

# Metal Only

**Das einzig WAHRE Metalradio im Netz!**

Band: Teramaze (AUS)  
Genre: Prog Metal / Hard Rock  
Label: Nightmare Records  
Albumtitle: Esoteric Symbolism  
Duration: 88:05  
Releasedate: 15.04.2014



It seems to be rare that a band's name, it's artwork and music are so closely and well related to each other as in case of Teramaze. While listening to "Esoteric Symbolism" you actually get the feeling of being caught in a musical maze, it really sounds that diverse and unpredictable.

The album starts up with some atmospheric electronic sounds and strings, changes to symphonic-metal in the style of Nightwish and then calms down to give space for the vocals. This diversity and joy of playing pervades the whole record and the listener enjoys an interesting musical journey which pulls you deeper and deeper into the undertow of Teramaze's sounds. Within the remarkable 88:05 minutes duration the music lover gets everything the heart desires. Catchy choruses meet innovative riffing and guitar solos; bombast meets atmosphere and tricky prog-rhythms live in harmony with thundering double bass and blast beats. The range of vocalist Dean Kennedy reaches from calm and sensitive up to viciously bawling and his voice merges within the instruments to a harmonious mixture of sound. The album is carried by keyboards, which cause a melancholic-thrilling vibe without claiming too much attention. In case of sound the record is very modern and easily keeps pace with much bigger productions. Each instrument can be heard clearly and separated from each other; the guitars sound rich, warm and tight. But not only Die-Hard-Proggers might enjoy this album, the music always stays down to earth and doesn't dwindle into virtuos fiddling around or endless sessions of improvisation. You can really hear the Thrash/Heavy roots of the Australians and the more straight (hard-)rock amount of „Esoteric Symbolism“ doesn't get too short. There's only one point deduction, because of the length: with its nearly one and a half hour of duration the album becomes really hard to crack and some tracks seem a bit redundant. But if you really give an intensive listen, it rocks like hell!

Conclusion: Fantastic masterpiece! Not only for Prog-Fans!

Rating 9/10

Recommendations: Line Of Symmetry, Spawn, Punishment By Design

Weblink: <http://teramaze.com.au/> <https://www.facebook.com/teramaze>

Lineup:

Dean Kennedy - Drums  
Mat Dawson - Guitars  
Dean Wells - Guitars  
Brett Rerekura - Vocals  
John Zambelis - Guitars (lead)

Tracklist:

- 01 All Seeing Eye
- 02 Line of Symmetry
- 03 Transhumanist
- 04 Bodies of Betrayal
- 05 Parallels-Dual Reality
- 06 Spawn
- 07 Punishment by Design
- 08 Dust of Martyrs
- 09 The Divulgence Act-CD ONLY TRK
- 10 Esoteric Symbolism
- 11 VI Order Out of Chaos
- 12 VII Darkest Days of Symphony
- 13 VIII In Vitro

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