

Petra Celebrates 40 Years with 'Biggest, Most-Loved Songs'

Celebrating the band's 40-year career, Petra released a new CD on July 30 featuring the pioneering Christian rock group's "biggest and most loved songs."

The standard edition of *40th Anniversary* (Star Song Records/Universal Music Group Distribution) will include 27 of Petra's hits, while the deluxe version (digital copy only) will feature 37 songs. Both editions include a new recording titled "Holy Is Your Name."

"'Holy Is Your Name' is a thank-you to all our fans, but mostly a thanks to God for all the wonderful years," said Bob Hartman, founding member of Petra. "We are happy to include it on the 40th Anniversary compilation."

Compiled by Hartman, the two-disc album features hits such as "This Means War," "Beyond Belief" and "Creed." Longtime vocalist John Schlitt joined Hartman on a seven-city reunion tour this summer.

Petra formed in 1972, endured numerous lineup changes and was regarded as the most popular Christian rock band in the 1980s and early 1990s. The group has released 24 albums, sold more than 7 million copies and garnered four GRAMMY Awards, 10 Dove Awards and several No. 1 radio hits.

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