

# CLOCKWORK ANGLES: RUSH'S NEW ALBUM RELEASE

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Rush's upcoming studio album *Clockwork Angels* will be released on June 12, 2012. The album will also be released in the UK on June 11, 2012. This will be the band's nineteenth studio album.

## THE SINGLES AND THE TIME MACHINE TOUR:

A single consisting of two of the album's tracks, "Caravan" and "BU2B," was released on June 1, 2010. This single was available to radio stations and in digital download form in preparation for the band's 2010 and 2011 Time Machine Tour. The album's second single, the track "Headlong Flight," landed at rock radio stations on April 19, 2012.

## THE ALBUM'S RECORDING PROCESS:

The writing and recording process for the album was sporadic due to the 2010 and 2011 tour dates. In a March 2010 interview; bassist, keyboardist, and singer Geddy Lee said that the band had no songs in January 2010. By the time Lee was interviewed again in March 2010, they roughly had six songs written. This included "Caravan" and "BU2B." Come the next month in April 2010, those two songs were recorded at Blackbird Studios in Nashville, Tennessee. The songs were co-produced with Nick Raskulinecz who helped co-produce the band's last studio effort *Snakes & Arrows* in 2007.

It was planned that the band would finish writing and recording the album in late 2010 after the 2010 summer tour dates. However in January 2011, guitarist Alex Lifeson stated that the band would extend the Time Machine Tour for a second leg in 2011 which went from the end of March through the beginning of July. Right after the second leg of the tour, Rush returned to their native Canada and entered Revolution Recording Studios in Toronto, Ontario, to finish writing and recording the album.

**"JUST ABOUT A MONTH AND A HALF AGO WE HAD NO SONGS. AND NOW WE'VE BEEN WRITING AND NOW WE'VE GOT ABOUT SIX SONGS THAT WE JUST LOVE." - GEDDY LEE**

## FACEBOOK ANNOUNCEMENT:

On Wednesday, April 11, 2012, the band announced via their Facebook page that pre-orders of the album were available for UK fans via the Classic Rock Magazine UK website. The pre-order version of the album, in the UK, comes in a fan pack edition. This includes the full album and a 132 page magazine that includes interviews by the band, Nick Raskulinecz, graphic artist Hugh Syme who does the band's album covers, and a complete run-down of all the album's tracks.

Later in the day on that Wednesday, the band posted again on their Facebook page saying that the Classic Rock Magazine UK website had overloaded due to high demand for the fan pack of the album.

