

The news in the Buzz with Burr could be called rock and rage - again - now it's Black Sabbath and AC/DC



First Black Sabbath.

According to the LA Times, when Black Sabbath recently reunited, including longtime singer Ozzy Osbourne, original drummer Bill Ward said he couldn't join the band because of financial obligations - whatever that means.

Anyway, when the band went on tour with another drummer, Ozzy took several shots at Ward, saying he was too fat and out of shape to join the band. Ward blew Ozzy off, saying Ozzy was just being his crazy self.

But on August 15, Ward will host the West Coast premiere of his fine art exhibition titled "Absence Of Corners", a collection of 15 abstract works created from Ward's drum performance.

The "Absence Of Corners" exhibition is a special limited engagement and only hangs at Fathom

in downtown Los Angeles through August 29.

Ward also recently released his first solo album in 18 years titled "Accountable Beasts", and the record can be purchased on iTunes.

Now, we move to AC/DC

You will recall a few weeks ago,

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AC/DC drummer Phil Rudd pleaded guilty in a New Zealand court, to a charge of threatening to kill a man who used to work for him. CNN reported that Rudd also pleaded guilty to possessing methamphetamine and marijuana.

Well now the judge in the case has sentenced Rudd to eight months in house detention for drug possession and making threats to kill.

Australian-born Rudd, who is 61, had originally denied the charges but changed his plea in April.

His sentence will be served at his beachfront home in Tauranga, with Judge Thomas Ingram warning he would be face jail if he breached the conditions

To add insult to injury the judge berated Rudd's drumming abilities.

When Rudds attorneys asked the judge for leniency, they pointed out that Rudd was a top drummer and needed to be free to rejoin AC/DC on tour.

"Some of the affidavit material put before me suggests that you are integral to the band's sound" said Judge Ingram.

"That point doesn't persuade me completely. Queen have replaced Freddie Mercury and it's clear that the AC/DC band is currently touring without you."

Rudd is not currently a member of AC/DC, and has not been invited to join them on their tour of New Zealand and Australia later this year.

And in upcoming shows

at the Tobin Center, we have Keith Sweat, July 10, REO Speedwagon, Jul 12, Majestic Theatre, Smashing Pumpkins with Marilyn Manson, Exposition Center, July 18, Pat Benatar and Niel Giraldo July 20, Jackson Browne, Oct 20, Styx, Oct 14, Majestic Theatre.

And that is it for this week - we'll catch everybody next week on the Buzz with Burr