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Famed Seattle Rock Photographer Launches First Book

‘SNAP CLICK FLASH: All Access’ features behind-the-scene photos from 1976-2010

Seattle, WA – ‘SNAP CLICK FLASH – All Access Pass’ is the first in a series of four books highlighting the 45+ year career of legendary entertainment photographer Darrell Westmoreland that began in 1972.

‘SNAP CLICK FLASH’ includes never-before-seen photos coupled with stories from Seattle’s premier go-to photographer to the Record Companies and Radio Stations throughout the years. It’s a true “who’s-who” account of rock-n-roll that Seattle has never seen or heard until now. “I’ve been thinking about making this book since 1998,” says Westmoreland, “but the timing wasn’t right until now.”

From David Bowie and Tom Petty in the 70’s to Bon Jovi and Aerosmith in the 80’s to Nirvana, Soundgarden and Alice in Chains during the Grunge era to Destiny’s Child and No Doubt in the aughts and many more; this visual journey is one for the record books.

SNAP CLICK FLASH is currently available for presale at www.darrellwestmoreland.com. It will be officially available on September 23rd.

More Information

Darrell Westmoreland, known for his unique high-energy camera-slinging style, is an entertainment rock photographer who has documented the music industry in the Pacific Northwest for 45+ years.

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SNAP CLICK FLASH – Story Excerpts

Alex & Eddie Van Halen, 1981

“After their concert at The Seattle Coliseum, I shot the meet and greet for their record label. I was able to hang out with Eddie and Alex and have a couple beverages with them in their dressing room. By now it was getting late and the band was starting to depart the venue, so I packed up my gear and said goodbye. I parked my car at the Tower Records across the street and as I was about to cross the street, a car came screeching to a stop right in front of me. I hear these guys yelling, ‘Get in the car!’ Eddie & Alex pop their heads out inviting me to a party. I said, “no way!” I had no intention of seeing the sunrise with these two...”

John Cougar Mellencamp, 1994

“In this photo, John Mellencamp sits smoking a cigarette before a live on-air set at a Seattle Station. About 20 minutes into the set, John stops, gets up and walks into another room. Everyone was wondering what was going on. I went into the room and John was sitting in the window. He asked me for some water and said he felt sick. I told his manager he was not well and they took him to the hospital. Turns out he was having a heart attack.”

Nirvana, 1991

The ‘Nevermind’ album had debuted a week before and had rocketed them to stardom. I was in the dressing room after the show to shoot their first meet and greet for their new record label. I was sitting next to Kurt thinking I was talking to him, but he kept zoning in and out as I tried talking to him.

Soundgarden, 1991

“After the concert, the record company gave each member an individual gold album for ‘Badmotorfinger.’ This concert was also filmed for a movie that. An all-out grunge-fest erupted and the first three rows of seats were crushed to the floor from the mosh pit that had formed in front of the stage.”

Tom Petty, 1978

“In 1978, the local record rep asked me to meet him at 8:30AM at Seattle’s Four Seasons Hotel to pick up recording artist Tom Petty. In a limo, we went to a few radio stations to promote his new album, ‘Damn the Torpedoes,’ that had just been dropped that week. This image was shot at the last radio interview that morning. As we were getting ready to ride back to the hotel (five blocks away), Tom said, “‘I think I’ll walk back.’ I asked if I could walk with him since my car was at the hotel and he said, ‘that would be great.’ We talked about Seattle and his music. I thought, ‘what a cool guy.’”

