



40TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION

Queen's new heavyweight multi-format 'NEWS OF THE WORLD' deluxe package includes unique 'RAW SESSIONS' CD - newly created 'alternative' version of original album! Set for release 17th November 2017.

A special box set of Queen's landmark 1977 album *News of the World* is set for release towards the end of this year, marking the 40th anniversary of the original release. This lavish new package has a worldwide release date of November 17th.

The 40th anniversary is also marked with the release of a special limited edition picture disc album. Newly cut from the Bob Ludwig 2011 master, this picture disc version will be available in a strictly limited run of 1977 individually numbered copies housed in a commemorative die-cut sleeve. This version will only be available through pre-order from the official Queenonline webstore. <http://www.queenonlinestore.com>

Originally launched in October 1977, *News of the World* is one of Queen's biggest selling albums of all time. It opens with two of the band's most indestructible worldwide hits, the Brian May-penned *We Will Rock You* and Freddie Mercury's *We Are The Champions*, monumental stadium anthems which remain a staple of major sporting events all around the world to this day. With songs written by all four band members, NOTW, Queen's sixth album, set a new standard in stylistic diversity, from Roger Taylor's proto-punk blast of *Sheer Heart Attack* to the salacious funk-rock groove workout *Get Down Make Love*, to the fragrant tropical calypso-pop *Who Needs You*. *News of the World* also features the hit *Spread Your Wings*, the epic rock saga *It's Late* and Freddie's wistfully romantic *My Melancholy Blues*.

The new package includes the original album on CD, plus two further CDs of recently unearthed out-takes and rarities from the band's archives, one of which is a newly created 'alternative' version of the whole album – *Raw Sessions*.

For many Queen devotees, this *Raw Sessions* CD will be the most intriguing component of the new release. Mined deep from long-vaulted studio multi-track tapes, this extraordinary parallel album brings to light never-before-heard alternative versions of each of the album's 11 tracks. Every lead vocal is different, as are most of the lead guitar parts and a great many other instrumental details. Here we experience *We Are The Champions* anew, with many unfamiliar vocal and instrumental elements, and for the first time at its full-recorded length rather than the edited 1977 album cut. Here also is the chance to discover peak era Freddie Mercury vocals on a track that nobody outside Queen's inner circle has heard him sing before at all – Brian May's *All Dead, All Dead*. The original album version features May himself on vocals. Roger Taylor's *Sheer Heart Attack* can be heard with its original long-lost guitar intro and uncut ending. Taylor's other song, *Fight From The Inside*, is more remarkable in that we hear his demo vocal worked on in his home studio in preparation for the next sessions, 'homework' that all of the band members would regularly carry out. As a point of note, Taylor plays all instruments on these two recordings, except for some lead guitar. In this age of digital leaks and obsessive fan culture, there is already great excitement that these recordings are, in 2017, truly New to the World.

The third CD in the package, *Bonus Tracks*, features a feast of previously released but hard-to-find versions of *News of the World* tracks recorded in concert, for radio shows, or in alternate mixes. Included is the band's entire five-song final live session recorded for BBC Radio in October 1977, seven live performances of *NOTW* songs, plus rare backing tracks and instrumentals of the Queen classics *We Will Rock You*, *We Are The Champions*, *Spread Your Wings*, *Get Down*, *Make Love* and *Fight From The Inside*. Also on this third disc is the seldom-heard US radio edit of *It's Late*, making its belated CD debut, and the rowdy stomper *Feelings Feelings*, which was recorded during the original *NOTW* sessions but not included on the final album.

Another outstanding feature of this weighty 40th anniversary box is another first – a *pure analogue* re-cut of the original vinyl LP, direct from the unmastered analogue master mix tapes. This exceptional album collector's piece is presented in a facsimile original sleeve. There is also a rich selection of *NOTW* related memorabilia including three posters and a 60-page book of images, mostly previously unseen.

