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Band: Dark Days Ahead (FIN)

Genre: Groove Metal

Label: Inverse Records

Albumtitle: North Star Blues

Duration: 38:52

Releasedate: 11.04.2014



DARK DAYS AHEAD from Finland put by "North Star Blues" their second album in position. Just like the first album, the second work will also be released by Inverse Records.

When I read the description Groove metal in the leaflet, I hoped not to get confronted with a New Metal band again, which thinks to have found its "groove" because of adapted DISTURBED riffs. With a critical glance I hit the play-button. After the approx. 40- seconds lasting intro of the first song was finished, my fists fell relieved on the desk. A fresh rock riff with short melodic bows, then a very organically mixed striking mechanism, which stamps pretty groovy onwards. I realize that my foot started waging with the beat automatically. The singing; mighty, almost growling, fits perfectly with the instrumentalization. For those who need a comparison for the vocals, KONKHRA's album "Weed Out The Weak" should do the job.

But Tony Kaikkonen has to offer vocally a lot more on "North Star Blues". Therefore the first track ends with a melodic part; the pace is slowed down and a clear singing lets the song come to stop pleasantly. The titletrack starts off with bold guitars. What a riff! My foot infected my head. The chanting is now placed higher, but is marvelously screamed, as it could be used in a good trash metal band. The sound is held in the following songs in the best "Heavy Rock manner" and for the most time provided by impulsive, grooving rhythms.

By "Last Day Of Light" a ballad, with only singing and guitar, joined the program.

The disc contains some seemingly long-winded pieces, which prove themselves on the second listening to be atmospheric and pretty sensual, however.

An album which contains more profundity, then it seemed on the first impression. Through the mutable used singing is also a lot diversity offered. DARK DAYS AHEAD created by this new disc an atmospheric and at the same time thoughtful work, which releases the entire bandwidth of its repertoire only after listening several times to it.

Conclusion:

The new album makes fun and got a whole lot of potential. Who likes the albums "Soul Survivor" by GOREFEST or "Amok" by SENTENCED best, can get "North Star Blues" blindly.

Rating: 8/10

Recommendation: North Star Blues, Yesterday's Noose, Blood, Sweat & Broken Neck

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LineUp:

Tony Kaikkonen – Vocals

Jarkko Petosalmi – Guitar

Jari Huttunen – Guitar

Jukka Salonen – Bass

Ville Sivonen - Drums

Tracklist:

- 01 Once We Stand, Once We Fall
- 02 North Star Blues
- 03 Heroes Of The World
- 04 Yesterday's Noose
- 05 Last Day Of Light
- 06 Blood, Sweat & Broken Neck
- 07 Fail To Believe
- 08 Between The Walls Of Fire
- 09 Varra

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