**More stories available upon request.*

SNAP CLICK FLASH –

Artist List

AC/DC 1983, 2001
Adam Ant 1982
Adam Levine 2002
Aerosmith 1988, 1993
Alice In Chains 1990, 1995
Alan Jackson 1999
Alex & Eddie Van Halen 1981
Alice Cooper 1986, 1989
Angus Young 2001
Barry Manilow 1976
B.B. King 1993
Al Jardine 1977
Brian Wilson 1977
Carl Wilson 1977
Dennis Wilson 1977
Billy Idol 1983
Billy Joel 1983
Billy Squire 1990
Black Crows 1990
Bob Seger 1976
Bonnie Raitt 1989
Boston & Heart 1977
Bruce Dickenson 1982
Bryan Adams 1983
Bryan May 1990
Carlos Santana 2003
Cheap Trick 1979
Cheech & Chong 1985
Cher 2003
Chris Martin 2005
Corey Hart 1984
Crowded House 1986
Cyndi Lauper 1985
Dave Grohl 1995
Dave Navarro 2003
David Bowie 1974, 1995
David Cassidy 1991
David Gilmour 1987
Debbie Boone 1977
Destiny's Child 2000
Doobie Brothers 1978
Dolly Parton 1987
Donny Osmond 1989
Doug Henning 1984
Duran Duran 1989
Eddie Vedder 1991, 1994
Elton John 1974
Fabulous Thunderbirds 1986
Faith Hill 1993
Gallagher 1983
Garth Brooks 1993
Gary Busey & Steven Van Zandt 1987
Gene Simmons 2004
George Strait 1981
Glenn Shorrock & Ann Wilson 1978
Gloria Estefan 1987
Greg Allman 1992
Gwen Stefani 2002
Hall & Oates 1979
Heart 1977, 1986, 1988
Herb Alpert 1979
Howie Mandel & Dr. Demento 1987
Heuy Lewis 1982
Ian Anderson 1983
INXS 1982
Joan Jett 1988
Joe Walsh 1991
John Cougar Mellencamp 1994
John Denver 1982
Jon Bon Jovi 1997
Journey 1978
Kansas 1977
Keith Richards 1992
Kenny G 1989
Kid Rock 2002
KISS 2003
Lada Gaga 2010
Lane Staley 2002
Leave it to Beaver Cast 1987
Lenny Kravitz 1989, 2000
Lenny Kravitz & Eddie Money 1989
Lita Ford 1988
Little Richard 1987
Little River Band 1978
Living Colour 1993
LL Cool J 1989
Lou Gramm & Paul Stanley 1989
Meatloaf 1977
Mick Taylor 1979
Molly Hatchet 1979
Natalie Cole 1978
New Kids on the Block 1989
Nirvana 1991
NSYNC 1998
Ozzy Osbourne 1989
Pat Benatar 1979
Patrick Simmons 1977
Patti Smith 1978, 1984
Paul & Linda McCartney with Wings 1990
Paul McCartney 1976
Paul Rodgers 1979
Pearl Jam 1991
Petr Gabriel 1987
Peter Wolf 1980
Phil Collins 1983
Queensryche 1986, 1990
Quiet Riot 1983
Radio Head's Thom York 1997
Reba McEntire 1995
Rich Little 1981
Richie Sambora 1991
Rick Springfield 1984
Robert Plant 1988
Robert Plant & Jimmy Paige 1995
Robin Tower 1976
Rod Stewart 1988
Roxette 1989
Rush 2004
Sam Kinison 1986
Sammy Hagar 1976, 1977, 1978
Santana 2000
Sheryl Crow 2003
Soundgarden 1991
Spandau Ballet 1983
Steve Miller 1977
Steve Perry 1986
Steven Tyler 1998
Stevie Ray Vaughan 1983
Sting & The Police 1981
Sting 1988
Sting & Andy Summers 1980
Tanya Tucker 1978
Ted Nugent 1976, 1977
The Bangles 1989
The Police 1980
Tiffany 1987
Tina Turner 1997
Tom Jones 1987
Tom Petty 1978, 1979
Tommy Shaw from STYX 1979
Toto 1978
U2 1989
Van Halen 1979, 1981, 1986
Vince Gill 1989
Weird Al Yankovic 1987
Wolfman Jack & Nina Blackwood 1987
ZZ Top 1999