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The WORLD'S ONLY FEMALE TRIBUTE TO IRON MAIDEN  
**IRON MAIDENS**

By Amy Nicholson

**H**air? Check. Abs? Check. Leather and attitude? *Hell* yeah.

Metal-mad skeptics unsure if all-female tribute group the Iron Maidens—Bruce Lee Chickenson, Steph Harris, Nikki McBURRain, Mini Murray and Adrienne Smith—have the chops to bring everyone's daughters to the slaughter will run to the hills with joy after hearing the first hot lick from Murray and Smith's flying-V guitars. Since 2001, the Maidens have toured the country faithfully capturing the sound and fury of one of rock's most skilled and long-lasting acts. Singer Chickenson hits Paul Di'Anno and Bruce Dickenson's notes hard, mimicking every rasp, wail and holler, and—like the band they pay tribute to—it's sometimes tough to understand whatever it is they're trying to say about British history and folklore in thrashers like "Aces High" and "Phantom of the Opera."

Not that it matters a goddamn when you're headbanging so hard you get whiplash. Iron Maiden set the bar high for two and a half decades of sweaty, bloodthirsty axmen and ax-women, so it's hard to fault the ladies for sticking close to the original concept rather than put their own spin—though they *did* commission Derek Riggs to add lipstick and hair to his iconic mascot Eddie, the veiny, malicious skeleton that's leered across every Maiden album since 1980. Their Edwina stomps across the stage at many of their gigs; on good days, she's accompanied by pyrotechnics, grim reapers, Satans, smoke, lights, and a giant Union Jack flag Chickenson waves over the sweaty crowd.

Between them, the five Maidens have seen the real Iron Maiden wreak havoc in their live shows over 20 times, so for you metal-heads fully aware that it's way longer than two minutes to midnight until the guys play Irvine the week before Halloween, the girls will have your number at their guaranteed-to-destroy set Saturday. (Hint: it starts and ends with "6.") **TE**

THE IRON MAIDENS AT ANGEL'S ROADHOUSE, 32464 Dunlap Blvd., Yucaipa, (909) 795-0665; [www.angelsroadhouse.org](http://www.angelsroadhouse.org). Sat., 8 p.m. \$10. 21+.