

# Metal Only

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Band: Uriah Heep (GB)  
Genre: Hard Rock  
Label: Frontier Records  
Albumtitle: Outsider  
Duration: 49:08  
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URIAH HEEP released 24 Studio albums including the new album "Outsider" during their career of almost 44 years. The Britains have constantly written rock songs of high quality besides early evergreens like "Gypsy", "Lady in Black", "The Wizard" or "Easy Livin'" in the 80s until the 21st century. In my opinion the above-mentioned evergreens are in no way inferior to these songs. However, the guys had also some lineup changes and they had to bear the death of their long-standing bassist Trevor Bolder. Nevertheless the Band continued to play around guitar player Mick Box, who is the only remaining founding member. As the newest band member Dave Rimmer started to play the bass. Now "Outsider" is available for me.

URIAH HEEP doesn't make any experiments on the new album and that is a good thing. "Outsider" includes 11 indigenous rock songs as we used to know them since the 80s. Straight on showing drums and a forceful with slightly highlighted bass build the fundamental. Furthermore a gloriously played piano recalls the typical shrillness of the Hammond organ sound taken of songs in the early creative period of the band ("Look At Yourself", "Salisbury", "Demons And Wizards"...). Guitar and piano, which are applied similarly emphasized, define the distinctive sound of the Band. Brilliant solos are again and again in the thick of it. You can absolutely pick out Mick Box' joy of playing. Once again Bernie Shaw is at one's best as well and is responsible for the vocals since 1987.

There are several tried and trusted rock elements in the tracks. All of them have a likeable duration. Everything is laid on. You will find a decently beginning keyboard as piano version ("One Minute") or a groovy beat ("The Law") right up to a straightly double bass beat with polyphonic vocals ("The Outsider") and general roar rock riffs. Variety is guaranteed!

URIAH HEEP has proven once again that they have no rust at all and that they can still write cool songs with a plenty of power and passion. It is modern rock of a band that didn't lose the roots. In saying this, I want to highlight the albums of the 80s until the 90s like "Abominog", "Raging Silence" or "Different World".

Conclusion:

URIAH HEEP is like an excellent wine: with age it gets better. So far "Outsider" is one of the best rock albums of this year for me and it will be sweetening my summer in the most agreeable way.

Rating 10/10

Recommendations: Speed Of Sound, The Law, Rock The Foundation

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Lineup:

Mick Box -Guitars, Vocals  
Phil Lanzon - Keyboards, Vocals  
Bernie Shaw - Lead Vocals  
Russell Gilbrook - Drums, Vocals  
Dave Rimmer - Bass, Vocals

Tracklist:

01. Speed Of Sound
02. One Minute
03. The Law
04. The Outsider
05. Rock The Foundation
06. Is Anybody Gonna Help Me?
07. Looking At You
08. Can't Take That Away
09. Jesse
10. Kiss The Rainbow
11. Say Goodbye

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