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Legendary 80s band Handful of Snowdrops make a surprise comeback!

Quebec, August 18th, 2009 — It's true! It's confirmed! Handful of Snowdrop will launch the expanded and remastered reedition of their legendary first album *Land of the Damned*, just over 16 years after their last release, *Mort en Direct*.

In addition to its superior sound quality, the album has been expanded with the track *Gabrielle MMIX*, a totally new version of their seminal smash hit, *Gabrielle*.

This reedition will be available in a deluxe package that will see the CD arrive with a T-Shirt and 11"x17" poster.

But furthermore, each CD copy — deluxe or regular — of this very limited reedition will allow collectors to download a compilation of early demos titled *Groundwork for Fundamentals*, literally a sonic history of the band's first few years.

"For years I thought that *Land of the Damned* went practically unheard of, especially outside the U.S. and Canada.

"And then, along came the Internet and I began getting tons of emails from around the world — especially Mexico and South America — from people telling me how much they loved that record.

"Still, it took me many, many years to be able to accept such praise and to finally come to terms with the fact that a 20th anniversary re-edition would not be such a bad idea, after all."

That's how Jean-Pierre Mercier, founder and leader of the band, recalls the genesis of this project that most fans had given up on.

Yet, the band's MySpace player has garnered over 26 000 plays in just over a year, digits that have no doubt convinced Jean-Pierre that this project was well worthwhile!

Land of the Damned (Expanded & Remastered) will only be available online from HOS' website (<http://handfulofsnowdrops.com>) and on their MySpace profile (<http://www.myspace.com/handfulofsnowdrops>) but exceptionally and for a very limited time, it will be available from these two retailers:



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