

German rockers Scorpions: Get Your Sting and Blackout Farewell World ... with Speical Guest Cinderella.

"We want to celebrate a big party around the world," rhythm guitarist Rudolf Schenker said recently of the band's decision to hang up its leather and guitars after more than 40 years. "We've had a really great career, coming out from Germany and showing people that rock can come out of Germany. I think we started as a gang built by friendship and musicality, and

going and showing that the Germans can rock."

For "Sting in the Tail," the veteran band's 17th studio album, the group enlisted the help of Swedish producers Mikael "Nord" Andersson and Martin Hansen.