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Jett Offers Out Of Print Albums Online



JOAN JETT

Veteran rock artist Joan Jett has taken matters into her own hands and is offering downloads of three out-of-print albums for purchase on her [official Web site](#). In conjunction with E-distribution firm Cool Ears, the site is electronically delivering 1981's "Bad Reputation" and "I Love Rock & Roll," and the 1997 greatest hits package, "Fit To Be Tied," complete with artwork, for \$10 each.

"We don't look at the Internet as an alternative to traditional distribution, but rather an enhancement," Jett's manager/producer Kenny Laguna said in a statement. "For people who don't like to steal, there is no longer any excuse for downloading unauthorized music."

A new audience has been discovering Jett's music recently thanks to its use in films and on television. "I Love Rock & Roll" was featured in the big screen version of "Charlie's Angels," while "Bad Reputation" was heard in the animated smash "Shrek" and as the theme to the cult television series "Freaks and Geeks."

"Obviously, it's an incredible tool for us to allow people to obtain our music while it's not in the stores," Jett added. "Since we tend to do concerts in the heartlands, it could take weeks for people in Butte, Mon., to get the records at a store. This way can go home and purchase the music they just heard before they go to sleep."

Originally issued as "Joan Jett" in 1980 by Laguna and Jett on the Ariola label, "Bad Reputation" was re-titled

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and re-released in '81 via Boardwalk Records, peaking at No. 51 on The Billboard 200. Later that year, Boardwalk issued "I Love Rock & Roll," which shot to No. 2 on the chart. The set's success was fueled by the title track, which topped Billboard's Hot 100, and a cover of Tommy James & the Shondells' "Crimson and Clover," which reached No. 7. "Fit To Be Tied" was released in 1997 by Jett's own Blackheart label through Mercury.

Here are Joan Jett's upcoming tour dates:

Aug. 17: Socorro, N.M. (Socorro Fest)
Aug. 22: Oshkosh, Wis. (Waterfest / Riverside Park)
Aug. 27: St. Charles, Mo. (Family Arena)
Aug. 30: Timonium, Md. (Maryland State Fair)
Aug. 31: Sparks, Nev. (John Ascuaga's Nugget)
Sept. 1: Council Bluffs, Iowa (Westfair Amphitheatre)
Sept. 9: Salt Lake City (Utah State Fair)
Sept. 13: Las Vegas (Fremont Street Experience)
Sept. 14: Tacoma, Wash. (Emerald Queen Casino)
Sept. 21: Pine Bluff, Ark. (Regional Park)
Oct. 4: Tulsa, Okla. (Tulsa State Fair)
Oct. 7: Jackson, Miss. (Mississippi State Fair)
Oct. 19: Polk City, Fla. (Fantasy of Flight)
Nov. 9: Coachella, Calif. (Trump 29 Casino)
Nov. 23: Morristown, N.J. (Community Theatre)

-- Barry A. Jeckell, N.Y.

