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Black Sabbath Reunites Without Ozzy

The three members of the band did not ask Ozzy Osbourne to join them on tour

This is not the first time that the veteran rocker is being left out of a Black Sabbath project, the most illustrative example being when he 'left' the band because of his outrageous drug use. A spokesperson for Tony Iommi, Geezer Butler and Bill Ward announced that Black Sabbath will go on tour early next year... sort of. The statement said that the three will take Ronnie James Dio as frontman (the same person who replaced Ozzy when he was outed), but they will not promote the tour under the band's name. Thus, Black Sabbath minus Ozzy will be Heaven and Hell, which was also the name of the first album James Dio recorded with them. The publicist said that the move comes after serious consideration for fans' wishes. 'The fans have been wanting to see this for years and years. Now was just the time', he said. Immediately after the announcement of the tour was made, Ozzy also responded, via his publicist, so as not to create the impression that he was dumped again. 'Tony Iommi and Ronnie Dio are working on a project together which has nothing to do with Black Sabbath. There is only one Black Sabbath. Ozzy, Tony, Geezer and Bill will be touring late next year along with a new Black Sabbath album. However, Ozzy wishes Tony and Ronnie much success in their project together', the statement reads.