in the early days when a journalist would ask us where we saw ourselves in twenty years. I always said that I didn't know for sure but I knew I still wanted to be in music. There is a high burn out rate for rock and roll. I never thought we would make it to the level we're at now let alone be able to sustain it but we have. I think that if you have the right group of guys, the right chemistry and if it clicks on stage and off stage then you have a winning combination. It doesn't happen as often as people think it does."

Becoming a drummer was always an interest for Rikki. "So many guys have influenced and inspired me, like Ringo, Peter Criss and so many others. Whenever I have really liked a band, it's usually because I really liked the drummer, too," said Rikki.

Speaking of influencing others, Rikki has

also been an inspiration for aspiring drummers. "I do have people coming up to me and letting me know that I have inspired them. It's very weird to hear that but that's what matters at the end of the day. People don't care what kind of car I drive, what they care about is the inspiration I have left behind. I've managed to do that and that's what really matters," explains Rikki.

Rikki has his own company, Rockett Drum Works. "My company is finally starting to take off," he said. "At first I thought it was going to be nothing more than a hobby but it has kept growing. We do custom and semi-custom drum kits. We're not big; there are only four of us. We work hard and put together great stuff. We keep everything USA made."

He continues, "We've been thinking about doing drum clinics in the fall of the year and see how that works. We're thinking about doing something where people can create and build their own snare drum kit."



There has also been some talk about a reality show with Rockett Drum Works so we'll see how things go."

This summer will begin a tour that is like no other. The New York Dolls, Motley Crue and Poison are taking the road together. "It was time for this. This is going to be historic in many ways," said Rikki. "It's the 40th anniversary for The New York Dolls, the 30th for Motley Crue and 25 years for us. (Poison) This is a big year for all of us. You're probably not going to see this line up again. For Motley Crue and Poison, it's the same original members and not many bands can say that. I really want people to come out and see this tour. I love doing this. I'm in it for life!"

The Glam-A-Gedon Tour is making a stop in Youngstown at the Covelli Centre on July 29. For more Ohio tour dates and information, please visit: www.poisonweb.com

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