

Van Halen rocked at Cafe Wha? last night

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Van Halen debuting a single, "She's The Woman," from their upcoming album "A Different Kind Of Truth" (release date: 2/7/12) at Cafe Wha? in Greenwich Village on 1/5/12

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For a little over an hour last night, [Van Halen](#) – David Lee Roth, Eddie Van Halen, Alex Van Halen, Wolfgang Van Halen – tore through 10 of their greatest hits and introduced a new song from their upcoming album *A Different Kind Of Truth* (release date: February 7) in a show at [Cafe Wha?](#) in Greenwich Village.



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The first single from the album will be “Tattoo,” but it's **not** the one Van Halen debuted last night. In the middle of the 11-song set, the song they introduced was “She's The Woman.” Actually, it's from deep inside the Van Halen vault, as most diehard fans are familiar with it from early bootlegs. It's a scorching rocker and may indicate that the rest of the album is a throwback to the Classic Van Halen (Roth-era) sound that was on display last night. Wolfgang impressed the crowd with his solid bass skills, which worked well with his father's guitar playing and uncle's drumming.

During “Panama,” Roth broke into his version of how he thought Jim Morrison might have tackled Led Zeppelin's “Stairway To Heaven.” Before “Somebody Get Me A Doctor,” [he told a 4-minute story](#) about his days as a NYC paramedic.

The singer also talked about his 92-year-old uncle Manny, who used to own Cafe Wha? and was in the audience last night. He described the 250-seat club as being a special place to him. “I'm more nervous about this gig than anything else – even the Garden!” Roth said.

Earlier in the day, the band officially announced both the new album and a full tour, starting on February 18 in Kentucky, and hitting Madison Square Garden on February 28 and March 1. Tickets will go on sale next Tuesday (January 10), the same day the first single off the new album will be released.

After a drought of new material, or even any significant news, since their last tour ended (2008), Van Halen gave the writers, critics, and some lucky fans a night to remember. As Roth recalled between songs, the last time they played a club this small, they had to be home by midnight.

Setlist:

You Really Got Me

Runnin' With The Devil

Somebody Get Me A Doctor

Everybody Wants Some!!

She's The Woman

Dance The Night Away

Panama

Hot For Teacher

Ice Cream Man

Ain't Talkin' 'Bout Love

Encore:

Jump