

= Wide Awake in Europe =

Wide Awake in Europe is a live extended play (EP) by rock band U2 . The release was created by the organizers of Record Store Day to bring customers into independent record shops for holiday shopping . A limited number of 5 @, @ 000 EPs were produced , and were released on Black Friday in 2010 , mostly to record shops in North America . The EP features three live tracks on a 12 @-@ inch vinyl record , taken from three different concerts during the U2 360 ° Tour in 2009 and 2010 . The EP comprises the songs " I 'll Go Crazy If I Don 't Go Crazy Tonight " , " Moment of Surrender " , and " Mercy " , the latter a previously unreleased track that was debuted on tour .

= = Background and release = =

The potential release of an EP was first announced by U2 bassist Adam Clayton in an August 2010 U2.com video , after stating that the band was not yet ready to release another album . In mid @-@ October , listings for the EP appeared on Amazon.com , with a release date of 22 November . Details of the release were officially announced by website SlicingUpEyeballs.com on 26 October with the track listing and release date information , along with details about its exclusive release to independent record stores , despite its listing on Amazon.com. U2.com officially announced the release on 16 November , and " Moment of Surrender " from the release was streamed on the website exclusively for the site 's subscribers , beginning the following the day . On the day of the EP 's release , U2.com streamed all three tracks for the site 's subscribers for a 48 @-@ hour period .

The EP was created by the creators of Record Store Day for an exclusive release as part of the " Back to Black Friday " program , along over 30 releases from other artists . The program 's objective was to draw customers to independent record shops on Black Friday and throughout the 2010 holiday shopping season , as opposed to big @-@ box stores and shopping malls . The EP was released by Interscope Records on 26 November 2010 , exclusively for independent record shops in the North America , with a select number of copies available in Europe . U2.com stated copies would be available in the United Kingdom and Ireland , although the London newspaper Daily Mail reported that it was only available at Tower Records in Dublin .

The release was limited to 5 @, @ 000 copies , all of which were individually numbered , although some pressings had higher numbers , as jackets damaged during the manufacturing process were destroyed and reprinted with newer numbers . An owner of a Milwaukee , Wisconsin store compared ordering the EP to a roulette , and said he " ordered 15 [copies] hoping to get 6 " . Twenty of the copies were given away in a December 2010 sweepstakes for U2.com site subscribers .

Pre @-@ orders for the EP were available from online retailer The Ideal Copy , but had sold out by the end of October , almost a month prior to the release . New Jersey @-@ based retailer Vintage Vinyl Records described the EP as an " Indie @-@ Exclusive Black Friday item " , and also sold pre @-@ orders online , but had ended pre @-@ orders early to ensure copies were available for Black Friday . On the day of its release , several record shops in the US reported Wide Awake in Europe as one of their best @-@ sellers . The EP was sold for around US \$ 10 ? 20 , but copies were selling on eBay the following day for \$ 75 .

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The title and cover of the EP are references to U2 's 1985 EP Wide Awake in America . All the tracks were recorded by Alastair McMillan , and mixed by the EP 's producer , Declan Gaffney .

Side A of the record features " Mercy " , which was debuted during the U2 360 ° Tour in September 2010 . Previously , " Mercy " had leaked online as a track from the sessions for U2 's 2004 album How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb , but Wide Awake in Europe was the first official release of the song . The performance included on the EP is taken from band 's concert in Brussels during the month of its debut , and was the fourth @-@ ever live performance of the song .

Side B features performances of " I 'll Go Crazy If I Don 't Go Crazy Tonight " (from Dublin in July

2009) and " Moment of Surrender " (from Paris in September 2010) , both of which are from U2 's 2009 studio album , No Line on the Horizon . The EP 's live version of the " I 'll Go Crazy " live remix from Dublin was previously released on the 2009 U2.com member @-@ exclusive remix album , Artificial Horizon , and was remixed by Redanka and Dirty South . The track also features a clip of " Beshno Az Ney / Windfall " by Sussan Deyhim .

In a review published by Sputnikmusic two weeks after Wide Awake in Europe 's release , critic Irving Tan praised the EP , stating how " Mercy " was " the biggest treat to fans " , while the " I 'll Go Crazy " remix gives the EP a " party vibe " , and that " Moment of Surrender " " manages to be hopeful , glorious , and resplendent all at once " . Tan concluded by saying that the EP sends a message of the band 's " youthful defiance " and stated that he looks forward to U2 's fourth decade .

= = Track listing = =

All lyrics written by Bono , all music composed by U2 .

= = Personnel = =

Production ? Declan Gaffney

Recording ? Alastair McMillan

Mixing ? Declan Gaffney , Russell Fawcus (assistance on " I 'll Go Crazy If I Don 't Go Crazy Tonight ")

Mastering ? Scott Sedillo at Bernie Grundman Mastering

Audio post production ? Cheryl Engles at Partial Productions

Photography ? Aaron Harris

Sleeve design ? Shaughn McGrath at Amp Visual