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*****SWEDISH VIKING DEATH METAL BAND'S MINDBLOWING
'MIDVINTERBLOT' ALBUM RELEASED OCTOBER 9TH ON SPV /
'MASTERS OF DEATH TOUR' HEADLINE DATES IN NOVEMBER*****

Johnny Hedlund – Bass and Vocals
Freddie Folkare – Lead guitar
Tomas Masgard – Rhythm Guitar
Anders Schultz - Drums

Elite Death Metal band Unleashed have signed to SPV Records, who are set to release their mind-blowing eighth studio album, 'Midvinterblot' on October 9th, distributed by RSK.

Unleashed, who burst out of Sweden in 1989, are considered pioneers of Nordic mythological metal, inspired by Viking legends. Their 'Viking lyrics' tell epic tales of Sweden's ancient Viking Godfathers to the soundtrack of uncompromisingly heavy, ferociously intense, extreme death metal. "To us, these lyrics are part of the story," drummer Anders Schultz explains, adding: "Viking stories simply fit in well with the sound of death metal. Other bands sing about gore, death or war - we wrap our aggressive lyrics in Viking mythology."

Commenting on 'Midvinterblot', band leader Johnny Hedlund warns; "Get ready for one of the most impressive albums in the history of death metal. The new contract with SPV marks the start of a totally new era of extreme music ... the era of warriors!"

All 15 awesome new songs on 'Midvinterblot' boast Unleashed's trademark merciless riffs and rhythms, and prove them a contemporary band that has patently matured in terms of craftsmanship and composition. Drummer Anders Schultz explains "Naturally, every new release marks a number of developments, but we have never changed the basic elements of our music. Starting with our first album, we did what we wanted to do, i.e. simply play death metal, and if and when we change this we will also have to change the band name. It's as simple as that!"

Unleashed have released seven highly acclaimed classic studio albums and two live cuts since their formation over 15 years ago. Formed by Johnny Hedlund after the demise of Death Metal underground pioneers Nihilist in 1989, (the remains of which went on to form Entombed), Unleashed released their debut album, 'Where No Life Dwells' in 1991 and haven't looked back since. They have toured with the likes of Death, Morbid Angel, At The Gates, Cannibal Corpse, Bolt Thrower and Samael, and built a huge loyal following the world over. In November, Unleashed headline the 'Masters Of Death' European tour, alongside Entombed, Dismember and Grave, calling in to the UK at:

November 4th London Carling Academy
November 5th Dudley JB's

Forged with the blood and spirit of their Viking ancestors and tempered with the bands patented razor-sharp attack, 'Midvinterblot' storms the shores brandishing a smouldering, ferocious intensity that instantly vaults the album into the realm of death metal's very best.

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