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LEGENDARY LOS ANGELES PUNK ROCK OUTFIT THE LAST RETURN AFTER 17 YEARS

Sign To End Sounds

New Album, *Danger*, Out This Fall

Los Angeles, CA, August 19, 2013 – After seventeen years, iconic Los Angeles punk rock band **The Last** will make its long-awaited return this fall. The group’s seventh full-length album, *Danger*, will be released via Austin-based independent label **End Sounds**. Welcome to the new age of **The Last**—brothers Joe [vocals, guitar] and Mike Nolte [vocals, keyboard], Bill Stevenson [drums], and Karl Alvarez [bass].

However, the band never really went away. Everyone from **The Bangles** and **Descendents** to **Circle Jerks** and **Black Flag** counts **The Last** amongst its influences. They pioneered a distinctly catchy yet raw and powerful sound that’s permeated every facet of rock and roll. With a seminal catalog on labels like **SST** and **Bomp! Records**, with releases *L.A. Explosion!* [1979], *Look Again* [1980], *Painting Smiles on a Dead Man* [1985], *Confession* [1988], *Awakening* [1989], and *Gin & Innuendoes* [1996], they’re continuing to build their formidable legacy now with **End Sounds**.

Still, they’re pushing the envelope. The new incarnation of **The Last** includes members of **Black Flag**, **FLAG**, **Descendents**, and **ALL** and will once again be playing shows. Additions include the production and drum talents of Stevenson (listed #25 on *Spin*’s Top 100 Alternative Drummers and producer of albums by Rise Against, Alkaline Trio, NOFX, and Lemonheads), and the raw power of Alvarez. **The Last** has a new, impeccable and impenetrable rhythm section and groove to the music.

Label president **Jonathan Gill** comments, “Punk, in general, owes quite a great deal to **The Last**, as we hope you’ll find out. When Joe Nolte and Bill Stevenson (Black Flag, Descendents, ALL) asked if **End Sounds** would like to release their next record, it felt like a circle being completed. We’re all very excited. They keep progressing, and we hope you hear that with the new songs. Get ready for some snarl and melody.”

The Last are back and have already scheduled a full band performance on Sunday, November 3, at The Fest in Gainesville, FL. Stay tuned for album details and more tour dates to be announced soon.

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