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01. *Everything's the Same* 02. *From The Other Side* 03. *I Spy (Girlschool Mix)* 04. *Spend Spend Spend* 05. *Whole New World* 06. *Just Another Day* 07. *Legend (A Tribute to Kelly Johnson)* 08. *Still Waters* 09. *Metropolis (Motorhead Cover)* 10. *Mess Around* 11. *Zeitgeist* 12. *Don't Talk To Me* 13. *I Spy (Dio/Iommi Mix)* 14. *London* 15. *Emergency* Kim McAuliffe – lead and backing vocals, rhythm guitar Jackie Chambers – lead guitar, backing vocals Enid Williams – lead and backing vocals, bass Denise Dufort – drums, backing vocals Kelly Johnson – "ghost" appearance + J.J. French – guitar solo on "Spend Spend Spend" Neil Murray – bass on "Whole New World" and "Legend" Phil Campbell – lead guitar on "Whole New World", guitar solo on "Legend" "Fast" Eddie Clarke – guitar solo on "Metropolis" Eddie Ojeda – guitar solo on "Don't Mess Around" Lemmy Kilmister – bass, vocals and triangle on "Don't Talk To Me" Ronnie James Dio – vocals on "I Spy (Dio/Iommi Mix)" Tony Iommi – lead guitar on "I Spy (Dio/Iommi Mix)"

Girlschool's 2008 lineup -- Kim McAuliffe on lead vocals and rhythm guitar, Enid Williams on lead vocals and bass, Denise Dufort on drums, and Jackie Chambers on lead guitar -- has described *Legacy* as both a 30th anniversary recording and a tribute to Kelly Johnson, who was the band's lead guitarist from 1978-1984 and 1993-2000 before dying of spinal cancer in 2007 at the age of 49. It was in 1978 -- 30 years before the release of *Legacy* -- that the band changed its name from *Painted Lady* to *Girlschool* and provided its first single, "Take It All Away," and McAuliffe, Williams, and Dufort were all members of *Girlschool* back then (Chambers is a 2000 arrival). This 2008 release is definitely one of *Girlschool*'s more consistent efforts; longtime fans will be glad to hear how focused and inspired they sound on melodic yet hard-driving tracks such as "Still Waters," "From the Other Side," "Everything's the Same," and "Zeitgeist," all of which are quite faithful to the classic *Girlschool* sound of the late '70s and '80s. *Legacy*, unlike most *Girlschool* albums, features its share of guests; former *Motörhead* guitarist Fast Eddie Clark is heard on a cover of *Motörhead*'s "Metropolis," while longtime *Motörhead* frontman Lemmy Kilmister appears on "Don't Talk to Me." Singer Ronnie James Dio and guitarist Tony Iommi (who performed together in *Black Sabbath* in the early 1980s) are reunited when they join *Girlschool* on one of two versions of "I Spy," and guitarist Jay Jay French (of *Twisted Sister* fame) solos on "Spend Spend Spend." But *Girlschool*'s members are, of course,

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Legacy's main attraction, and they bring plenty of passion and enthusiasm to this engaging anniversary disc. --- Alex Henderson, Rovi

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