



## **Time to Gear Up! "Dark Corners" Add-on for "Gears of War 2" Storms Xbox LIVE Today with Fresh Campaign Content and Seven New Multiplayer Maps**

**Helsinki – July 28, 2009** – The entertainment blockbuster of 2008 reloads for a brand new, action-packed thrill ride with the release today of "Gears of War 2: Dark Corners." This is the largest expansion for "Gears of War 2" yet, and includes seven new multiplayer maps, 13 new Achievements worth 325 additional Gamerscore and the new campaign chapter, "Road to Ruin."

The seven new multiplayer maps in the "Dark Corners" Game Add-on are:

- **Allfathers Garden:** Honor the sacred grounds of the Coalition founders in this explosive map, where a host of powerful weapons catalyze fast and furious action at this COG landmark.
- **Memorial:** This hard battleground is set in the Memorial of the Eternal Flame, paying tribute to soldiers who have fallen on the battlefield. Players will fight to control the Boomshot, putting their flank formation and evasive skills to the test.
- **Sanctuary:** Once a peaceful ground for reflection and remembrance, all that remains of this Sanctuary is the chill of death. Make your way through the tight paths and blind corners of the Locust-damaged temple corridors as you seek the arsenal of powerful weapons hidden within.
- **War Machine:** In the abandoned train station that once served as a hub for travel, players will need to master the Longshot, Mulcher and Boomshot weapons to advance the fight while evading fire from the platforms above.
- **Highway:** Take the fight deep into the Locust Hollow in the complex passages of this underground highway system brimming with enemy vermin. Stick together, separate the enemy and have an exit strategy ready or it'll be a one-way trip.
- **Way Station:** Locust way stations are filled with fallen COG soldiers trapped somewhere between death and "processing." Tread lightly and practice patience as it's better to sacrifice firepower for stealth while navigating this minefield of hidden grenades.
- **Nowhere:** Set in the middle of what was once a destination for weary desert travelers, the land is now barren and devoid of life. Pick off your enemies with the Longshot sniper rifle before a sandstorm blows in to obscure vision and intensify the firefight.

If you've missed previous Game Add-ons for "Gears of War 2," the "All Fronts Collection" is a great value as it includes the previously released "Flashback," "Combustible" and "Snowblind" Map Packs in addition to the new "Dark Corners" content. In all, "Gears of War 2: All Fronts Collection" contains 19 diverse multiplayer maps in which you and your friends can repel the Locust Horde as a team or cross chainsaws in thrilling competitive multiplayer matches, all while racking up experience points to climb in rank.

To celebrate the launch of "Dark Corners," developers from Epic Games will be hosting multiplayer matches on Xbox LIVE starting this Friday, July 31 from 23.00 – 02.00 (Finnish time). Look for these Gamertags to join in the action:

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EpicDarkCorner2  
EpicDarkCorner3  
EpicDarkCorner4  
EpicDarkCorner5  
EpicDarkCorner6  
EpicDarkCorner7  
EpicDarkCorner8  
EpicDarkCorner9  
EpicDarkCorner0

For more information visit <http://www.xbox.com/en-US/community/calendar/gamewithdevelopers/2009/0731-gears2.htm>

Additionally, everyone is invited to join in on a free weekend of Xbox LIVE Gold status beginning Friday, July 31 at 19.01 (Finnish time) and continuing through August 3 at 15.59. (Finnish time).

"Gears of War 2: Dark Corners" is available today on Xbox LIVE for 1,200 MS Points. "Gears of War 2: All Fronts Collection" is also available for 1,600 MS Points. "Gears of War 2" is available exclusively on Xbox 360 and is rated PEGI 18+.

**For access to new screenshots for "Dark Corners," visit the [Edelman FTP](#).**

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