

TOTAL ECLIPSE

General Info

- Genre: **Metal / Progressive / Thrash**

Location **SAN FRANCISCO, California, United States**

Member Since **8/30/2006**

Website www.reverbnation.com/totaleclipse2012

Record Label **LIMB MUSIC released our first LP**

Type of Label **Indie**

- **Bio**

With 3 world-wide releases under their belt- which include a successful self-produced mini-CD released internationally ("Guardians of Metal", 2000), a highly acclaimed album ("Ashes of Eden", Limb Music, 2003) released world-wide under a major record label to their credit, including a new album, "Spellcaster" (Independent, 2009) also released world-wide and now available on Cdbaby along with the Guardians Of Metal original demo (<http://www.cdbaby.com/Artist/TOTALECLIPSE1>), [amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) (http://www.amazon.com/Spellcaster/dp/B004P7P2H0/ref=sr_1_2?ie=UTF8&s=dmusic&qid=1298681403&sr=8-2-catcorr), with i-tunes and others to follow shortly, Total Eclipse are recognized as being principally responsible for reviving the dormant metal scene of the late 90s in the San Francisco Bay Area and leading a new wave of metal across California and the world. San Francisco's Bay Area is known, at least in name, by every metal fan. In the early Eighties dozens of bands such as Metallica, Testament and Slayer stood on the first steps of the ladder to fame in packed clubs. It was a pity that the apparently bottomless pool seemed to dry up in the Nineties. But in 1996 Erik Cameron and his brother Chris formed the band TOTAL ECLIPSE (www.myspace.com/teclipse114). After a search for musicians who shared their passion, they met drummer Ramon Ochoa in 1998. A short time later experienced bass player Owen Hart joined the band. The line-up was completed in January 1999 by singer Andy Dracons Giardina - also in PANDEMIC (www.myspace.com/norcalpandemic), and now the only original member from Total Eclipse's original line-up who had already made a name for himself in his native Italy before moving to the USA to finish his academic studies and advance his musical career (Andy's latest side-project, PANDEMIC - one of the most influential and recognized bands to emerge from the Bay Area metal circuit - showcases a fusion of modern and traditional thrash/power/grindcore/melodic death/black

metal. Pandemic's LP "Infecting the World" was released in 2007 and received very favorable reviews and worldwide attention). The chemistry between the Cameron brothers and the rest of the band was just right and within a year they had enough material for a demo. The Total Eclipse "Guardians of Metal" EP was released internationally in 1999 and caused a riot in the press. Encouraged by the demo's success, Total Eclipse contacted producer Uwe Lulis (Grave Digger, Rebellion, Wizard, etc...) and before long the band had signed a deal with Limb Music; the album "Ashes of Eden" was released world-wide to much critical acclaim. Legendary Piet Sielck (Iron Savior, Blind Guardian, Paragon, Heavenly) was also involved in the mixing and production of the album. In 2004, the original line-up disintegrated following a decision made by the Cameron Brothers to pursue a different musical direction. After parting ways with Limb Music, and having legally acquired the name of the band, Giardina decided to find another label to release their new second album, "Spellcaster," also produced by Uwe Lulis, recorded in the Bay Area and - appropriately - somewhere near the Black Forest in Germany, then remastered in 2007/08 in San Francisco. The music is an expansion of the sound of the Ashes of Eden album and the Guardians of Metal demo, but taken to the extreme and definitely proof of the musical evolution of the entity known as Total Eclipse. Meanwhile, in 2006 Giardina had begun his involvement with his side-project PANDEMIC(www.myspace.com/norcalpandemic), playing shows promoting the band and recording a full length LP ("Infecting the World") which was released in 2007. In October 2007, following the PANDEMIC project, Andy Dracons Giardina decided to resurrect Total Eclipse after the band's 3-year hiatus from the scene, and simultaneously release the long-awaited second LP "Spellcaster". After many hardships, including a brief stint with a potential new reformed line-up that didn't quite work out, the quest to fulfill the reincarnation of Total Eclipse continued and, in 2008, with Divine aid, the band found Brian Davy to fulfill drumming duties for the second coming of Total Eclipse, in anticipation for the recordings of the next upcoming LP which is currently in the final stages of the mixing process. In March, 2010, Gary Pryor joined the band as temporary session bassist and to perform on the Total Eclipse/Imagika North American Tour in July/Aug 2010. Andy Dracons Giardina, of course, reprises his role on vocals and as "sonic transducer," but is also handling guitar and bass duties on the new LP. After returning from the North American summer tour as main support to IMAGIKA, the band is currently busy finishing the production for their upcoming 4th LP release. All Total Eclipse albums and individual songs will soon be available in digital as well as physical format on CDBaby, i-tunes, Amazon.com among others- this will include also the re-release of the "Guardians of Metal" original mini-CD, and the new upcoming album. In the meantime the new album "Spellcaster" is already available for download and in physical format through CDbaby and also various important world-wide distributors such as: SENTINEL STEEL RECORDS - US (www.sentinelsteel.com), HIT-MAN RECORDS - Japan (www.hitman-metal.com, www.myspace.com/hitmanrecordsmetal), HELLION RECORDS- Germany (www.hellionrecords.de, www.myspace.com/hellionrecordsitzehoe), FOREVER ROCK - Germany (www.forever-rock.de, Sub-division of our former record label Limb Music GmbH),- ROCK IT UP RECORDS - Germany (www.rockitup.org, myspace.com/rockituprecords), AMOEBA RECORDS (San Francisco, www.amoeba.com), SHAXUL RECORDS (www.shaxurecords.com, www.myspace.com/shaxulrecords); the band is always looking for more distributors world-wide interested in carrying "Spellcaster" and spreading the MESSAGE. Once again the sound in the next LP will follow a natural evolution comparable to the transition in style from the demo to the first world-wide album release "Ashes of Eden" to the new "Spellcaster," as they all sound quite different, still while retaining their own, distinct quality the original stamp of Total Eclipse remains evident throughout. As a result, the new musical approach in the upcoming album will be wholly modern, yet traditional in some aspects, heavier, darker and more aggressive in some parts and incorporate diverse metal styles ranging from power/thrash/prog. hardcore to groovy heavy rock and only some elements of melodic death/grindcore metal; somewhat different from what was done before but nonetheless it is a natural evolution in the sound and style of the band -which

