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Cursed Joint



This past weekend marked the inaugural performance of **Dee Snider's** Halloween tour, **Van Helsing's Curse**, at the Joint in the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino. This macabre rock symphony usually hits the road during the month of October. It tours America with an intimate gothic rock orchestra, complete with choreographed Viper (a streamlined electric violin) section, Druid choir and spooky story narrated by the Twisted Sister himself. This year **Van Helsing's Curse** decided to make the Joint its haunted home, with plans to return every October and to franchise other venues with other casts, nationwide. A Friday and Saturday show brought crowds ready to rock and be terrified, they were most certainly not let down. The show was extraordinarily entertaining and visually unbelievable. Dee Snider brought some very talented musicians to this production. It was evident that the band was consumed with telling the ghoulish tale through their instruments and voices. They continued to bring the haunted house down with everything from rocking renditions of classical standards to a freaked-out version of the Munster's theme to a well-placed version of "Cry Little Sister," **Gerard McMann's** smash hit from the Lost Boys soundtrack, with Snider on vocals. Verrrrrry cool. The music was loud and amazing and everything looked even cooler. The Joint was decked out haunted house style and the cast was impeccably dressed and made up to look ultra scary. Suzette Snider kicked ass with costumes and make up. The entire ensemble jived and jinxed with the Alice-Cooper-haired, **Mark Wood** on **Viper**, going insane, and the awesome chick guitar player, whose name I only caught as "**Dolly Dagger**", stealing the show with her energy and flow. It was a lot of fun. Too bad if you missed it...it won't return until next year. And, as a warning, those of us who were privileged enough to see the show joined forces and put a curse on all of you that didn't come. Be careful going home tonight....