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Band: Kill Ritual

Genre: Thrash 'n' Roll

Label: GoldenCore Records/ZYX Music

Albumtitle: The Eyes Of Medusa

Duration: 51:16

Releasedate: 04.04.2014



Steven Rice, a name I can remember but I can't remember in which band he played. OK, the description says that it was Imagika. They released six good to very good albums during 1995 till 2010. Despite awesome reviews they didn't achieve the big success, however. With Kill Ritual Steven found a new band with which he releases their second album after "The Serpentine Ritual" in 2012.

Stylistic it is not the Power-Thrash like from Imagika. Kill Ritual serves us Thrash with modern metal and a big can of Rock'n'Roll.

Hearing the guitars is hearing Thrash, whereas the vocals are very conventional. The higher voice does not really fit. A more powerful voice, as it can be heard from Unleashed sometimes, would be much better. If now modern metal gets added, most of the harmony is gone. That doesn't fit together. Therefore the guys are at their strongest when they stick to what they're really good at, which is melodic Thrash like the songs „Never Get Me“, „Ride Into The Night“ or „Just Another Sin“ than you will have a smile on your face.

Really monumental moments are not in sight and after hearing the album there is not much stuck. This LP needs some runs but even then there is no real spark in your head. So for the future there is still some work to do for the guys for coming out of their average releases, but at least they have already found their own style.

The production is very heavy, which is negative here; the guitar solos often vanish under the double-bass. That's bewildering, as both the producer and guitarist is Steven Rice himself. Furthermore the guitars sound very dark and I think they're tuned down. That fits really good to these modern songwriting, though.

The artwork is made by Jobert Mello (Sabaton, Primal Fear) which fits to the music. Dark and powerful, malicious and frightening but still horrible and making you nosy. So you can see what can be expected of the music itself. There is no way to make it better.

Conclusion:

For those who can imagine a groovy variant of Machine Head and have no problems with the mentioned mixture of styles, should give them a try and listen to the album, but it is nothing for the puristic thrashers out there. By the way, you can get this album also as vinyl.

Rating: 6/10

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LineUp:

Steven Rice – Lead Guitar

Josh Gibson – Vocals

Danyeal Williams - Bass

Gee Anzalone – Drums

Tracklist:

01. The Eyes Of Medusa
02. Hair Trigger
03. Never Get Me
04. Ride Into The Tight
05. Weight Of The World
06. Writing On The Wall
07. Just Another Sin
08. My Little Sister
09. Unleashed
10. Agenda 21

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