

Bloodrunner Releases Unplugged Live at WZRD – A Bold Acoustic Turn in Chicago Metal

Chicago metal veterans reimagine their songs in stripped-down, unplugged style, introducing a new lineup and fresh sound.



Chicago, Illinois Sep 15, 2025 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Chicago's own **Bloodrunner**, a force in the Midwest metal scene since 2004, proudly announces the release of their latest live album, *Unplugged Live at WZRD*. Recorded in the summer of 2025 at Northeastern University's legendary radio station, WZRD, this special performance introduces fans to the band's stripped-down acoustic side while

showcasing a brand-new lineup.

Formed by **Neal Rodriguez** and friends in the early 2000s, Bloodrunner has endured lineup changes, record deals, and a constantly evolving sound. From their debut album *Total Annihilation* to their self-titled 2023 release, the band has never stopped pushing boundaries. Now, with bassist **Tito** and drummer **Jeff** (on bongos), Bloodrunner reimagines their catalog in an intimate unplugged format, proving that raw emotion and powerful songwriting cut through even without heavy distortion.

Unplugged Live at WZRD captures the energy of a band reborn — one that embraces its roots while forging a bold new path. Fans will experience reworked versions of past songs, performed with the grit, passion, and authenticity that have defined Bloodrunner for over two decades.

“We wanted to show a different side of Bloodrunner,” says founder Neal Rodriguez. “These songs have always had heart, and playing them unplugged lets that shine through in a new way. It’s exciting to share this chapter with our fans.”

With a history that includes deals with **Golden Core Records** and **Sliptrick Records**, as well as countless live shows across Chicago and beyond, Bloodrunner has cemented itself as a resilient voice in underground metal. This latest release is a testament to their ability to evolve, adapt, and continue creating music that matters.

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