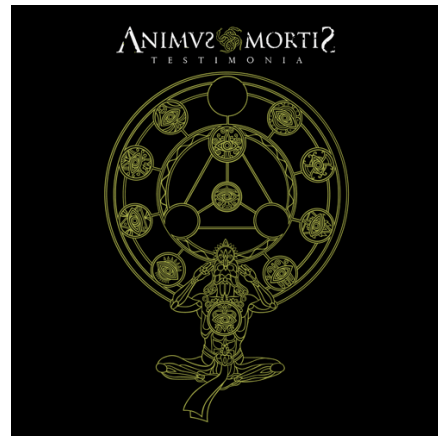


Metal Only

Das einzig WAHRE Metalradio im Netz!

Band: Animus Mortis
Genre: Black Metal
Label: ATMF
Albumtitle: Testimonia
Duration: 40:15
Releasedate: 03.11.2014



What makes a band which has a song that last 40 minutes and 15 seconds? Truly split them into seven pieces. That doesn't mean that it is (maybe) a concept album but rather that the songs sound almost the same. I miss the recall value between the individual song-boulders.

The things ooze really massive out of the speakers therefore song-boulders is a suitable word. It isn't bad at all but here is a big but – If you listen carefully you will notice that the songs are equipped with a lot of atmosphere like clanking riffs and plangorous vocals but even so nothing will remain.

"Avantgarde Esoteric Dark-Black Metal", this is how the Chileans describe their own style as well as i.a. Deathspell Omega is mentioned by name in the package slip. It is too much Avantgarde for me especially if there isn't any real structure and also the distracted songs are now and then crossed by smooth parts without getting to the point.

Blast beats, clanking riffs as well as a sometimes nagging, sometimes accusingly vocalist spew together into nothingness. Well, some Black Metal Bands do the same but here it is too distracted and too much "Avantgarde Esoteric Dark-Black Metal". The clanking guitars quite annoy after a while and also it is hard to find some kind of structure in the vocal parts but here it must probably be like that.

Regarding the comparison with Deathspell Omega it is said that DO control it better. Indeed, they make a lot of noise as well but they can present better arrangements and more quality.

For sure, the guys can play but it takes more to write original songs.

Conclusion:

One who likes to wait beside the tracks to listen to freight trains as well as Deathspell Omega should definitely check it out. As to the rest it is a lot of fuss about nothing – but what do I understand of "Avantgarde Esoteric Dark-Black Metal"!?

Rating 4/10

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Line-Up:

N. Onfray - Vocals
Nhiver - Bass
Tempenor - Drums
Ji - Guitars

Tracklist:

01. REM Manifesto
02. Seven Decress
03. Manuscripts (Emanation & Ascent)
04. Hyperbole of Senses
05. Testimonia
06. Lvx
07. Vibrations from the Immaterial

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