The package is completed with a brand new one-hour DVD documentary, *Queen : The American Dream*, created from backstage material filmed during Queen's 1977 USA *News of the World* tour. In November that year, Queen embarked on another headlining US tour. The highly respected British radio and TV presenter Bob Harris, complete with full film crew, followed their journey as part of a proposed documentary that has remained incomplete and unreleased – until now. The crew had unlimited access to the band on and off stage, in the recording studio and during rehearsals. This one-hour documentary includes superb live footage of Queen at the Houston Summit in December. We also see moments from the birth of *We Will Rock You* and *We Are The Champions*, songs that would both earn a place in the Grammy Hall of Fame. *Queen : The American Dream* is a fascinating behind-the-scenes insight into a young British band at a creative peak, defying the odds as they take the USA by storm.

For casual fans and Queen connoisseurs alike, the new *NOTW* package, with its feast of extra material, is manna from Heaven - a bumper haul of buried treasure from a world-beating band in its prime.

Queen : News of the World – 40th Anniversary Edition – Track Listing.

VINYL LP: The Original News of the World Album – new Pure Analogue Cut.

Side One

1. *We Will Rock You (May) 2:01*
2. *We Are The Champions (Mercury) 2:59*
3. *Sheer Heart Attack (Taylor) 3:26*
4. *All Dead, All Dead (May) 3:10*
5. *Spread Your Wings (Deacon) 4:34*
6. *Fight From The Inside (Taylor) 3:03*

Side Two

1. *Get Down, Make Love (Mercury) 3:51*
2. *Sleeping On The Sidewalk (May) 3:06*
3. *Who Needs You (Deacon) 3:05*
4. *It's Late (May) 6.26*
5. *My Melancholy Blues (Mercury) 3:29*

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CD2: NEWS OF THE WORLD : RAW SESSIONS

1. *We Will Rock You (Alternative Version)* 2:29
2. *We Are The Champions (Alternative Version)* 4:33
3. *Sheer Heart Attack (Original Rough Mix)* 4:17
4. *All Dead, All Dead (Original Rough Mix)* 3:08
5. *Spread Your Wings (Alternative Take)* 4:56
6. *Fight From The Inside (Demo Vocal Version)* 3:08
7. *Get Down, Make Love (Early Take)* 4:02
8. *Sleeping On The Sidewalk (Live in the USA, 1977)* 3:49
9. *Who Needs You (Acoustic Take)* 2:46
10. *It's Late (Alternative Version)* 6:44
11. *My Melancholy Blues (Original Rough Mix)* 3:36

CD3: NEWS OF THE WORLD : BONUS TRACKS

1. *Feelings Feelings (Take 10, July 1977)* 1:55
2. *We Will Rock You (BBC Session)* 1:36
3. *We Will Rock You (Fast) (BBC Session)* 2:52
4. *Spread Your Wings (BBC Session)* 5:33
5. *It's Late (BBC Session)* 6:39
6. *My Melancholy Blues (BBC Session)* 3:13
7. *We Will Rock You (Backing Track)* 2:03
8. *We Are The Champions (Backing Track)* 2:59
9. *Spread Your Wings (Instrumental)* 4:23
10. *Fight From The Inside (Instrumental)* 3:02
11. *Get Down, Make Love (Instrumental)* 3:49
12. *It's Late (USA Radio Edit 1978)* 3:52
13. *Sheer Heart Attack (Live in Paris 1979)* 3:35
14. *We Will Rock You (Live in Tokyo 1982)* 2:55
15. *My Melancholy Blues (Live in Houston 1977)* 3:48
16. *Get Down, Make Love (Live in Montreal 1981)* 4:35
17. *Spread Your Wings (Live in Europe 1979)* 5:20
18. *We Will Rock You (Live at the MK Bowl 1982)* 2:08
19. *We Are The Champions (Live at the MK Bowl 1982)* 3:32

DVD: QUEEN : THE AMERICAN DREAM (One hour)

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