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### **EDEN SELECTED TO PLAY WAVE-GOTIK-TREFFEN (WGT), LEIPZIG 2017**

**Melbourne, Australia – 1 February 2017** – 32 artists including The Mission, Skinny Puppy and Melbourne band EDEN have been selected as the first wave of artists announced to play Wave-Gotik-Treffen 2017 in Leipzig, Germany – the largest gothic and darkwave music festival in the world.

EDEN joins leaders of the genre The Mission, Skinny Puppy and She Past Away for this their premiere European performance. For the first time, supporters from across Europe will have the chance to see EDEN perform their distinctive blend of neo-psychedelic darkwave made popular by their album 'Fire & Rain', released and promoted by Third Mind/Roadrunner and Hyperion Records in Germany in the 1990s. This, the band's third album showcased EDEN's distinctive sound - characterised by press as '*dark and richly atmospheric*'. Legends Magazine hailed Fire & Rain as demonstrating that '*the band should not be categorised for any one sound prevalent within the Goth movement... as they have mastered them all*'. German-led album sales worldwide resulted in a loyal supporter base that has driven the WGT invitation to bring EDENs music live to European audiences for the first time in 2017.

EDEN have just announced the WGT performance to be held at the Leipzig Schauspielhaus on June 4 will also mark the worldwide CD launch of their new 10 track album. Supporters at the performance will be able to purchase signed copies and meet the band.

**Eden founding members Sean Bowley** and Pieter Bourke began a song writing partnership in Melbourne, Australia in 1988. Eden's initial 12 inch EP 'The Light Between Worlds' was released in 1990 on Nightshift records, Scotland. The EP caught the attention of BBC Radio's John Peel who featured tracks on his show, resulting in rapid support of Eden by The Alternative Press Magazine in the USA. In 1991 Eden moved to London based label Third Mind who continued to grow the band's profile in Europe and the USA through release of Eden's first full length CD 'Gateway to the Mysteries' in 1992. The album was described by the music press as sounding akin to '*the Cocteau Twins had they existed in the 1890s*'. In 1993 Eden joined the roster of Projekt Records, releasing 'Healingbow' (1993) and 'Fire and Rain' (1995). The same year Eden released a CD of remixes and rarities titled 'Earthbound'. The 'Stone Cat' mini-album was released in 1997.

In live performance Eden have shared the stage in Australia and overseas with Love Spirals Downward, Lycia, Rowland S. Howard, These Immortal Souls, Underground Lovers, Attrition, Heligoland, Ostia and countless others. Eden undertook a promotional visit to the UK (1990) and an extensive tour of live dates in the USA (1996). In June 2017 Eden tour Germany, joining The Mission performing at Wave-Gotik-Treffen Festival in Leipzig. Eden is currently recording a new LP to be released at the Festival.

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