remains original and with a stamp of its own - and perfectly in keeping with the Spirit of the Times. So, that said, let the listener be the judge in the end. But let it be known that Total Eclipse is still carrying the torch for US Heavy Metal! Check out our live videos: "Slaughtering the Whore of Babylon" and "Where Your Body Died" (new songs from the upcoming Total Eclipse album from the 1st gig of the North American Tour w/ Imagika, July/August 2010) TOTAL ECLIPSE Thanks the Following for Their Support and for Rocking So Goddam Hard!- Audio Aggression Online- Promoting real metal since 1992 - Brutal Heavy Metal Attack by Radio & Distribution; (www.sentinelsteel.com) Denis & SENTINEL STEEL RECORDS, Specialist in METAL; The Madman, perennial crusader for the eternal cause. Zero Magazine, 90.5 KSJS; (hardnheavy.org) HARD'N'HEAVY (ITALY) and Beppe Diana, supporter of the band from day one, and vanguard of the Italian legions of metal; The Ancient Spirit (www.ancientspirit.de)- 13 YEARS of Forging in the Hellfires...; The Metal Observer (www.metal-observer.com) Custodians of the Faith since 2000 A.D.; (www.myspace.com/tonus2metal) KUSF 90.3 FM, Pure, Unrestrained and Uncontaminated Heavy Music; (www.wykkydbruradio.com) Prepare for the Termination...

- **Members**

NEW LINE-UP 2008 A.D. - 2011 : Andy Dracons Giardina (Vocals, Guitars, Sonic Transducer), Brian Davy (Drum Wraith), Gary Pryor (Bass Thunderer). LINE-UP 1999-2004: Andy Dracons Giardina (Vocals), Erik Cameron (Guitars), Chris Cameron (Guitars), Owen Hart (Bass), Ramon Ochoa (Drums) THE 2nd LP "SPELLCASTER" DISTRIBUTED WORLDWIDE through Cdbaby and other major distributors which include: SENTINEL STEEL RECORDS(US), HIT-MAN RECORDS(Japan), HELLION RECORDS(Germany), FOREVER-ROCK(Germany), ROCK IT UP RECORDS(Germany), AMOEBIA RECORDS(US) SHAXUL RECORDS(US)-For site & contact info check out our blog "AVENGER" new song from the UPCOMING Total Eclipse album LORD DRACONS IN THE TEMPLES AT THEBES- REMEMBERING THE AGE OF THE BULL AND THE AGE OF THE RAM, BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN SUMER/AKKAD, ASSYRIA, AND GRAECO-ROMAN EGYPT, AND WATCHED OVER BY ISHTAR... .. (Line-Up 1999-2004)- DISCIPLES OF THE APOCALYPSE AND THE COMING GOLDEN DAWN... VOTED BY LIMB MUSIC (LMP) "ONE OF THE BEST AND MOST ORIGINAL BANDS OF THE U.S. UNDERGROUND METAL SCENE!" BRIAN, the T.E. Drum Wraith, STANDING BY THE SHORES OF OBLIVION...

- **Influences**

Iron Maiden, Slayer, Judas Priest, Pantera, King Diamond/Mercyful Fate, W.A.S.P., Queensryche, Black Sabbath(Ozzy,Dio,Tony Martin eras), Ozzy, Helloween(all eras), Rainbow, Yngwie, Megadeth, Dio, AC/DC, Guns'n'Roses, Alice Cooper, early Kiss, Deep Purple(Ian Gillan/David Coverdale eras)Stratovarius, Def Leppard, Down, Superjoint Ritual, Aerosmith, Dream Theater, Rhapsody, old Metallica, Marilyn Manson, In Flames, Vangelis, Trevor Jones, Hans Zimmer, Cacophony, Blind Guardian, Queen, Rush, the list goes on...

- **Sounds Like**

METAL! .. OUR LEGENDARY DEMO "Guardians of Metal" (2000, self-released) OUR FIRST WORLDWIDE ALBUM "Ashes of Eden" (2003, Limb Music) IN STORES WORLDWIDE - BUY IT FOR GOD'S SAKE!!! .. THE ROMAN CONQUEROR, GENERAL DRACONS Dragons From the Red Forest (T.E. 1999-2004) HOKUTO NO KEN .. Gathering the Disciples of the End Times